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2018

ACTIVITY REPORT

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FOREWORD

2018 was the first year that we at REACH can truly say that we are the main provider of evidence-based information in the context of crises. This has not come on its own, but is the outcome of meticulous work, setting the bar high and thinking big as focusing on details. REACH is becoming a truly global actor and the annual report clearly highlights why.

One of the key changes seen in the course of the year was the movement from ad hoc decision-making to informing programmatic directions and strategies. This means, that we are increasingly having a system-wide impact. Here again, numbers speak for themselves. More than 660 organisations engaged with our work and our work was referenced more than 600 times in external publications and content. This means that decision-makers and humanitarian actors are increasingly exposed to information on the needs and conditions in humanitarian settings. And this work is not only about REACH and doing what we do better.

As reading through these pages, one element stands above others. That is our rapid growth. In 2018 we witnessed 40 percent growth in terms of funding, a diversification of our funding base, the team grew with more than 20 percent and almost 6,000 information products made available for humanitarian actors.

Our work is about ensuring that the whole humanitarian ecosystem functions as efficiently as possible. In other words, that the money spent on humanitarian aid is well spent, that aid is targeted based on vulnerabilities and needs and that hard-to-reach areas are taken into account when it comes to aid delivery.

Luca Pupulin
Executive Director
IMPACT Initiatives

In 2018 REACH informed...

19+

Humanitarian Needs Overviews,
Humanitarian Response Plans,
Refugee Response Plans,
and National Response Plan

Through the
implementation
of

111

projects

... in 25 countries

**Published 5,700+
information products
including ...**



**146
Situation
overviews**



**94
Reports**



**4,410
Factsheets**



**1,224
Standalone maps**

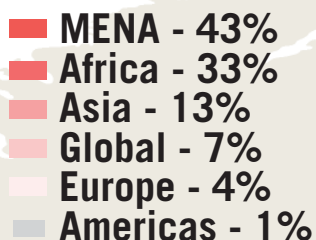


**9 new & 2 updated
Dashboards**

With an annual budget of
19.2 million Swiss Francs
 invested in projects across...

+40%

Growth in annual budget
 compared to 2017



With the help of 160+ international
 experts working in the Geneva HQ and
 across country missions

+20%

increase in the number of
 international experts

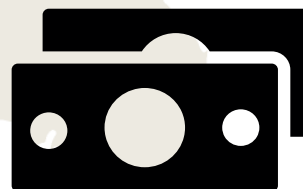
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Staff



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PROGRAMMATIC OVERVIEW

MAINSTREAMING MSNAs, EXPANDING CASH, MONITORING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS AND RESEARCH ON MIGRATION

The work carried out in the 25 countries of operations took multiple forms. Regardless of context, all programmes shared the same mission and vision; enabling a more effective humanitarian response through data, information and a better understanding of the needs of crisis-affected populations. Highlights of the year include the strides REACH made in its work in mainstreaming Multi-Sector Needs Assessments, informing cash-based response, carrying out humanitarian situation monitoring and broadening its base in research on migration.

MAINSTREAMING MULTI-SECTOR NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

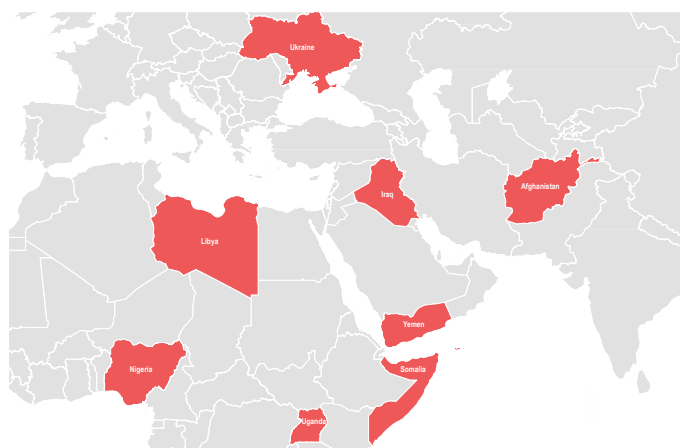
In 2016, humanitarian agencies and donor governments met at the World Humanitarian Summit and agreed on a number of commitments in the framework of the Grand Bargain. Among the identified priorities was the commitment to “improve joint and impartial needs assessments” in order to strengthen the efficiency of humanitarian response. This commitment has been at the core REACH’s work as it has rolled out Multi-sector Needs Assessments across humanitarian context in support of Clusters, sectors, response actors and coordination bodies.

To contribute towards meeting the Grand Bargain commitment on needs assessments, REACH has continued to mainstream Multi-Sector Needs Assessments (MSNAs) in the countries it operates in. MSNAs provide comparable data across all relevant crisis-affected areas, population groups and sectors. Where possible and relevant, MSNA coverage includes both accessible and hard-to-reach areas, displaced and non-displaced population groups, and any other relevant stratification.

“**Multisector needs assessments were conducted through the REACH initiative in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Nigeria, Somalia, Syria, Uganda and Ukraine, and helped to fill information gaps and update on the situation and needs.**”

Global Humanitarian Needs Overview 2019

In 2018, REACH carried out MSNAs in eight countries. The information gathered through the large-scale assessments had a vital role in informing humanitarian planning milestones, such as the Humanitarian Needs Overview and Refugee Response Plans. The work resulted in **more than 290 references** in **Humanitarian Needs Overviews, Humanitarian Response Plans and Refugee Response Plans**. Data provided by the MSNAs was used to calculate sectoral **People in Need estimates in eight crises** as well as to inform inter-sector analysis and severity rankings in **six crises**.



