The ongoing humanitarian crisis in Nigeria’s northeast states of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) continues to severely affect millions of people who remain vulnerable to displacement, impoverishment, and threat of violence. What started as a localized insurgency more than eleven years ago has turned into a regional armed conflict with civilians, mostly women and children, bearing the brunt of brutal clashes and attacks.

Some 1.9 million people in the Lake Chad Basin area are in need of humanitarian aid. Nigeria, however, remains the worst affected, with 8.7 million people in need of assistance in the BAY states as of 2021, in what has become one of the largest and most severe humanitarian crises in the world today.

In addition to the ongoing humanitarian emergency, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a devastating effect, especially on the health and economic situation of affected populations in the region.

Since November 2016, iMMAP has been providing information management (IM) support to most humanitarian sectors responding to the crisis in northeast Nigeria.

The project, funded by the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), aims to strengthen the IM capacity of humanitarian sectors across the country, including support of information flow from sectors and inter-sectoral analyses.

Our activities conducted throughout the year 2020 resulted in impactful, short, and medium-term outcomes that contributed to the improvement of the overall response.
Response Monitoring: iMMAP supports sectors in reaching a high level of consistency in data collection using enhanced and user-friendly response monitoring tools, including the 5W templates.

Targeted Response: iMMAP has been conducting analyses on the gaps in humanitarian activities, including the lowest administrative levels (ward and LGA), and continues to provide valuable information to humanitarian organizations to enable targeted response activities.

Innovative IM Approaches: iMMAP has been improving data collection, analysis and reporting across all sectors while making cross-sector comparisons possible. Across all the sectors supported, iMMAP IM experts are laying the foundations for solid data visualization by creating geo-databases and developing product templates.

ReportHub

ReportHub is an integrated, modular, customizable, user-friendly reporting tool that iMMAP has deployed in several emergency contexts across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, with extensive flexibility to track response activities in all phases of the humanitarian program cycle, in different humanitarian sectors, down to the lowest administrative levels.

In the Nigeria humanitarian context, the customization of the system started in July 2018 with sector consultations on the need for a complementary tool that would monitor the response activities by sector and track the operational presence of humanitarian partners by sector state and LGA.

ReportHub Statistics Since 1st January 2021:

- 4,892,419 Individual Beneficiaries
- 33 Organizations
- 64 Active Projects

Humanitarian Information Analysis Unit

Since January 2021, iMMAP assembled a Humanitarian Information Analysis (HIA) Unit consisting of six officers from different disciplines with the goal of addressing IM gaps in all humanitarian sectors involved in the northeast Nigeria crisis. The Unit seeks to provide a holistic understanding from multiple perspectives and points of analysis with the intention of enabling partners to position vulnerable population at the center of programmatic decision-making. The HIAU is currently supporting the Nutrition and Protection sectors.
iMMAP initiated its humanitarian IM training and capacity building program in January 2018. Under the program, iMMAP works closely with sectors to identify priority IM capacity building needs, design training activities, identify participants, deliver and facilitate capacity building activities.

This program aims to strengthen the capacity of humanitarian partner organizations in northeast Nigeria to optimize information management tools, platforms, technologies, and best practices for a better, more effective response, aligned with the humanitarian principles.

iMMAP has so far conducted 23 rounds of its IM training program in the northeast BAY states of Nigeria, thanks to the support from the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA).

iMMAP selects University of Maiduguri graduates that participated in our capacity building training to take part in our internship program. This provides a career route for interns to gain practical work experience for integration into the humanitarian workforce.

The program started as a result of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between iMMAP Nigeria and the University of Maiduguri in January of 2020. The purpose of the MoU is to form a strong partnership that will promote knowledge sharing to explore and maximize mutually beneficial organizational opportunities in terms of capacity development and socio-economic empowerment in the field of humanitarian information management.

iMMAP provides IM support to the Borno State Agency for Coordination of Sustainable Development and Humanitarian Response for the facilitation and monitoring of humanitarian activities within the state. iMMAP supports collecting, processing, and visualizing data that is critical in harmonizing the state’s humanitarian and development data centers.