COVID-19 Situation Analysis in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Colombia, DRC, Nigeria and Syria

Context

An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus, believed to have started in China in December 2019, has now been detected in most countries. The virus is named Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease associated with it is named COVID-19. The epidemic was characterized by the WHO Director General as a pandemic on 11 March 2020. The impact of the pandemic is being felt acutely by vulnerable groups who are already facing a multitude of challenges from conflict and natural disasters, as well as by all humanitarian organizations that serve those groups.

Non-essential field movements and needs assessments are restricted and regular monitoring systems have been interrupted. The impact of movement limitations will be felt at each step of assessment and analysis cycles.

Objective

The project aims to improve evidence-based decision making and strengthen assessment and analysis capacities in countries affected by humanitarian crises and the COVID-19 pandemic by addressing challenges in data and information comprehensiveness, consistency, and value.

iMMAP and its main partner Data Friendly Space (DFS) intend to achieve the objectives by using DFS’ Data Entry and Exploration Platform (DEEP). Together, iMMAP and DFS generate comprehensive secondary data review of the reports, assessments, research papers available at field level providing humanitarian actors a thorough analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the condition of the people in each country, and provide lessons learned and guidance for ongoing and future assessments and programming globally.

Additionally, this project focuses on strengthening cluster members, cluster leadership, and humanitarian coordination analytical capacity by utilizing existing coordination mechanisms at the country level, and strengthen multi-stakeholder information sharing.

Actions Taken / Key Outputs

- 34 Monthly Situational Analysis over 6 countries
- Hundreds of bilateral meetings and presentations to NGOs, Clusters and International Organizations
- Primary Data Collection scheduled for 6 countries to supplement gaps in primary data

Personnel

Number of personnel: 28