

2021

Annual Report



IMPACT aims to shape practices and influence policies in humanitarian and development settings in order to positively impact the lives of people and their communities.



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FOREWORD

IMPACT was created in 2010 to support aid actors in making better, more informed decisions, and in turn enhance the impact of their actions on the lives of crisis-affected communities. We believed that one of the main pathways to improving aid was through a direct engagement of these communities in aid planning and delivery. Since then, over the years, we have developed a number of practical solutions for aid actors to strengthen this engagement. Through REACH, we promote the use of evidence gathered from crisis-affected people to inform decision-making. Through AGORA, we promote direct linkages between aid actors and local communities in the design and implementation of aid at settlement level. Through PANDA, we work directly with aid actors to support them in improving their programmatic tools.

As we enter our second decade of existence, we can be proud of what we have achieved so far. As you will see in this Annual Report, IMPACT has established itself as a key provider of information and analysis in contexts of crisis. Over the course of 2021, IMPACT teams have supported evidence-based planning and community engagement in 29 countries, publishing over 2,000 information products and engaging with over 1,000 actors on the ground. Across these countries, our work has been utilised in a number of ways – from supporting yearly resource planning and prioritisation by donors and consolidated appeals, to monitoring changing humanitarian situations, market dynamics, and other factors necessary for enabling emergency response. We have also promoted direct participation by crisis-affected communities in aid delivery and recovery planning, and have supported aid actors to improve the quality of their programming from global to project-specific level.

In a context in which international aid is increasingly in need but also under scrutiny, IMPACT's mission and unique value-add is ever-more important. In the years ahead, we will continue to fulfil our objectives of enabling the delivery of assistance according to how and when crisis-affected people need it, whilst also developing new solutions that promote fairer outcomes for people affected by emerging and ongoing global challenges. In line with our strategic plan, we will also strengthen our organisational vehicle: consolidating existing initiatives and continuing to incubate new ones, notably on migrations and climate change; continuing to improve our research methods, to become a reference of global research; redoubling on internal learning and striving for continued improvement in our work; strengthening our external engagement at global and country level; and investing in our systems and processes, to become a reference for transparency in the sector.

Finally, I would like to thank the teams working for IMPACT and its initiatives, as well as our many partners. I look forward to continuing our common journey with you in the coming years.

Luca Pupulin Executive Director The REACH team have provided much formidable support to the JIAF project throughout 2021. At the strategic level REACH have often played a leadership role, helping guide discussions at the Steering Committee – on many occasions setting the agenda and setting the foundations for a common constructive narrative amongst JIAF stakeholders, whose views are often quite diverse.

At technical level, support has been secondto-none: REACH co-led the Methodology Working Group, as well as the tripartite management team which supported the JIAF independent review in 2021.

Esther Waters-Crane, Senior Project Manager for Joint Inter-Sectoral Analysis Framework, Project Management Unit

In 2021, the WASH Severity Classification was the South Sudan WASH Cluster's key strategic tool. It was used to shape the response in South Sudan, drive prioritization following the comprehensive analysis, and highlight the key WASH needs throughout the country.

The Cluster used the WSC as our key document for donor advocacy, and it was also used more broadly to prioritize the inter-sectoral humanitarian response in South Sudan.

South Sudan WASH Cluster



OUR PROGRAMMES REACH INITIATIVE

REACH enables crisis-affected populations to receive the assistance they need, when they need it, how they need it.

CRISIS-LEVEL RESPONSE PLANNING

Enabling evidence-based **inter-sectoral** coordination and planning, according to needs.



- In addition to informing People in Need and severity of needs estimations, findings across the 17 Multi-Sector Needs Assessments (MSNAs) facilitated by REACH in 2021 were cited more than 1,400 times in key strategic planning documents, primarily Humanitarian Needs Overviews and Humanitarian Response Plans.
- Key contributor to the technical and strategic development of the Joint Inter-Sectoral Analysis Framework (JIAF), through participating in the global Steering Committee and co-chairing the Methodology Working Group.

Enabling needs-based **sector-specific** coordination and planning, according to needs.



2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Implementation of 35 assessments related to Food Security, Nutrition, CCCM, WASH, Shelter, Education, and Telecommunications and technical support to 47 country-level clusters.
- Establishment of first-ever global baseline of the severity of WASH needs, leading the implementation of the WASH Severity Classification analysis in 20 countries.
- Support to Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) for Acute Food Insecurity or Acute Malnutrition in **11 countries**, either through provision of data or participation in analysis workshops.

EMERGENCY PRIORITISATION

Triggering and informing rapid response in the event of a sudden escalation of needs.





A series of attacks in Dikwa town between 19 February and early March by nonstate armed groups triggered the evacuation of humanitarian actors from an area heavily dependent on life-saving assistance for food, water, and healthcare. Leveraging its HSM workstream, the REACH team in northeast Nigeria conducted a rapid assessment in Dikwa, Ajiri, and Maiduguri to better understand the current and anticipated needs. Through this assessment, REACH was able to identify reports of severely limited water access and potential deaths related to thirst, and quickly alerted donors and aid actors to mobilize a response.

PEOPLE-CENTRED ASSISTANCE

Ensuring the voices of crisis-affected populations are central to how aid is delivered.



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- Produced a first-ever global analysis of Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) data, which was collected through 2020 MSNAs in 12 countries. The analysis highlights pre-existing vulnerabilities, satisfaction with aid, and preferred information and feedback channels.
- Assessment of **4,491 markets globally**, through JMMI and another 30 rapid and thematic market assessments.
- Partnered with GSMA and the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster to publish the Connectivity, Needs, and Usage Assessment (CoNUA) Toolkit. The toolkit aims to guide users in collecting data about mobile phone access, usage, preferences, and digital skills.

