The Provision of Information Management Support to Humanitarian Responders in Ethiopia

Context

The expansion of the northern Ethiopia conflict, combined with droughts in southern Ethiopia and unrest in the Oromia region have substantially worsened the humanitarian situation in the country. The COVID-19 pandemic has also added another layer of complexity to the humanitarian situation across the country.

Since November 2020, the northern Ethiopia has become a scene of conflict, unleashing cause for displacement and disruption of basic services. This additional caseload came on top of droughts in southern Ethiopia and civil unrest in Oromia.

Currently, as the conflict entered its first year, an estimated 22.3 million people are in need of assistance - all of which are targeted under the northern response plan. In addition, an estimate of 3.6 million people are in need of some form of humanitarian assistance in 2022 according to the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

iMMAP Ethiopia

Since May 2017, iMMAP has been supporting the humanitarian community and the government in Ethiopia with information management (IM), mapping, and analysis services to assist decision-makers in planning, coordinating and evaluating the emergency response.

The main goals of these projects are to support the response to the ongoing crisis in Ethiopia by strengthening the IM capacity of humanitarian sector members and provide situational analysis support to improve the mechanism used to identify the needs of vulnerable populations.

Donor: USAID and ECHO
Presence in Ethiopia: Since 2017
Current project: Provision of IM Support to Humanitarian Responders in Ethiopia // Improving Analysis and Needs Assessment Capacities in Crisis Affected Areas of Ethiopia
Project budget: USD 2,500,000
Number of partners iMMAP currently supports: 12

Personnel
Number of personnel: 27
**Progress**

iMMAP’s information management services and situational analysis reports helped identify humanitarian needs in war-torn northern Ethiopia throughout 2021 as well as the geographical operational presence of partners across all iMMAP supported clusters, resulting in better coordinated response activities. The support also enabled the improvement of data sharing across the humanitarian landscape and the delivery of quality reports for planning, response, and monitoring of activities as well as decision-making.

**Outcomes**

The project increased the availability and quality of critical data to inform programming, enabling humanitarian responders to work with improved analyses to make evidence-based decisions as per the HNO process through the use of new tools and products while consistently improving the IM capacity of partner organizations.

**Northern Ethiopia Crisis Response**

Since onset of the northern Ethiopia conflict, iMMAP supported humanitarian clusters map the impact of war on affected communities in Tigray, Afar and Amhara regions, contributing to the surge response. The support continued through the production of the HNO and HRP.

iMMAP IM officers have been supporting their respective clusters by developing tools to monitor the situation. iMMAP is further supporting the Federal Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) led by the National Disaster Risk Management, including in Tigray, through developing briefings to partners and donors while drafting regular situation reports to facilitate data collection.

**Capacity Building**

As a part of the national capacity strengthening activities, all cluster IMOs have conducted training to cluster partners in the field. In April 2022, iMMAP initiated remote and in-person training programs across all Ethiopia.

**Government Support**

iMMAP Ethiopia played a crucial role in improving the information flow between humanitarian coordination and the government, enhancing collaboration around the HNO and HRP while supporting the Emergency Coordination Centers at the national level. iMMAP has also supports the regional governments of Oromia, Tigray and Amhara to reinforce field coordination and information flow between national and sub-national clusters.

Recently, iMMAP has scaled up its IM support by switching this support from Tigray to the Amhara region where at least 542,000 IDPs have found shelter, keeping pressure on local infrastructure.

**Actors Supported**

- Health
- Agriculture
- Shelter/NFI
- Coordination
- Protection
- CCCM
- WASH
- Government Disaster Risk Office

**Humanitarian Partners Supported**

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