Colombia is suffering the consequences of multiple humanitarian emergencies including armed conflict, natural disasters and the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. These humanitarian emergencies as well as the migration refugees originating from Venezuela, have had a disproportionate impact on indigenous communities, such as increased violation of human rights effecting their standards of living.

It is estimated that 7 million Colombians live under the influence and/or control of non-state armed groups. Of which, it is estimated that 5.8 million have some type of humanitarian need, mainly in rural areas where these groups are consolidated, generating serious implications in terms of protection. This has led to the highest identified sectoral Pin (People in Need) estimate for the year 2022 with 7.7 million people in need of some form of humanitarian assistance.

iMMAP Colombia

iMMAP has been providing information management (IM) services to different actors in Colombia since 2009, with the most recent financing by BHA of an ‘Information Management Support’ package to Colombia between 16 July 2022 and 15 May 2023. The support during this period under the framework of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2022 is designed to provide IM support to HCT members including OCHA on evaluations and assessments. In addition, the proposal is focused on improving the IM support to indigenous organizations and their communities by strengthening the information systems of the Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia (ONIC).
**Background**

When responding to humanitarian crises, effective coordination saves lives. IM is key for improved coordination and essential to the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

Humanitarian action, in return, requires timely and reliable information on the potential numbers of people affected, their immediate needs, accessibility, risk exposure to natural disasters, community resilience and coping mechanisms. To ensure the efficient and effective application of available resources, improved processing and analysis of data will ensure the greater impact of humanitarian interventions. This is evident in all humanitarian action including emergency responses, conflicts, disaster management and post-conflict recovery.

Despite the significant advances Colombia made in the last decade with the development and signature of the ‘Final Agreement to End the Armed Conflict and Build a Stable and Lasting Peace’ in 2016, the year 2021 brought with it multiple factors aggravating the humanitarian situation in Colombia. Emergencies in Colombia typically impact the most vulnerable populations including women of all ages, children, ethnic minority groups including indigenous people, Afro-Colombians and the elderly. In order to prepare an adequate response, information products need to be designed to highlight gaps in assistance to these vulnerable populations.

**Objective**

To provide expert IM services to the HCT members and indigenous organizations in Colombia, using new technologies for needs assessments and strengthening the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia’s (ONIC) information system with the aim of improving the quality and frequency of reporting on humanitarian needs and alerts from various humanitarian stakeholders while taking into consideration gender, age and disability gaps. Through these activities the overall understanding of the crisis will be improved, thus, leading to well-informed decision making and an improved utilization of available resources.

**Outcomes**

To provide IM products, and customized data analysis for monitoring and oversight in humanitarian response to key partners, with a special focus on providing human capital and expertise in support of evaluations and assessments in coordination with OCHA, IMWG and evaluations sub-group. Coordination will focus on both evaluation harmonization in Bogota and operations in the field.

Strengthen the capacity of the ONIC and others indigenous organizations: This initiative is aimed at strengthening the current capacity and skills of indigenous peoples, affiliated with ONIC and other national indigenous organizations, regarding the capture, processing, automation, visualization and usability of information.

To bolster the capacity and skills of the HCT in humanitarian emergency and disaster situations occurring in ancestral territories and focus on highly vulnerable communities within the Colombian population.

**Support to**

**Information Products**

- Reports
- Dashboards
- Infographics
- Surveys

**Partners Supported**

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