Provision of Information Management Support to Yemen Crisis Response Clusters

**Objectives**

The project provides IM support and coordination services to the United Nations, clusters, and approximately 130 active organizations encompassing various United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

iMMAP’s direct support to core coordination mechanisms has contributed to enhancing cross-hub operations as well as better information sharing among clusters by providing IM tools that enable situational awareness and common analysis to guide decision-making and inform sectoral and inter-sectoral response planning.

**Background**

The situation in the country has deteriorated after seven years of brutal conflict. Thousands have been killed, more than four million were forced to flee their homes and more than half of the country have been deprived of basic services.

More than 23 million people need humanitarian and protection support while over 19 million people are food insecure with an estimated 8.1 million in need of nutrition assistance. The ongoing conflict and economic collapse have impacted vulnerable households, resulting in mounting psychosocial support needs and negative coping mechanisms.

Over 8.5 million children are in need of some form of education assistance, many of whom are at risk of child labor and getting recruited by armed groups. Girls are becoming increasingly exposed to domestic violence and early marriages.

In addition, Yemen has faced a fast-spreading cholera outbreak, which has affected more than 1.3 million people with nearly 2,800 deaths since late 2016. The surge of cholera cases was attributed to the disruption of public health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, amid increasingly collapsing basic services.

Only 51% of health facilities are fully functional in Yemen and more than 17.8 million people lack adequate access to safe water and sanitation. The dynamic and multi-faceted nature of the Yemen crisis has created significant challenges for the humanitarian community, including the humanitarian IM community at large.

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**Donor:** USAID BHA  
**Presence in Yemen:** Since 2011  
**Current project:** Provision of Information Management Support to Yemen Crisis Response Clusters  
**Current budget:** USD $2,018,680  
**Project duration:** January 15, 2022 - January 14, 2023  
**Main partners:** Cluster Lead Agencies

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23.4 million people are in need of some form of humanitarian protection assistance in Yemen  
21.9 million Yemenis are in need of access to adequate healthcare  
4 millions Yemenis remain displaced  
17.8 million people are in need of water, sanitation and hygiene services  
19 million people in Yemen are food insecure

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Better Data, Better Decisions, Better Outcomes
iMMAP implements advanced mechanisms for regularly identifying needs of populations and critical IM tools. The team continues to develop the HPC platform to centralize the visualization of needs, humanitarian cluster planning, response monitoring, among others.

iMMAP's pivotal role in sectoral/inter-sectoral and cross-hub coordination will help direct the overall work of the cluster support team, ensuring that work streams are driven by operational priorities and consistent with the strategic direction set by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT).

**Integrated Famine Risk Reduction (IFRR):** iMMAP monitors the IFRR approach response through analyzing cluster data to identify response gaps and systematize reporting, along with standardizing assessment tools to adequately address the high humanitarian needs of people in collaboration with the Nutrition, Health, Food Security and Agriculture (FSA) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Clusters.


**136 Organizations utilized iMMAP-supported IM services**

**COVID-19 Response Activities**

iMMAP has been involved in several COVID-19 response activities across Yemen:

iMMAP information management officers (IMOs) seconded to the Health Cluster collected data of partner activities, locations and capacities relevant to the COVID-19 response, within the Al Hodeidah, Ibb and Aden Sub-clusters, to develop a matrix containing all that critical information to complement the Health Cluster's COVID-19 preparedness and response plan.

In the Al Hodeidah governorate, an iMMAP IMO assisted the Health Sub-Cluster in different IM objectives to support WHO's Operations Center (OpsCen). The iMMAP IMO also played a role in developing a centralized database to support the epidemiological team.

An iMMAP IMO has developed a preparedness map for COVID-19 on behalf of OCHA to reflect the number of different modalities, including blankets, canned food, tents, quarantine centers, water tanks and hygiene kits, available in different regions across Yemen. This process is continuing and will be systematically updated.

iMMAP IMOs have developed a bulletin that details the WASH Cluster's activities as part of their COVID-19 response in Yemen.