In 2018, REACH worked to improve the effectiveness of humanitarian action by providing...

Comparable data across crisis-affected territories, population groups and sectors

An inter-agency platform for the support of crisis-level assessment and analysis

Analysis on sector and inter-sector levels as well as joint and impartial needs assessments

By conducting 8 MSNAs consisting of...

Together with...

108 focus groups discussions

95 national and international partners

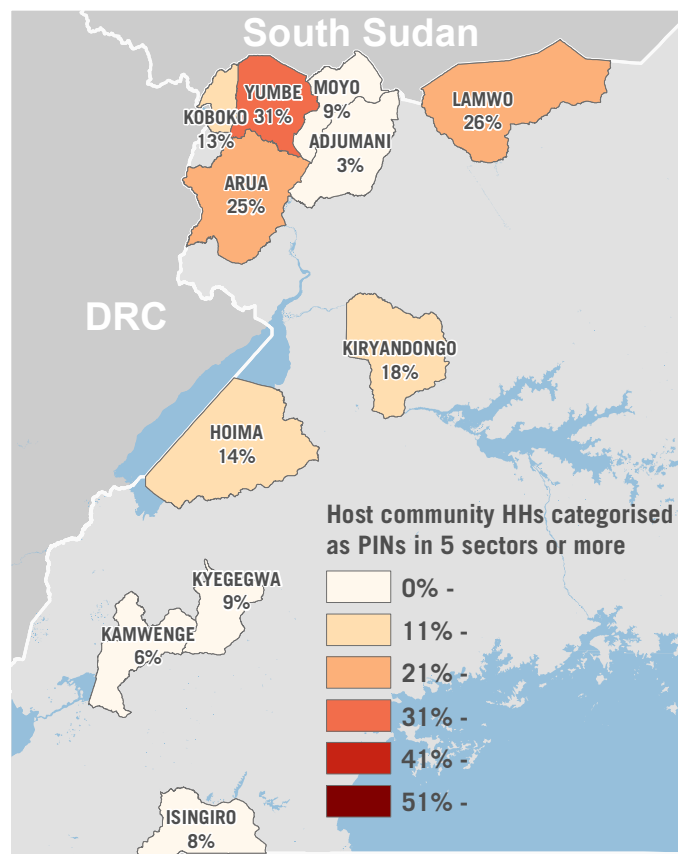
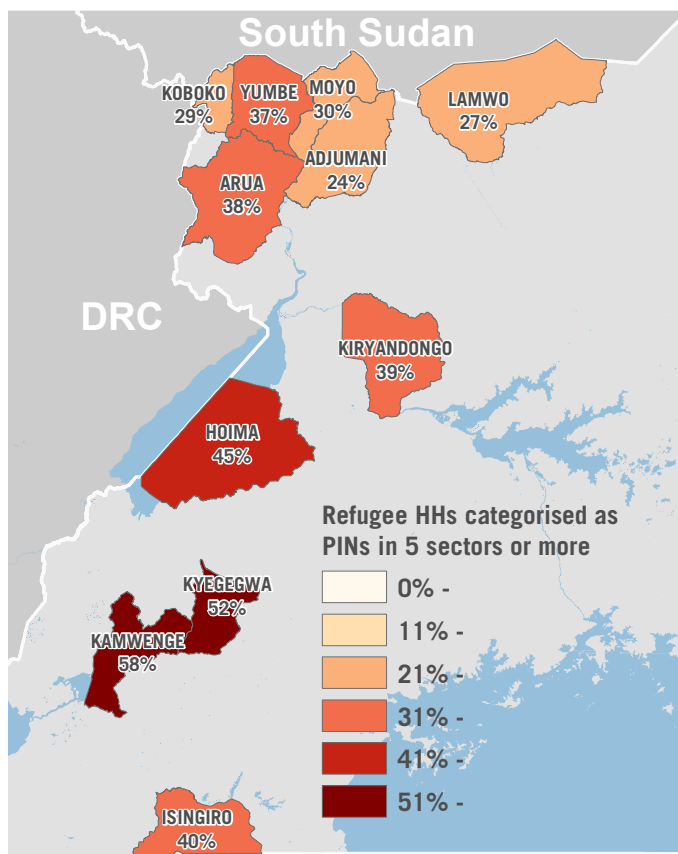
12,120 key informant interviews

70,241 head of household interviews



Below: The Uganda MSNA compiled information on both refugee and host community households (HHs). The MSNA used the “people in need” (PIN) analytical framework to highlight the population groups in most need of humanitarian assistance.

35 References of the Uganda MSNA in the Refugee Response Plan 2019



MAKING THE CASE FOR CASH

REACH aims to inform efficient and localised market-based and cash transfer programming in support of coordination platforms such as cash working groups, Clusters and NGO consortia in humanitarian crises. In 2018, REACH pursued the building of tailored crisis-wide joint data collection models in order to produce cost-efficient and partner-based information outputs. The endgame: to enable evidence-based strategic planning and localised cash transfer programmes.