PILOTING NEW METHODS

Cross-cutting exploration of new work streams and innovative practices to inform more effective humanitarian response.

2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Foundational work to develop a framework for integrating remote sensing with inter-sectoral analysis workstreams, namely MSNAs and HSM – setting the stage for pilot activities in 2022.
 - Remote sensing tools and approaches were developed for key thematic areas water supply, vegetation health, and cropland abandonment to support bespoke Cluster and partner needs.

OUR PROGRAMMES OTHER INITIATIVES

IMPACT is developing a diverse portfolio of solutions and approaches to enable fairer outcomes for populations affected by emerging and ongoing global challenges.

AGORA

AGORA supports the stabilisation of crisis-affected areas by strengthening local response capacities and recovery efforts.





In response to severe conflict and internal displacement issues, IMPACT supported local and international humanitarian actors in Central African Republic (CAR) and Niger to develop joint local recovery response plans in more than 20 municipalities. IMPACT facilitated a series of trainings for officials and civil servants from municipal governments in both countries, culminating in a peer-to-peer learning workshop that brought together 15 local governance actors from southeast CAR and the Diffa region in Niger.

HUMAN MOBILITY AND MIGRATION

IMPACT delivers innovative research programs that improve practices and policies on the movement of people globally.

2021 ACHIEVEMENTS • In 2021, IMPAC

- 2021
- In 2021, IMPACT focused on pivoting innovative research methodologies to access hard-to-reach migrant populations through the use of Big Data and partnerships with academia and the private sector.
- Migration expertise has been increasingly streamlined into REACH and PANDA programming through the development of migrantspecific MSNAs, Third-Party Monitoring exercises, and multi-agency needs assessments in North and West Africa and Latin America.

PANDA

Through PANDA (Project Assessment and Appraisals), IMPACT directly supports key aid actors in improving the effectiveness, efficiency, and efficacy of their programmes.

2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

- With projects in 20 countries in 2021, PANDA expanded not only its portfolio but also its repertoire of services and donor base globally.
- In many contexts of crisis, the continued implementation of key activities such as UNHCR's Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) in Iraq, as well as Third-Party Monitoring and support to FCDO's programming in Jordan, Libya, Mali, Nigeria, and Uganda, ensured the ongoing provision of independent verification of critical life-saving humanitarian activities.



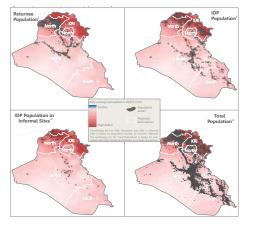
CLIMATE AND DISASTER RESILIENCE

IMPACT's newest portfolio aims to increase understanding of disaster risk and inform climate change adaptation in line with the Sendai framework and Paris Agreement.

2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Previous work on flood hazards was taken to a new level with the use of sophisticated hydraulic modelling applications and very high-resolution terrain data to provide detailed information on at-risk settlements.
- Climate-related remote sensing analysis was incorporated into more products, helping to pave the way towards the mainstreaming of climate analysis.





KEY PUBLICATION

Precipitation and Temperature Change in Iraq - November 2021

In Iraq, climate change is expected to aggravate a set of cross-sectoral challenges, with current and expected implications in the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector in particular.

To support the WASH Cluster with their emergency preparedness, IMPACT conducted a preliminary analysis of the precipitation and temperature development, as key indicators of climate change.

OUR ACTIVITIES



321 ♣ 1,909 ♠ 268,898

RESEARCH CYCLES FOCUS GROUP **IMPLEMENTED**

DISCUSSIONS

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS







+243 RESEARCH 28 COUNTRIES +1,932 INFORMATION PRODUCTS

AGORA 7 COUNTRIES

PANDA 20 COUNTRIES

+110 INFORMATION +14 RESEARCH

PRODUCTS +14 RESEARCH

CYCLES +52 INFORMATION +64 RESEARCH

PRODUCTS +10 INFORMATION +14 RESEARCH

PRODU

2,010 INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED ACROSS 321 DIFFERENT RESEARCH CYCLES:



