

OVERVIEW OF THE GLOBAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS CELL

The Global Information Management, Assessment and Analysis Cell (GIMAC) is a multi-stakeholder initiative, proposed jointly by several UN and non-UN partners. The Cell aims to coordinate, structure, collate, manage and analyze COVID-19 related information, and to provide technical support and services to support prioritised countries and global decision making based on a request.



Objectives

The GIMAC aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Provide technical support to prioritised countries' on needs assessment, analysis and response planning decisions related to the humanitarian impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Support secondary data analysis and an accessible repository for COVID-19 secondary data, assessments, reports and analysis from trusted sources.
3. Link with other global COVID-19 coordination structures and provide decision making support.



Geographical Scope

Initially, the priority will be on the 25 countries¹ with an ongoing Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP). UNHCR is also working with the Cell to determine the priority for Regional Refugee Plans country analysis. Additional countries will be prioritised based on demand and capacities of the GIMAC to respond.

There are 63 countries in the [Global Humanitarian Response Plan \(GHRP\) for COVID-19](#) (May 2020 update), including 25 countries with a Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) and 26 countries with a Regional Refugee Response Plan or Regional Migrant and Refugee Response plan. Nine other countries were added in the May update of the GHRP.



GIMAC leads

- **OCHA** (Needs and Response Analysis Section-NARAS): coordination of analysis support to humanitarian response plans in general.
- **UNHCR**: coordination of analysis support on refugees, protection and IDPs (in collaboration with **IOM**) component more specifically.
- **WHO**: coordination of analysis support on health-related matters more specifically.

Since all population groups and humanitarian issues are overlapping, interagency coordination will be maintained across the leads, so that different population groups and sector/thematic analyses interlink in a comprehensive joint intersectoral analysis incorporating different factors and consequences affecting the various population groups.

¹ Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, CAR, Chad, Colombia, DPRK, DRC, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iraq, Libya, Mali, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, oPt, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukraine, Yemen, Zimbabwe.



Initiation phase: mobilization & targeted field support *Mid May to mid-June

Based on the initial capacity of the Cell, **efforts will be put on three activities for remote country-level support to 25 countries with Humanitarian Response Plans**. Specifically:

1. Provide **remote country-level support**, by actively reaching out to countries with the least analysis capacity, most severe humanitarian situation and/or emerging risks:
 - a. Provide **technical guidance on needs assessment and analysis**.
 - b. Support **joint analysis of most vulnerable population groups' humanitarian needs**.
 - c. Contribute to **risk identification, projection of humanitarian needs**.
2. **Map, structure, and collate secondary data for selected countries (up to five)** using the [Data Entry and Exploratory Platform \(DEEP\)](#) and **build country staff capacities on secondary data review**.
3. Establish a global **registry of needs analysis and research** produced and planned by different stakeholders.

To receive **field requests**, an online request form with a list of support and services is available to the countries. Any Humanitarian Country Team or Inter-Cluster Coordination Group can request assistance. Requests for support for refugee operation analysis may originate from or be triaged first by UNHCR Regional Offices for the Cell's consideration.

The activation of the field request mechanism on 18th May 2020.



Established phase: scaling and expanding services *Mid June onwards

As the IA&A Cell is established and resourced, it will expand its activities to provide more direct support to global decision making and processes related to the updates of the Global Humanitarian Response Plan on COVID-19. In this phase, efforts will be made to:

1. **Expand and improve support and services** to additional country operations.
2. **Strengthen the resources and capacities of partners** to support the Cell.
3. Launch **support for global decision-making processes**:
 - a. Provide **global or country-level thematic analysis** in response to requests from decision-makers.
 - b. Provide **support to the GHRP updates** as and when requested.

Partners

OCHA (NARAS, ERS, FIS), HDX, WHO, Global Health Cluster, IFRC, JIPS, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, Data Friendly Space, IMMAP, MAPACTION, IOM, IMPACT Initiative, Mercy Corps, WorldPop and Flowminder.