As part of this approach, REACH continued to develop the Joint Market Monitoring Initiatives (JMMI) to monitor the prices of essential goods across a crisis-affected area on a monthly basis. The JMMIs inform the value of the Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket in the given contexts, which in turn enables the calculation and adjustment of the transfer value used by Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance actors of the response. By adjusting values to trends in local markets, response actors have been able to allocate limited resources more efficiently among eligible beneficiaries.

In 2018, JMMIs were operational in five countries – Yemen, Somalia, Iraq, Syria, and Libya – and developed in South Sudan and the Central African Republic. Across these crises, data was gathered by 45 partners in thousands of markets.

Case study: Joint Market Monitoring Initiatives – A transferable system

The JMMI is designed to be a transferable package of coordination processes and technical approaches that can easily be adapted from one response to the next. First launched in Syria in March 2014, the JMMI has since been implemented in Iraq (2015), Somalia (2016), Libya (2017) and Yemen (2018). Each of these later renditions of the JMMI have used the same toolkit. The toolkit has seen significant improvements in the course of the years as lessons learned across all JMMI countries continue to be incorporated in new editions.

FOCUS ON MIGRATION FROM AREAS OF ORIGIN TO DESTINATION AND BACK

Since the increase in refugee and migrant sea arrivals from the Middle East and Africa to Europe in 2015, humanitarian actors and policy-makers have been grappling with the complexity of large-scale mixed migration. The migration patterns impacting Europe have been characterised by rapid changes caused by reactive policies and the volatile contexts in the areas of origin of migrants. A challenge shared by all actors involved in the response has been the lack of evidence and information on the needs, vulnerabilities, intentions and profiles of migrants and refugees.

In 2018, REACH continued to build its thematic expertise on migration. The migration portfolio expanded to consist of work zooming into migration from, for example, West Africa to Tunisia, Tunisia to Europe and migration routes in Libya. Research and assessment efforts concentrated along the Central Mediterranean Sea route to Europe, with a focus on Libya, Tunisia, Niger and Italy. The work took the shape of several rapid needs assessments, in-depth narrative reports and third party monitoring of mixed migration programming.

Case example: Libya

To date, Libya hosts the largest refugee and migrant population along the coast of northern Africa with migrants arriving in Libya for work and to transit to other destinations, such as Italy or Tunisia. Faced with a highly volatile context, refugees and migrants continue to find themselves in extremely vulnerable conditions. Due to ongoing hostilities and the measures taken by the EU to curb migration through Libya, the country rose to the centre of REACH's work in 2018.

“I don't get all my salary in cash. I get one quarter in kind, because I get paid for work in cash with a small part in kind for housing. Sleeping at work means I can save money on transport. Also, it's safer as I need to leave the house less often and reduce the risk of robbery.”

Senegalese man interviewed for the
“Access to cash and the impact of the liquidity crisis on refugees and migrants” brief

REACH supported aid and response actors in addressing the needs of migrants and refugees residing in Libya by conducting regular rapid assessments mapping needs and vulnerabilities, including the impact of EU migration measures on refugees' and migrants' everyday life as well as their access to cash, food, shelter, water, sanitation and aid. Some of the in-depth studies completed in 2018 focused on vulnerable groups among refugees and migrants, including East African arrivals and unaccompanied and separated children.

EXPANDING HUMANITARIAN SITUATION MONITORING

The work of REACH aims to inform more effective humanitarian planning. An integral part of meeting this goal is informing humanitarian actors of the evolving humanitarian needs in highly volatile contexts where information is of high demand but increasingly difficult to obtain.

Humanitarian Situation Monitoring activities track the changing needs in highly dynamic contexts to ensure swift and effective emergency prioritisation and response in support of vulnerable populations in a given crisis. In close collaboration with national and international partners such as the humanitarian Clusters, in 2018 REACH continued to collect data and produce analysis to monitor needs in, for example, South Sudan, Syria, Nigeria, Somalia and Afghanistan.

The information produced through monitoring activities was used to support prioritisation efforts. In, for example, South Sudan, this information has been analysed through the OCHA led Needs Analysis Working Group – to identify locations that are in need of an emergency response.

How it is done: Methodologies

Methodologies are always adapted to fit their contexts. REACH uses a pragmatic data collection approach to ensure that both accessible populations and those living in hard-to-reach areas are included in the monitoring system. In South Sudan and Syria, REACH interacts to key informants who have knowledge about remote areas or areas experiencing changing needs. In more accessible contexts, information is gathered through, for example, household surveys. When areas are identified as rapidly deteriorating, REACH conducts rapid assessments to verify needs and help decision-makers to keep track of the evolving situation.



REGIONAL OVERVIEW

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

SYRIA,
IRAQ,
JORDAN,
YEMEN,
TUNISIA, LIBYA

The Middle East and North Africa held their position as the regions seeing the bulk of REACH's work in 2018. In total, the operations in the MENA region covered 43 percent of all funding, with Syria receiving the highest share.

The pace of REACH's work was set by the same crises and challenges that have defined the region since the beginning of the decade. Displacement, movement intentions and returns were monitored across Syria and Iraq, while the needs of refugees took centre stage in Jordan.