+894 factsheets



+498 datasets published



+386 standalone maps created



+117 situation overviews published



+96 presentations



+75 reports



+31 bulletins created

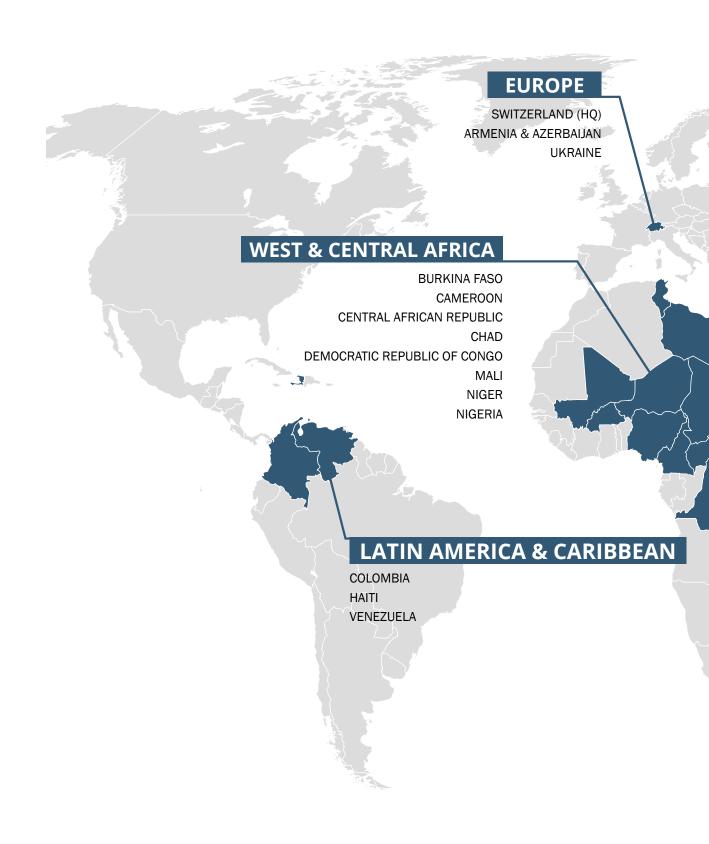


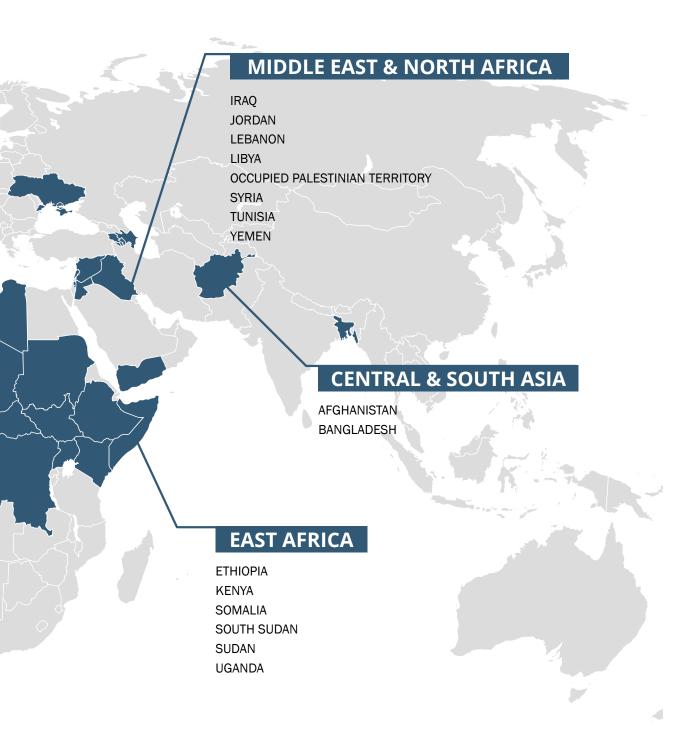
+6 profiles edited



+5 executive summaries shared

OUR FOOTPRINT







INITIATIVES PANDA REACH



OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

Using comparative analysis of in-camp and out-of-camp population groups assessed through the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment, the REACH team was able to highlight persisting needs of in-camp populations and the potential impact of funding gaps on service provision. Findings were shared with key camp management actors to support advocacy with international donors, the Humanitarian Country Team, and the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

IMPI FMFNTFD **DURING 2021**

128

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

31,790

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

687

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

34

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

I went through the [Returns and Durable Solutions Assessment presentation] carefully and found it very informative. The information provided in the document reflects the situation in Al-Forat Markaz 100% including the gaps and challenges the communities face due to different obstacles.

National Liaison Officer, Returns Working Group / Durable Solutions Technical Working Group

SUPPORTED BY:



















INITIATIVES JORDAN **REACH PANDA**



OUR IMPACT: EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMMING

In 2021, IMPACT Jordan completed the second year of its third-party monitoring of UNHCR and WFP cash assistance programmes for refugees. As the two agencies adapted their programming in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, IMPACT responded to the needs of the donor and partners by designing and conducting neighbourhood-level assessments on social cohesion and the associated role of cash assistance. Within a short timeframe, IMPACT reviewed global best practices and provided indicative findings on social cohesion in selected refugee-hosting communities across Jordan, highlighting to partners how social cohesion indicators can be considered in future cash programming and monitoring.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

3,809

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

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COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

The assessment findings were critical to UNICEF Jordan as they did not only highlight the socio-economic situation of the families living in [informal tented settlements (ITS)] but it also helped UNICEF (and its donors) to tangibly understand the impact of UNICEF services and the criticality of continuing the services for the ITS communities. **UNICEF** Jordan









LEBANON INITIATIVES REACH PANDA

OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

The REACH team facilitated the first pilot Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) in Lebanon, which contributed to informing the Emergency Operation Cell joint analysis document and the Emergency Response Plan Notably, the MSNA data supported the calculation of the PiN for the Lebanese, Migrant, and Palestine Refugees in Lebanon population groups for the first time.

OUR WORK

IMPLEMENTED

DURING 2021

OUR PRODUCTS

OUR STAFF

1

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RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

5,316

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

1

STAFF WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

The first MSNA in Lebanon, conducted in 2021, was fundamental in providing an evidence base for the update of the funding and planning for vulnerable Lebanese populations, as well as laying the groundwork for a more comprehensive understanding of needs across populations in Lebanon.

Dylan Terry, IMPACT Lebanon Country Coordinator

SUPPORTED BY:









INITIATIVES PANDA REACH

LIBYA/TUNISIA

OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

Through a rapid assessment about the needs of migrants recently released from detention centres, considered to be a key information gap in the response, the REACH team highlighted the limited assistance available for this highly vulnerable population group. Assessment findings were reportedly used for advocacy with the Humanitarian Country Team regarding a coordinated response for those released from detention centres, as well as advocacy efforts related to national authorities' migration management plans.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

21

RESEARCH PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021 46

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

13,185

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

72

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

7,556

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

34

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COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

The MSNA is the life blood of information-gathering for all sectors - there is no more valuable exercise than this one when it comes to evidence generation - REACH has done a fantastic job given the circumstances in 2020 and 2021.

