The past three years witnessed major changes in Ethiopia’s governance landscape. The transformations, stemming from calls for greater economic and political reforms, upheaved the political status quo. At the peak of the displacement crisis between January and April 2019, conflict and climate shocks left some 3.2 million people displaced.

2.1 million conflict-induced IDPs were returned, integrated and relocated by end of May 2019, according to Government sources.

However, as of November 2019, partners estimated that close to 2 million people are facing some form of displacement due to conflict or climate drivers. Conflict and climatic shocks negatively impacted people’s daily lives, livelihoods and their ability to meet their basic needs. This has resulted in an estimated number of 8.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance for 2020.

Source: HNO 2020

iMMAP Ethiopia

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

The main goal of this project is to support the response to the ongoing crisis in Ethiopia by strengthening the IM capacity of sectors’ members in their response, advance the mechanism for regularly identifying needs of populations, and provide better data to the inter-sectoral coordination mechanism led by OCHA.

Better Data, Better Decisions, Better Outcomes
Progress

iMMAP’s information management products and services helped inform partners’ geographical operational presence across all iMMAP supported clusters, resulting in a better coordinated response that minimized duplication of efforts and gaps. The support also enabled the improvement of data sharing across the humanitarian landscape, and the delivery of quality reports for planning, response monitoring and evidence-based decision-making.

Cluster Support

Modeled on the successful implementation in Nigeria, iMMAP is currently supporting five sectors within Ethiopia with expert international and national Information Management Officers (IMOs). To date, iMMAP has supported the humanitarian clusters in systematic and consistent collection of response data and generating a number of informative products such as monthly HRP monitoring dashboards, partners operational presence maps, gap analysis and mapping humanitarian access. Such products have been proved instrumental for informing decision making within the humanitarian community.

COVID-19 Response

iMMAP supports humanitarian clusters in mapping the impact of COVID-19 on planned and ongoing response activities, contributing to the preparation of the multi-sectorial preparedness and response plan. The support will continue through the revision of the HRP 2020 to incorporate the COVID-19 response; iMMAP IMOs are supporting their respective clusters by developing tools to monitor the situation and the response to COVID-19. Through its IMO seconded to OCHA, iMMAP also supports the Federal Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) by developing briefings to partners and donors and drafting regular situation reports to facilitate coordination, among other activities.

Capacity Building

As part of the national capacity strengthening, all cluster IMOs have conducted training to the cluster partners in the field. As a result, there has been an overall improvement in the quality of 5Ws data across all the iMMAP supported clusters after our IMOs delivered training to their respective cluster partners, who now understand and appreciate the added-value of submitting activities data to improve the response.

Outcomes

- The project increased the availability and quality of critical data to inform programming, enabling humanitarian responders to work with improved analysis to make evidence-based, life-saving humanitarian response decisions as seen during the HNO process.
- Another achievement of this program is the overall improvement in the capacity of partners to identify needs, plan the response, monitor their interventions, cross-compare and report on progress in a timely manner. New tools, platforms, methods and techniques of data capture, processing, and analysis have been a core part of the information management support services provided to the clusters.

Clusters supported

- Agriculture
- Coordination
- Protection
- Health
- Shelter

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