51 Research cycles carried out in the MENA region
43% Of total budget

SYRIA

After eight years of conflict, the situation in Syria continues to evolve as unpredictable geopolitical elements are introduced into an already complex conflict. The scale, complexity, volatility and severity of humanitarian needs in Syria calls for comprehensive, quick, flexible, and accurate approaches to information gathering and coordination support. By providing information on humanitarian conditions and displacement, REACH supported evidence-based response to effectively meet the needs of vulnerable population groups.

"You (REACH) do highly valuable work across the Syria response. The response wouldn't have managed without you"

DFID representative

Activity highlights

- REACH continued to conduct rapid needs assessments from Eastern Ghouta, Deir-ez-Zor, Ar-Raqqa and Idlib - hotspots of the ongoing conflict in Syria.
- Carried out and expanded humanitarian situation overviews in the country.
- Created community profiles providing information on the humanitarian situation in besieged areas.

Total of 426 outputs

In addition to the work done in the Middle East, the first multi-sector needs assessment conducted in Yemen successfully solidified REACH's role as one of the key information providers in highly volatile contexts.

Furthermore, humanitarian needs monitoring, research on migratory trends and dynamics gained traction in the work conducted in Tunisia and Libya.

85,000+

Total number of downloads of products from Syria, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Jordan and Tunisia

IRAQ

Following years of military operations to retake territory occupied by ISIL, in 2018 the humanitarian context in Iraq shifted into a post-conflict transition phase. During the course of the year, the country continued to be affected by unpredictable security dynamics with an aid context characterised by considerable reconstruction, rehabilitation, humanitarian and protection needs. These dynamics impacted both those in protracted displacement and conflict-affected population in their areas of origin. Within this context, REACH conducted several research activities to inform humanitarian planning and stabilisation efforts.

Activity highlights

- Implementation of multiple research activities, including camp profiling as part of dedicated support to the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster and cash and market monitoring.
- Coordination of the Multi-Cluster Needs Assessment informing strategic humanitarian planning for 2019.
- Multiple area-based assessments in support of early recovery and durable solution activities in areas seeing returns.

Total of 264 outputs

YEMEN

As the conflict in Yemen entered its fourth year, the resulting humanitarian crisis has left more than 24 million Yemenis in need of aid. In the course of the year, the REACH Yemen team supported the work of UN, INGO, and NGO partners through information management and capacity building, data collection and analysis work.

Activity highlights

- Support for the Multi-Cluster Location Assessment as a member of the Technical Working Group.
- Implementation of the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative.
- Completion of the final round of the IDP Hosting Sites Baseline Assessment.
- Implementation of a WASH household-level assessment in 38 prioritised districts.

Total of 61 outputs

REACH supported the design and implementation of one of the only household-level data collection exercises in Yemen.

TUNISIA

In 2018, Tunisians constituted the largest group of irregular migrants reaching Italy over the sea. Additionally, conflicts in Libya triggered an increase of sub-Saharan African migrants crossing to Tunisia, making it a country of both destination and transit. Despite Tunisia's history of emigration and being a country of transit and destination, migration-related statistics and data remain scarce and fragmented. This was the information gap REACH worked to fill this year.

Activity highlights

- Providing development and humanitarian stakeholders with in-depth and actionable data on, for example, recent mobility patterns, migratory profiles and protection risks.
- Completion of two extensive reports on Sub-Saharan migration to and through Tunisia and migration to and from Tunisia.

Total of 2 outputs



A study conducted by REACH ... found that the three most commonly reported factors given by Tunisians as reasons to leave, were socio-economic performance, persisting unemployment and the political crisis."

The Middle East Eye

JORDAN

Jordan has been deeply affected socially and economically by the Syrian crisis. As of 2018, more than 670,000 Syrian refugees were registered with UNHCR, of whom 82% live in rural and urban host communities. The influx of refugees has increased the strain on the country's already scarce resources, limited labour markets and infrastructure. REACH was first deployed to Jordan in 2012 to assist information management efforts in Za'atari and Azraq refugee camps. Today REACH informs response actors across clusters and sectors.

Activity highlights

- Implementation of the fourth Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment together with the World Food Programme. The assessment included non-Syrian registered refugees, vulnerable Jordanians as well as Syrian refugees.
- Implementation of an agriculture assessment on behalf of UN Women and assessment of migrant labour in the agricultural sector and disaster risk reduction assessment for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.
- Completion of a WASH Knowledge Attitudes and Practice assessment in Za'atari and Azraq camps.

Total of 13 outputs

LIBYA

Libya has witnessed severe internal conflict and continuous political unrest since the outbreak of the Libyan crisis in 2011. The volatile security situation affects millions of people across the country, from displaced and non-displaced populations to refugee and migrant groups. In 2018 REACH continued to monitor humanitarian needs in the country and built its portfolio in migration assessments.

"I plan my responses based on REACH's rapid assessments"

Emergency Specialist working in Libya

Activity highlights

- Implementation of various humanitarian assessments including frequent rapid assessments and large-scale Multi-sector Needs Assessments, covering most geographical areas and population groups in Libya.
- Regular price updates of key items in Libya's markets through the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative.
- Publication of studies on mixed migration trends and dynamics in Libya.