Humanitarian Partner, Libya





















INITIATIVES PANDA REACH

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

The REACH team conducted the first-ever Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) in oPt, collaborating with the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics to implement data collection in both the West Bank and Gaza Strip. MSNA data was one of the primary sources informing the annual Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and contributed to the needs analysis of five of the seven sectors included in the HNO.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

OUR STAFF

RESEARCH PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED **DURING 2021**

INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

10,157HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

The 2022 Humanitarian Needs Overview is informed by the first-ever MSNA at the household level for the oPt ... This supported the calculation of sectoral and inter-sectoral People in Need' and severity figures, as well as the identification of vulnerable population groups and geographic areas with the most acute needs.

2022 Humanitarian needs overview

SUPPORTED BY:







INITIATIVES PANDA AGORA REACH

SYRIA

OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

Analysis provided in the REACH Syria Water Crisis Briefing Note from June 2021 not only provided the first comprehensive overview of the impact of the water crisis in Northeast Syria, but also directly informed a NES Forum Inter-Sector Working Group, Water Crisis Response Plan (September 2021), including a funding appeal for 333 million US Dollars.



OUR WORK

26

OUR PRODUCTS

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED **IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021**

469

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

OUR STAFF

3,173

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

119,182

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

Thanks as always for this presentation of the key needs in [Northwest Syria]. It's always very important to know changes and priority needs as it guides our advocacy for funding and general advocacy efforts. It's especially important to keep on top of situation while working on advocacy to maintain cross-border access – to be able to highlight that there are considerable humanitarian needs and making sure all modalities remain available.

Protection Analysis Working Group Coordinator, Northwest Syria















OUR IMPACT: INFORMING CASH-BASED RESPONSE

REACH

INITIATIVES

In April and May 2021, the REACH Yemen team partnered with the CaLP Network and the Yemen Cash and Markets Working Group to launch a comprehensive, innovative assessment of financial service providers (FSPs) across the country. Working in a uniquely challenging context, REACH and its partners collected data from conflict-affected communities, humanitarian organisations, and FSPs themselves to better understand new developments in the scope and potential of Yemen's financial service infrastructure.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

20

78

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

11

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

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COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

A recent mapping exercise conducted in Yemen captured much richer information than usual for this type of study. The wealth of knowledge gained and the relationships built between Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) actors and Financial Service Providers is set to provide real and tangible benefits to the way CVA is delivered in Yemen in the future ... The study has shed light on the untapped opportunities of closer collaboration and work with FSPs more broadly. Nissa Berntsen (REACH), Crys Chamaa CaLP









INITIATIVES REACH



OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

Through conducting the second annual Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA), the REACH team informed crisis-wide decision-making processes, especially by improving a common understanding of the crisis and providing a reliable comparison of the magnitude and severity of humanitarian needs between the assessed population groups.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

8

RESEARCH CYCLES IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021 57

INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

5,500

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

25

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

9,500

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

16

STAFF WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

I'd like to express our appreciation for the countrywide MSNA in Burkina Faso and REACH's data and analysis in the tri-border Liptako Gourma region - both are very helpful and informative to our planning.

USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), Burkina Faso

SUPPORTED BY:









CAMEROON INITIATIVES PANDA

OUR IMPACT: EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMMING

Through PANDA, the IMPACT team conducted a regional territorial profiling, conflict analysis, and perception survey, including first-time data collection in the north and far north regions of Cameroon. This baseline study was designed to directly inform UNDP's five-year Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Recovery & Resilience of the Boko Haramaffected Areas of the Lake Chad Basin.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

1

RESEARCH PROJECT IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021 602

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

24

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

48

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

24

STAFF WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

We gave the people an opportunity to make their voices heard regarding the effects of conflict on their lives and their perception of the inclusiveness and responsiveness of decision-making by local and state authorities, as well as recovery from environmental shocks and the effectiveness of certain basic services, such as education, health, and vocational training provided to them.

Aysha Valery, IMPACT Cameroon Country Focal Point

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INITIATIVES PANDA AGORA REACH

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

OUR IMPACT: PROMOTING LOCAL RESPONSE PLANNING

Through its AGORA initiative, IMPACT deployed teams to five prefectures in the southeast region of CAR, to support local authorities across 21 towns to develop local recovery plans based on a multi-sectoral analysis of needs and participatory planning in each locality.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

OUR STAFF

13

148

172

31

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

14,386

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

8,391 KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

SUPPORTED BY:

AGORA activities are critical in the Central African Republic, where local governance actors suffer from a real lack of investment from the state, and a general lack of resources...[Workshop participants] appreciated this response to their needs, while discussing and exchanging on how to improve them in the future.











Le programme de relèvement socioéconomique dans la zone du Sud-Est de la République centrafricaine (RELSUDE) Consortium Coordinator

INITIATIVES CHAD REACH PANDA

OUR IMPACT: ENABLING RAPID RESPONSE

Providing the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) with information management support is key for ensuring effective coordination between partners who need to understand where operations are ongoing, and priority locations where aid interventions are needed.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

OUR STAFF

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

RESEARCH PROJECTS HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS **IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021**

682

16

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

IMPACT was able to expand its footprint in Chad through a regional PANDA project focusing on Boko Haram-affected Areas of the Lake Chad Basin region. The baseline study that was produced will inform UNDP's five-year Regional Strategy for Stabilization, Recovery, and Resilience.





DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

INITIATIVES REACH PANDA



OUR IMPACT: ENABLING RAPID RESPONSE

Following the eruption of the Nyiragongo volcano on 22 May 2021 which destroyed part of the city of Goma in North Kivu province, the REACH team quickly mobilized to provide the humanitarian community in DRC with timely situation analysis of urgent humanitarian needs, damage to infrastructure, and access to markets and basic services.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

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RESEARCH PROJECT IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021 84

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

5,074

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

33

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

21,541

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

32

STAFF WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

Monitoring the evolution of the prices of food and non-food products included in the Minimum Expenditure Basket, allowing its contextualization, has been made possible thanks to the consolidation of the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative into a permanent product since June 2021.

