IM Support to UNICEF’s Emergency Coordination and Monitoring and Evaluation Unit

Context
Since 2018, the National Government has requested technical support and cooperation from the United Nations in Colombia to address the emergency resulting in the mixed migration flows occurring at the border departments with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. UNICEF’s support is represented in the Annual Response Plan (HAC) and participation in the coordination mechanism created for this purpose. These processes involve the collection, consolidation, analysis and reporting information regarding the response activities while providing an analysis of the situation and needs of children, adolescents and pregnant and lactating women.

Furthermore, the ongoing armed violence and natural disasters have been compounded with the current challenges faced by the COVID-19 and have highlighted the need for a comprehensive HAC for the humanitarian response in Colombia for 2021. As a result of the increased humanitarian needs, it has also highlighted the needs related to information management and accurate information products.

iMMAP Colombia
iMMAP has been delivering information management (IM) services to different actors in Colombia since 2009. Currently, iMMAP provides services to coordination spaces, including the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), the Inter-Agency Mixed Migration Flows Group (GIFMM) and the Health Sector.

In coordination with the GIFMM, iMMAP provides services support to the Education, Food Security and Nutrition, Health, Socio-Economic Integration and WASH sectors, as well as the INGO Forum.

Better Data, Better Decisions, Better Outcomes
Background

iMMAP has been supporting the Education in Emergencies Cluster and the Education Sub-Sector of the GIFMM between August and December 2020 with information management, data analysis and access. However, as a result of the diagnosis of current capacities and the results from the implementation of response activities indicate the need for ongoing information management support.

Currently, UNICEF is the cluster lead and is responsible for compiling and unifying cluster reports while sharing information with relevant actors and donors. The lack of adequate data, knowledge and information management services prevents the cluster from reaching its full potential in responding to humanitarian needs and beneficiaries in a coordinated manner.

Objective

This technical assistance project with iMMAP is focused on the formulation and strengthening of information management products of the emergency, as well as Monitoring and Evaluation Coordination mechanisms while supporting the field teams of La Guajira, Arauca, Nariño, Norte de Santander, Choco and Atlántico, according to the agreed prioritizations.

The field support aims to focus on the identification and management of information that will make it possible to understand the situation of children in emergency situations, and strengthening needs evaluation activities. Furthermore, support will be provided to sector leads with information management and the creation of IM products for cluster coordination.

Expected results

Information products that disaggregate information by sex and age and, if possible, take into account information related to disabilities and ethnicity. In addition, taking into account information related to the perspective of the communities, their priorities and needs.

Information products and needs assessments that highlight the needs of children, adolescents and pregnant and lactating women for informed decision-making.

Field information analyses that make it possible to highlight the characteristics and needs of children, adolescents, and pregnant and lactating women.

Sectors Supported

- Education
- Food Security and Nutrition
- Health
- Protection
- WASH

Information Products

- Reports
- Infographics