Total of 95 outputs

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

UGANDA, SOUTH SUDAN,
SOMALIA, KENYA,
CENTRA AFRICAN REPUBLIC,
NIGER, NIGERIA,
CAMEROON, CHAD,

In 2018, REACH's operations in the Sub-Saharan Africa continued to expand. South Sudan saw the second-highest number of research cycles, with a total of 16 cycles. REACH also participated in two rapid deployments with experts supporting in information management and assessment efforts in Nigeria in response to floods and in Cameroon in response to the escalation of violence.

UGANDA

Over the last 20 years, Uganda's relative stability and progressive refugee policies have made it the destination for 1.2 million registered refugees, including people fleeing conflict in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The various influxes of refugees have aggravated the need for a comprehensive understanding of the humanitarian situation and service provision for refugees living in refugee settlements and urban centres. Furthermore, information on the impact on host communities is increasingly sought for.

Activity highlights

- Facilitation of the first multi-sector needs assessment in Uganda, covering both refugee and host community populations.
- To fill information gaps about humanitarian partner activities and gaps in service delivery, REACH conducted two rounds of a gap analysis assessments. Through extensive key informant interviews with response leadership and partners operating in each location, REACH mapped existing services for refugees and identified remaining needs and gaps in response and programming.

Total of 125 outputs

“**The information we have received from REACH has enhanced our decision-making and planning capacity.**” NGO representative working in South Sudan

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)

During the course of 2017 conflict intensified across the Great Kasai and in the eastern provinces of DRC, and the severe humanitarian situation continued in 2018. DRC currently hosts more than 4.5 million internally displaced people, more than any other African country. Given the scale of the crisis, information for humanitarian planning is very scarce.

40,000+

Total number of downloads for products from South Sudan, Uganda, Nigeria, Niger, Kenya, Chad, CAR and DRC

52

 Research cycles

SOUTH SUDAN

South Sudan remains trapped in a complex humanitarian crisis that has defined the country since the outbreak of conflict in December 2013. An estimate of 1.9 million South Sudanese are internally displaced and 2.3 million have sought refuge in neighbouring countries. REACH's field team works across 14 field bases and engages with key humanitarian agencies and Clusters to inform humanitarian planning and response on the needs of the affected populations.

Activity highlights

- Collection of multi-sectorial data on access to basic services and needs in 50+ counties, including hard-to-reach areas.
- Cross-border and internal population movement monitoring through port and road monitoring activities.
- Contribution to key multi-stakeholder analysis processes such as the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification updates.
- Engagement with the Refugee Response in South Sudan, and has support to UNHCR and humanitarian partners by gathering and analysing geo-referenced data in refugee camps in Maban, Pariang and Ajuong Thok.

Total of 236 outputs

Activity highlights

- In collaboration with the global WASH and Shelter Clusters REACH supported the implementation of joint assessments in 8 affected provinces. The collaboration gathered and analysed data on humanitarian needs, built assessment capacity of partners including local organizations, and promoted a joint approach to maximize available resources and foster inter-sectorial analysis.

Total of 86 outputs

SOMALIA

Natural shocks and armed conflict have led to the disruption of critical infrastructure and basic services, large population movements, violence and pervasive poverty in Somalia. These trends have been coupled with rapid urbanisation and limited livelihood opportunities, which have deeply eroded household resilience. REACH works closely with humanitarian coordination structures and partners in order to collaboratively collect data and analyse findings from different country-wide mapping and assessment exercises.

Activity highlights

- Implementation of a joint Multi-Cluster Needs Assessment informing the Humanitarian Needs Overview.
- Facilitation of a Detailed Site Assessments and Comprehensive Site Assessments which consist of the mapping and in-depth multi-sectoral profiling of IDP settlements across Somalia.

Total of 156 outputs

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

CAR has been impacted by an acute security and political crisis since 2013. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced due to the violence. Together with UNICEF and other NGOs, REACH supports emergency mechanisms across the country and in the capital Bangui.

Activity highlights

- Support for the Rapid Response Mechanism.
- Support in the implementation of cash response modalities.
- Revision of Rapid Multisector Assessment and Post-Distribution Monitoring tools.

Total of 21 outputs

The Niger Humanitarian Needs Overview 2019 made 21 references to different assessments carried out by REACH in 2018.

NIGER

REACH was first deployed to Niger in early 2012 in response to displacement related to the Mali crisis. Subsequently, REACH launched programs in the Diffa region, heavily affected by the escalation of the Boko Haram crisis. Today, multiple humanitarian crises collide in Niger. In addition to responding to information needs on displacement in Diffa, REACH launched its first migration assessment in Agadez in 2018.

Total of 120 outputs

NIGERIA

Following nine years of conflict, Northeast Nigeria is experiencing humanitarian needs across all sectors. Approximately 7.1 million people were estimated in need of assistance, with 1.8 million displaced, as of November 2018. While the response has focused on relatively accessible locations, approximately 823,000 individuals remaining in areas inaccessible to aid. REACH provides information management services to assist the humanitarian response.

Activity highlights

- Implementation of a Multi-sector Needs Assessment as a baseline of needs in accessible areas, and a Hard to Reach assessment which monitors needs in inaccessible areas.
- Rolling out of a Local Government Area profiling, which assesses needs in garrison towns, and research on New Arrivals assessing needs and displacement patterns of newly arrived IDPs in four garrison towns.