2022 Humanitarian Response Plan

SUPPORTED BY:













Through the launch of the first-ever Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) in Mali, the REACH team contributed towards strengthening coordinated data collection and analysis efforts within the response, as well as raising awareness about the importance of accurate data and analysis for a more needs-based approach to response planning and prioritisation.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

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RESEARCH PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021 10

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

7,387

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

24

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

5,069

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

10

STAFF WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

SUPPORTED BY:









Conducting a MSNA for the first time in Mali in 2021 has made it possible to bring to light needs that were not identified during the previous programming cycle.

2022 Humanitarian Needs Overview

INITIATIVES AGORA PANDA REACH

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OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

Through conducting a Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA), the REACH team informed crisis-wide decisionmaking processes and directly fed key inter-sectoral findings into the annual Humanitarian Needs Overview.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

10

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

26

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

15,664HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

212

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

6,884KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

17

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

With the implementation of the AGORA approach, through the SHIMODU project in Niger, IMPACT has been able to go beyond its usual range of activities in the humanitarian sector. By informing locally owned settlements recovery plans and providing technical assistance to local institutional actors in the Diffa region, IMPACT successfully implemented an action-research approach in a complex humanitarian context

Guillaume Pocard, IMPACT Niger Country Coordinator

SUPPORTED BY:















INITIATIVES NIGERIA REACH PANDA AGORA

OUR IMPACT: ENABLING RAPID RESPONSE

Through its "area of knowledge" approach to conducting Humanitarian Situation Monitoring (HSM), the REACH team was able to collect critical multi-sectoral data in certain insecure and hard-to-reach areas in northeast Nigeria. This kind of information supported humanitarian actors in identifying hotspot areas with urgent needs, as well as in advocacy efforts to increase humanitarian access.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

80

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

10,138

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

5,539

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

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COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

REACH was also noted for having spearheaded efforts towards understanding needs and vulnerability in inaccessible areas through engaging and interviewing newly arrived IDPs, as well as IDPs able to communicate with families living under the rule of non-state armed groups.

Barbelet et al, Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) Working Paper 'Inclusion and exclusion in the north-east Nigeria crisis', November 2021













INITIATIVES REACH

ETHIOPIA

600

OUR IMPACT: INFORMING CASH-BASED RESPONSE

Through the monthly Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI) conducted in partnership with the Ethiopia Collaborative Cash Delivery Network, the REACH team supported operational partners in the provision of evidence-based cash and voucher assistance. The JMMI also supported discussions about changing market dynamics, an integral part of cash feasibility considerations.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

RESEARCH PROJECT IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

5

1

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

980

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

21

STAFF WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

The timely assessment of the monthly Joint Market Monitoring Initiative and the monthly price monitoring has been an essential service not only for our cooperation but also for our dialogue with Government and with private sector partners.

European Union Delegation, Ethiopia

SUPPORTED BY:



KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS









INITIATIVES PANDA REACH

KENYA

OUR IMPACT: INFORMING CASH-BASED RESPONSE

Through conducting post distribution monitoring and information management support to several cash consortium bodies in Kenya, the REACH team informed the effective delivery of cash-based humanitarian assistance as well as the design of further cash-based programming.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

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RESEARCH PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021 39

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

7,600

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

24

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

3,684

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

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STAFF WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

Your findings in the multi-sector needs assessments (MSNA) are vital in our protection programming, and this year, we shall drop our regular yearly participatory assessment and allow REACH MSNA data to feed into our programming, as the data is multi-sectoral and very informative, we shall only conduct focus group disscussions.

Community-based protection officer, UNHCR Dadaab











SOMALIA INITIATIVES REACH PANDA



OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

Considering the ongoing protracted crisis in Somalia and resulting resource constraints, the REACH team conducted its fifth annual Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) in 2021, in a continued effort to inform crisis-wide decision-making processes and support prioritization of population groups with the most significant humanitarian needs.

OUR WORK

IMPLEMENTED

DURING 2021

OUR PRODUCTS

142

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

22,804

7,238 KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

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COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

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In terms of data collection and analysis, in 2022 ... REACH will continue to support the clusters and humanitarian partners in Somalia to understand the severity of needs of the assessed population, including living standard gaps, in cluster-specific, and inter-sectoral approaches. Somalia 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan

INITIATIVES

SOUTH SUDA

OUR IMPACT: ENABLING RAPID RESPONSE

REACH was able to feed evidence produced through a variety of data sources, including Rapid Needs Assessments (RNAs), to inform immediate scale-up of assistance and resources in critical areas of concern. For example, the Tambura RNA was reportedly used as a foundation for the ICCG/ HCT discussions on improved response in the area. Similary, the Cuibet RNA resulted in a call for an ICCG visit and need for additional assessment, based on reported instances of hunger-related deaths.



OUR WORK

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OUR STAFF

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FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

65,268

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

134

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

13,177

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

REACH'S work is formidable and key in program design and implementation. Timely assessments would be of great need for timely decision making and improvement of programs and hoping REACH ensures this in 2022 henceforth.

Humanitarian Partner, South Sudan

















SUDAN INITIATIVES REACH



OUR IMPACT: INFORMING OPERATIONAL ACTORS

With few operational partners in El Geneina, West Darfur and very little information management, assessment, and analysis capacity, REACH (hosted by NRC) was able to support the Site Management Working Group through the training of NRC and partner field teams, develop and adapt assessment tools, and launch data collection through site key informant interviews. The information products and maps helped inform operational partners and raise awareness about the evolving situation and needs of the displaced.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

OUR STAFF

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

5,599

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

SUPPORTED BY:





According to our partner NRC, the situation in Darfur was severe. Over half a million people in Sudan - mostly in Darfur - were displaced in 2021 alone. For this reason, IMPACT felt it was important to have an operational presence and support the response in displacement sites. Alexandra Goldsack, Head of Programmes for East Africa

INITIATIVES PANDA REACH

UGANDA

OUR IMPACT: INFORMING CASH-BASED RESPONSE

The IMPACT team informed the response to the resurgence of COVID-19 in Uganda through two rapid assessments that shed light on the increased needs and vulnerabilities of refugees, as well as the impact of COVID-19 on the Karamoja region, which was already affected by food insecurity and malnutrition prior to the pandemic.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

OUR STAFF

14

101

18

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

5,904 HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

Our 'Financial Services in the Uganda Refugee Response - An Assessment of User Perspective' report offered Uganda response actors an overview of beneficiaries' experiences with cash assistance with respect to different delivery modalities such as mobile money, bank accounts, and vouchers. Thanks to this assessment, response actors can identify the most appropriate delivery modality, taking into account beneficiary preferences

Giulia Montisci, IMPACT Uganda Country Coordinator















ARMENIA & AZERBAIJAN

INITIATIVES REACH PANDA



OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

The IMPACT information management deployment helped to strengthen coordination in the Armenia response and its rapid multi-sector needs assessment provided a foundation for the inter-agency response plan. Donors went on to fund further needs assessments and contribute funding to meet immediate needs in the response plan and appeal.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

OUR STAFF

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

IMPLEMENTED **DURING 2021**

2,470

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

KEY PUBLICATION

Under its AGORA initiative, IMPACT partnered with the UN Development Programme to conduct a Capacity and Vulnerability Assessment (CVA). The CVA aimed to inform cross-sectoral programming led by UNDP, as well as inform local recovery and development plans in Armenia.

SUPPORTED BY:

REACH PANDA AGORA









INITIATIVES UKRAINE



OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

By the end of 2021, the majority of IMPACT's funding was geared towards informing nexus or development programming for example, socioeconomic analysis, AGORA activities, and disaster risk recovery. This shift demonstrated our ability to transition from humanitarian-focused research activities to informing development priorities as the crisis evolved.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

OUR STAFF

18

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

120

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

34.285

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

174

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

15,462

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

The largest humanitarian donor in Ukraine considered REACH to be their primary trusted source of data on remaining humanitarian needs in the

Priscilla Yoon, IMPACT Ukraine Country Coordinator















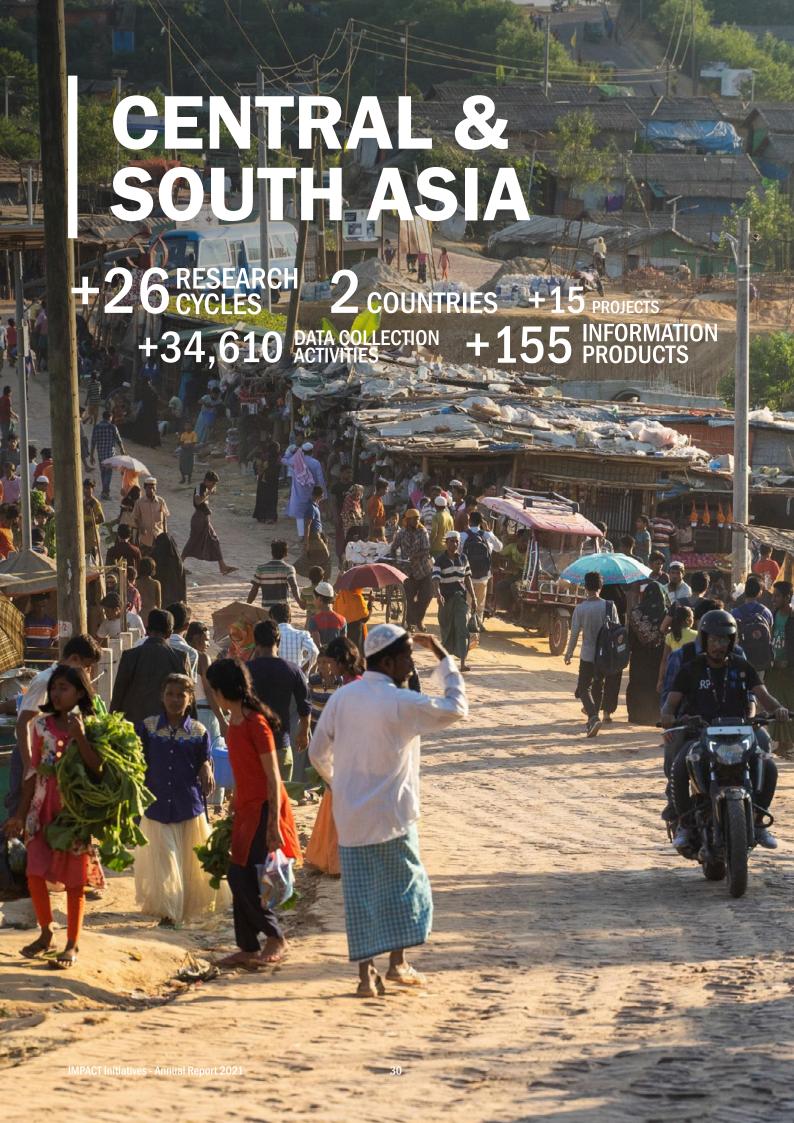












INITIATIVES AGORA REACH

AFGHANISTAN

OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

Findings from the REACH Afghanistan hard-to-reach assessment contributed towards data-driven prioritisation of geographical areas, especially for the Education in Emergencies (EiE) Cluster.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

22

RESEARCH PROJECT IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021 99

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

15,000

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

200

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

13,000

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

55

STAFF WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS

SUPPORTED BY:

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

According to the 2022 Afghanistan Humanitarian Response Plan, the REACH team's Whole of Afghanistan Multi-Sector Needs Assessment and Hard-to-Reach Areas assessments are considered to be "vital" and the basis for "collective needs analysis and response planning each year."