Total of 139 outputs

Rapid deployment: Cameroon

Hundreds of thousands were displaced in North-West and South-West Cameroon following the escalation of tensions. REACH was deployed to the country in support of the Shelter and WASH clusters and to provide information on the humanitarian conditions in the region.

KENYA

Kenya is characterised by fragile ecosystems, drought-prone climate conditions, disparities in infrastructure and political divisions that together pose a major development challenge. In addition to this, Kenya hosts a large asylum-seeking and refugee population due to its proximity to volatile areas. In 2018, REACH Kenya monitored the Dadaab refugee camp complex and provided information on the needs and intentions of refugee residents.

Total of 20 outputs

CHAD

Chad is neighbour to several crises leading to hundreds of thousands of people fleeing into, within or through the country. These movements occur in volatile contexts, making it difficult to understand where, when and how many people are in need. In response, REACH intervened to inform humanitarian actors on conditions faced by populations in the Lake Chad region and along the border with CAR.

Total of 20 outputs

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

ASIA

 | AFGHANISTAN,
BANGLADESH, INDONESIA

During 2018, the work carried out in Afghanistan and Bangladesh continued to grow with both country programmes increasing their role as key information providers for humanitarian actors. In September, REACH's presence in Asia grew as a team was deployed to Indonesia following the tsunami in Southern Sulawesi.

AFGHANISTAN

With over 18 years of conflict, a devastating drought in 2018 and limited access to basic services, Afghanistan is entrenched in widespread poverty, displacement and volatility. REACH has been in Afghanistan since 2016 to support the humanitarian community to prioritise and coordinate the humanitarian response across all provinces, including hard-to-reach areas, by gathering and making up-to-date and timely information available.

Activity highlights

- Mapping and profiling of 70 hard-to-reach districts.
- Coordination of the Whole of Afghanistan Assessment - the main data source for the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview.
- In partnership with the Protection and WASH Clusters, REACH conducted sector-specific needs assessments on conflict and drought, the year's two main drivers of the humanitarian crisis.

Total of 54 outputs

INDONESIA

Indonesia is a highly disaster-prone country, and humanitarian assistance is repeatedly directed at responding to major disasters. Following an earthquake, tsunami and liquefaction taking place in September in Central Sulawesi, REACH deployed to the country in order to provide information on the extent of damage and the needs of affected populations. The Multi-Sector Needs Assessment remains the only representative household-level assessment conducted since the disaster.

18,000+

Downloads on products from Bangladesh lifting the mission to the country seeing the third most downloads across REACH's operations

14

 Research cycles

613

 Maps

70+

 References in Humanitarian Needs Overview for Afghanistan

BANGLADESH

Since August 2017, over 700,000 Rohingya refugees have crossed into Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar District, fleeing violence and persecution in Myanmar. Refugees remain dependent on humanitarian assistance to meet basic needs and are confined to "megacamps" located in hilly areas vulnerable to landslides, flash-flooding and cyclones. The scale of the refugee influx has also placed significant strain on host communities' infrastructure, services and economy in what is already one of the poorest parts of Bangladesh.

Activity highlights

- Implementation of multi-sectoral assessments in both refugee camps and host communities.
- Close assessment and information management support for the WASH sector in the form of camp infrastructure mapping and monitoring as well as household surveys. These were coupled with protection-focused assessments for UNHCR.
- Creation of camp-level hazard risk profiles in preparation for the 2018 monsoon season.

Total of 902 outputs

The research conducted in Indonesia was used to evaluate the extent of the damage and the needs of the population after three months of displacement. It is the only representative household-level assessment conducted since the disaster.

Activity highlights

- Mapping of damaged areas and displacement settlement locations in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, tsunami and liquefaction.
- Implementation of a household multi-sector needs assessment of the population needs and intentions three months after the disaster.

Total of 43 outputs

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

EUROPE | UKRAINE, ITALY

49 References in the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview for Ukraine

UKRAINE

Since 2015, REACH has supported evidence-based humanitarian and development action in the conflict-affected regions of Eastern Ukraine by implementing 14 comprehensive assessments. In 2018, active conflict along the 427 kilometre Line of Contact generated continued humanitarian needs for hundreds of thousands of vulnerable individuals residing in these high-risk areas. Furthermore, humanitarian needs remain high for the residents in non-government-controlled areas who have lost access to several basic services and networks due to this crisis.

Activity highlights

- Implemented three assessments and continued to build capacities of local organisations through the Information Management HUB.
- Conducted the first Winter Assessment to better understand the impact of cold temperatures on humanitarian needs.
- Carried out a Humanitarian Trend Analysis and the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment in Non-Government Controlled Areas, which highlighted continued humanitarian needs along the contact line and in the region as a whole.

Total of 24 outputs

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

LATIN AMERICA

BRAZIL

With the turmoil in Venezuela deepening, millions of Venezuelans have been displaced across neighbouring countries. In Brazil some 200,000 people crossed the border as asylum seekers and migrants into one of Brazil's poorest and most sparsely populated states, Roraima. In April 2018, the Federal Government declared a state of emergency to support Roraima in managing the burden of arrivals. REACH has been working in support to UNHCR and its partners across northern Brazil.

Work in Europe focused on assessing the impact of the protracted conflict in Ukraine and producing information on migration.