INITIATIVES PANDA REACH

BANGLADESH

OUR IMPACT: SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

Findings from the Joint Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (J-MSNA) were cited in the Bangladesh Joint Response Plan to highlight the severity of needs of Rohingya refugees and adjacent host communities. The findings were particularly used to advocate for mainstreaming accountability of humanitarian actors to crisis-affected people and making it a core commitment of the response strategy.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

4

RESEARCH PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021 56

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

6,212

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

71

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

127

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

OUR STAFF

22

STAFF WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

After more than a year of reduced service provision in both camps and the host community due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MSNA was a unique opportunity to understand ongoing gaps, as well as trends in household needs across sectors.

Cara Kielwein, IMPACT Senior Assessment Officer













+19 RESEARCH 3 COUNTRIES +14 PROJECTS

+36,213 DATA COLLECTION +146 INFORMATION PRODUCTS

IMPACT Stagner processing land impacting least

COLOMBIA INITIATIVES REACH



OUR IMPACT: INFORMING CASH-BASED RESPONSE

The Rapid Market Assessment in Arauqita supported advocacy efforts with government authorities in Colombia, especially through providing the evidence base to demonstrate that a cash-based response was viable in the country. The assessment also revealed key physical barriers for market access, which humanitarian partners could integrate into their programming and address through cash transfers.

OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

OUR STAFF

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

89

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

32,659

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

15

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

SUPPORTED BY:

The MSNA, implemented for the first time in Colombia, is a valuable tool for the clusters to better assess the key humanitarian needs in the country.

Paraphrased from OCHA remarks during the HNO workshop











INITIATIVES PANDA REACH

HAITI

OUR IMPACT: INFORMING CASH-BASED RESPONSE

Through launching the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative, the team in Haiti contributed towards both strengthening coordinated data collection and analysis efforts within the response as well as raising awareness about the importance of accurate data and analysis for more needs-based approach to response planning and prioritisation.



OUR WORK

OUR PRODUCTS

OUR STAFF

IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021

RESEARCH PROJECTS INFORMATION PRODUCTS PUBLISHED

3.150

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

300

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

STAFF WORKING IN **OUR PROGRAMS**

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

The increase in food prices and the comparison between the different departments allow a better understanding of the most vulnerable areas to be targeted by our activities **Humanitarian Partner, Haiti**









INITIATIVES REACH

VENEZUELA

OUR IMPACT: INFORMING CASH-BASED RESPONSE:

The REACH team, in collaboration with the Venezuela Cash Working Group, adapted the first Market Expenditure Basket (MEB) in the country using the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative framework, and continued to monitor MEB prices over the course of the year.



OUR WORK

OUR STAFF

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RESEARCH PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED DURING 2021 STAFF WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

SUPPORTED BY:

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The REACH HSM is an impartial source of information in this highly polarized context where data collection is a challenge.

Paraphrased from a meeting with humanitarian donors



PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

IMPACT promotes a collaborative approach and supports established inter-agency coordination mechanisms at global and country levels. In 2021, IMPACT continued to strengthen its role in the global humanitarian system, notably through its participation in several bodies of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee as well as through its active engagement in global clusters and in Grand Bargain workstreams.

OUR SISTER ORGANISATION

MEMBER OF JOINT INITIATIVES









ACTED is IMPACT's sister organisation. ACTED hosts and facilitates IMPACT's field operations and leads AGORA project implementation.

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)'s Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNOSAT) provides REACH with remote sensing expertise and technical support.

DONOR AGENCIES































GLOBAL CLUSTERS















UN AGENCIES



























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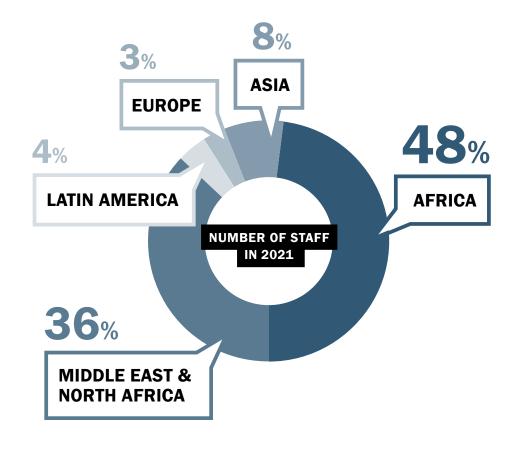


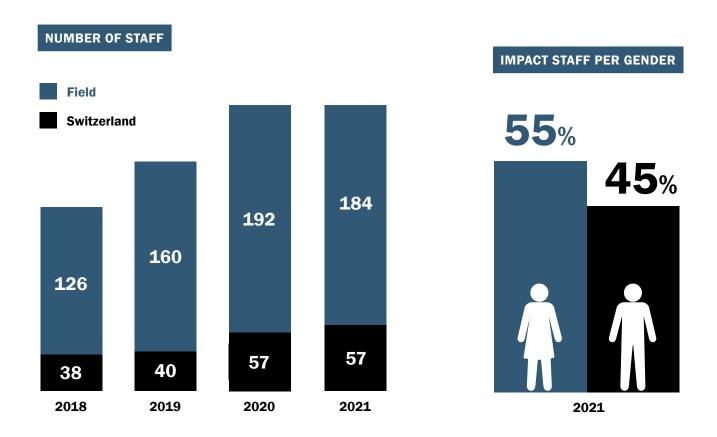






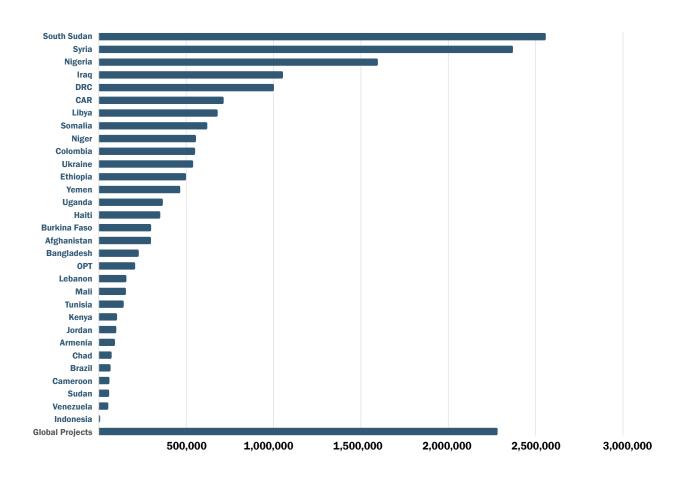
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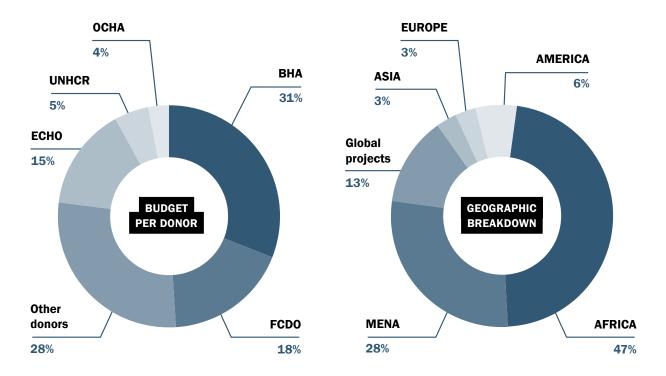




FINANCE

In 2021, IMPACT annual budget amounted to 21,423,592CHF





^{*} Projects implemented from HQ with potentially short term deployment in different countries

CODE OF CONDUCT AND POLICIES



ANTI-FRAUD, BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION POLICY

IMPACT has a no tolerance approach towards corruption and is committed to respecting the highest standards in terms of efficiency, responsibility and transparency in its activities.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST PREVENTION POLICY

To ensure the most efficient, responsible and transparent delivery of aid, IMPACT, its staff and partners commit to preventing their private interests conflicting with their duties.

ANTI-TERRORISM AND ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING POLICY

IMPACT is committed to never knowingly support, tolerate or encourage terrorism, the activities of those who embrace terrorism and anti-money laundering activities.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

IMPACT commits to safeguarding children from harm within internal procedure, throughout all activities and particularly in the implementation of child protection mainstreaming within research.

POLICY AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

IMPACT adopts a zero tolerance approach towards sexual exploitation and abuse, and is thus committed to their prevention both within the organisation and within the framework of its programmes and beneficiary populations.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

IMPACT's Grievance Policy provides a framework for professional grievances raised by staff through internal dedicated channels of reporting, and a proper response mechanism and follow-up.

DATA PROTECTION POLICY

IMPACT's Data Protection Policy controls how personal information can be used and shared, as well as ensure the protection and confidentiality of personal and sensitive data.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDING POLICY

IMPACT is committed to the promotion of a 3Zero world: zero exclusion, zero carbon, zero poverty. In line with this, IMPACT is committed to good environmental stewardship in its operations and in all of its humanitarian and development programming. IMPACT commits to minimising the environmental impact of our operations.

GOVERNANCE

The association of IMPACT Initiatives is governed by a General Assembly composed of six members, of whom five make up the Committee.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY is composed of six members and meets at least yearly as an Ordinary General Assembly. Extraordinary General Assemblies can be called by the Committee. The General Assembly approves the yearly Report and Accounts as well as the provisional budget of the Association. In addition to this, it decides any modifications to the statutes.

THE COMMITTEE is composed of administrators who are elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years. It includes five administrators, of whom one or two are renewed during the annual ordinary General Assembly. The Committee elects a President, a Secretary and Treasurer when necessary.



UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

In 2021, IMPACT strengthened its external engagement with a range of global actors, including UN agencies, NGO partners, academic institutions, and media organisations. A few examples are highlighted below:

GLOBAL EVENTS

Head of Research Nayana Das participated on the panel, "Leaving no one behind: the need to measure equity," at the 3rd annual **UN World Data Forum** in Bern, Switzerland.



IMPACT participated in a variety of events at OCHA's annual **Humanitarian Networks & Partnerships Week (HNPW)**, including facilitation of a session on "Improving aid localization through settlement-based interventions," together with Shelter Cluster experts from CRS and NRC.

COLLABORATIONS WITH ACADEMIA

REACH Global Food Security Assessment Specialist, Matthew Day, contributed as a co-author to "Seeing in the Dark: Real-Time Monitoring in Humanitarian Crises," a joint report published by the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University.

The report included REACH Humanitarian Situation Monitoring and the REACH-led Integrated Needs Tracking System in South Sudan as case study examples.

A November 2021 article from The Guardian about the impact of the climate crisis on flooding and food security in South Sudan cited a REACH Shocks Verification Assessment to Fangak County, one of the worst-affected areas.



MEDIA REFERENCES

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

In October 2021, REACH and the World Food Programme (WFP) signed a first-ever two-year regional Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), committing to combine resources and expertise to better serve the needs of the most vulnerable populations across West Africa.

REACH and WFP are known for the quality of their food security assessments as stand-alone agencies. Together, we will only be stronger, in strengthening national food security and market information systems in the region.

Elvira Pruscini, WFP Deputy Regional director

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