17 Information products on migration produced from Italy

ITALY

Situated at Europe's southern shores, Italy is the primary port of arrival for refugees and migrants aiming to reach Europe via the Central Mediterranean Sea route. Since the early 2000s, hundreds of thousands of refugees and migrants have made the dangerous crossing, with many fleeing dire humanitarian conditions in Libya or transiting through Tunisia. While the humanitarian needs of refugees and migrants arriving via sea in Italy are severe, information on their needs, experiences en route and prospects for their future remains scarce. The work of REACH aims to fill these information gaps.

Activity highlights

- Supported local actors to address the needs of refugees and migrants reaching Italy by producing in-depth studies on the experiences of unaccompanied and separated children in Libya before reaching Italy.
- Conducted regular rapid assessments collecting information from refugees and migrants who had recently arrived in Italy from Libya. The data produced was used to inform an evidence-based response in Libya.

Total of 17 outputs

REACH informed UNHCR operations and planning across its humanitarian operation hubs in Pacaraima, Boa Vista and Manaus in Brazil.

Activity highlights

- Supporting UNHCR and its partners to identify and profile Venezuelan asylum seekers and migrants that live in urban areas in Pacaraima.
- Implementation of a number of assessments including monitoring Persons of Concern (PoC) in transit through Roraima State, mapping shelters managed by UNHCR and its partners, conducting area-based assessments of living conditions faced by PoCs.
- Reporting on the information needs of PoCs that are residing across Roraima and Manaus.

Total of 18 outputs

PROVIDING DATA THROUGH

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

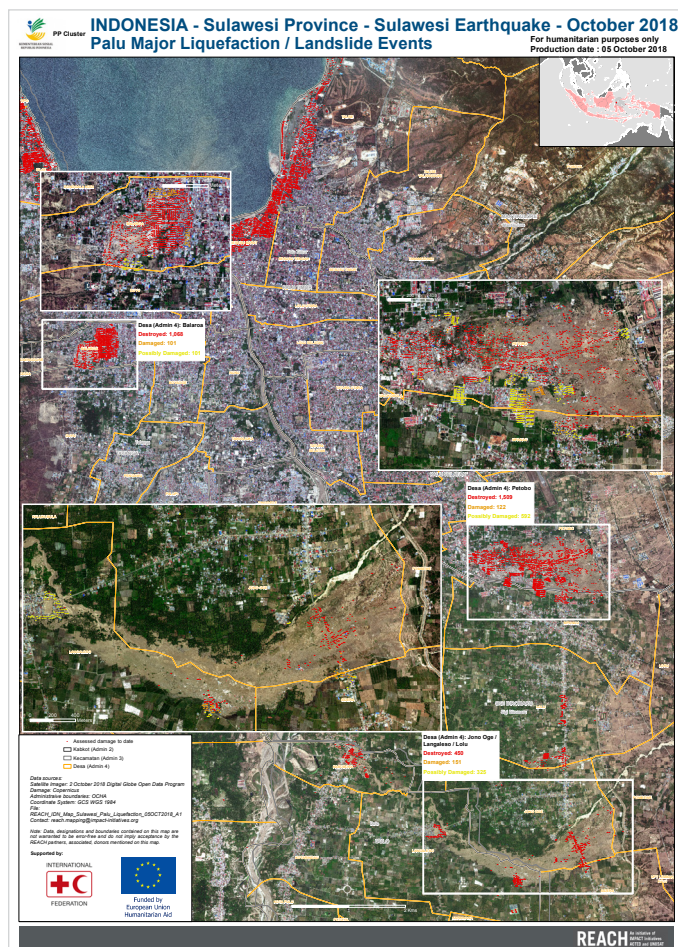
Since its inception, the work of REACH has been shaped by its partnership with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research - Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNITAR-UNOSAT). In 2018, this collaboration took a new step with the establishment of a REACH-UNOSAT remote sensing and analysis unit.

1,224 standalone maps published in 2018
Maps published as part of information products exceed **4,000**

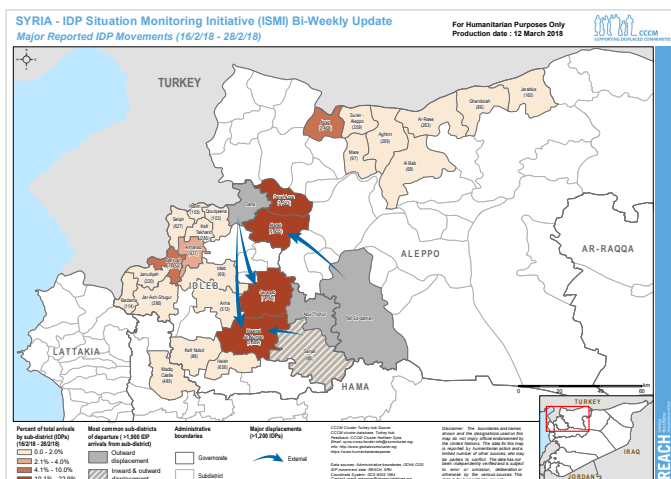
Highest volume of standalone maps produced from Bangladesh (541), Syria (153) and Iraq (131)

The new REACH-UNOSAT GIS Unit marked the renewal of the partnership and enabled the dedication of two experts, one from UNOSAT and one from REACH, to support country operations and develop new mapping products. In 2018, new approaches focused on:

- Seasonal changes in IDP settlements in Baidoa, Somalia
- Analysis of settlement dynamics in hard-to-reach areas in Nigeria near the shores of Lake Chad
- Verifying existing settlement datasets in CAR through analysis of more recent, lower resolution imagery in the Google Earth Engine
- Applying Artificial Intelligence to shelter analysis in camp settings in Kenya and Syria



After an earthquake and ensuing tsunami and liquefaction hit the city of Palu in Indonesia, REACH conducted a satellite damage assessment mapping the worst-hit locations in the area. The map was disseminated to response actors by the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management.



REACH Syria continued to conduct monthly IDP situation monitoring in Idlib, Hama and Aleppo governorates in collaboration with the CCCM Cluster. In 2018, a total of 12 standalone maps were produced for the Cluster. The maps visualized the direction of movement and the percentage of displaced people in assessed locations.

Growing interest in Artificial Intelligence - First pilots rolled out

UNOSAT has been collaborating with UN Global Pulse in the development of a tool harnessing artificial intelligence in order to map refugee and IDP settlements. The tool allows an analyst to incrementally annotate automated results, a process referred to as augmented detection. The aim of the tool is to increase the accuracy of results while reducing the amount of manual analysis. REACH has been supporting the team with training data from previous exercises and providing a connection to the field and funding the testing of the tool in different contexts. The tool was first tested in Dadaab in Kenya in 2018.

Please note that figures presented in this report are general and in some cases refer to overall IMPACT figures. REACH represented 97% of all information products published by IMPACT so it is safe to say that disparities are small.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

THE IMPACT OF REACH'S WORK

According to the Global Humanitarian Overview for 2019, approximately 131 million people across the world are currently in need of humanitarian assistance and protection. Within this context and with an aim of promoting knowledge, tools and practices for better and more effective decision-making in humanitarian and development settings, REACH teams conducted more than 150 research cycles in 25 countries. The impact of this work has been substantial and REACH's findings were used by humanitarian decision-makers across contexts to better plan and design response. Below are some key figures of the impact of our work in 2018.

In 2018...

REACH conducted

163 Research cycles **+40%** growth compared to 2017

The highest number of research cycles were implemented in **Syria (25)**, **South Sudan (16)**, **Iraq (15)** and **Jordan (15)**.

This work was conducted together and with the support of more than **660** partners

Information products made available by REACH were downloaded

149,285 times

In **Libya**, **Nigeria** and **Syria**, the number of downloads increased significantly (more than 60%) since 2017.

610 Overall citations across reports, assessments and the media

REACH informed

... global and national Humanitarian Needs Overviews and response plans in **Afghanistan**, **Iraq**, **Libya**, **Nigeria**, **Somalia**, **South Sudan**, **Syria**, **Ukraine** and **Yemen**.

... refugee response planning and coordination in **Bangladesh** and **Uganda**.

... quick, efficient and localised responses to meet the needs of affected populations through timely rapid needs assessments in **Libya**, **Syria** and **South Sudan**.

The most common documents referencing the work of REACH included country-level strategic coordination and planning documents, such as inter-agency and inter-cluster strategies and plans, cluster plans and strategies, and donor publications. In addition to this, REACH's work informed the development of sectoral and cluster-level plans and strategies.

The second most common type of references were found in media publications, with work done in Libya, Syria, Tunisia and Uganda receiving most coverage. Media coverage is a significant input for overall impact as it enabled REACH to branch out to audiences outside of the humanitarian sector.

Beyond humanitarian audiences: References in world leading news

In 2018, the work of REACH was cited in 26 news articles. Media using the information made available by REACH included leading news outlets, such as The New York Times, BBC and The Guardian. In addition to making headlines in the international media sphere, REACH's work was cited in national news providers such as the Libya Herald.

The media mentions were an outcome of an increased emphasis on media relations and social media activity. Five press releases and five media bulletins were sent out during the second half of the year and Twitter activity was raised to a rate of almost daily tweets.

FINANCE, ADMIN, LOGISTICS AND HR IN NUMBERS

Annual budget:

19.2 mil
Swiss Francs*

UN donors including:
UNHCR, UN Women, UNICEF,
OCHA and UNDP

Non-UN donors including:
OFDA, Europe Aid, and ECHO

And others including:
NRC, MERF Start Network,
World Bank and CARE

Budget allocated across:

- MENA - 43%
- Africa - 33%
- Asia - 13%
- Global - 7%
- Europe - 4%
- America - 1%

Budget per donor

- Non-UN - 66%
- UN - 32%
- Other - 1%

Examples of funding agencies:



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Swiss Agency for Development
and Cooperation SDC



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

giz

Deutsche Gesellschaft
für Internationale
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



WORLD BANK GROUP



START
NETWORK



UKaid
from the British people



Humanitarian Aid
and Civil Protection

PARTNERS

REACH promotes a collaborative approach and supports established inter-agency coordination mechanisms at global and country levels. In 2018, REACH 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. Below are examples of our partners.

GLOBAL CLUSTERS



Global Shelter Cluster
ShelterCluster.org
Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter



UN AGENCIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency



OCHA



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



International Organization for Migration (IOM)
The UN Migration Agency

OTHER PARTNERS



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