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| **HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE MONITORING PLAN**  2023 Humanitarian Response Plan - *Country name* | |
| **January to December 2023** | **Prepared by the Inter-cluster Coordination Group for the Humanitarian Country Team** |

# Introduction

*The present monitoring plan describes how the humanitarian community will ensure effective and timely monitoring of the HRP implementation and achievements in COUNTRY YEAR. This plan presents the collection and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data and information, to measure the achievements of the collective humanitarian response, all along the year.*

*Monitoring aims at*

* *providing humanitarian actors with an evidence base for making decisions about what actions should be taken to strengthen the humanitarian response, redress shortcomings, fill gaps and/or adjust the HRP, thus contributing to a more effective and efficient humanitarian response, in the short and long term; and*
* *improving the humanitarian community’s accountability towards affected populations, local governments, donors, and the general public.*

*The monitoring plan is composed of three elements:*

*1) the narrative part, explaining how the monitoring work will be organized;*

*2) the timeline, showing how monitoring data and information activities will be spread over the year; and*

*3) the complete monitoring framework, gathering all indicators, and the parameters depicting how and when they will be measured.*

*The plan was prepared by the Intercluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and endorsed by the HCT on xxxx.*

# What will be monitored: the scope and data structure

*Response monitoring covers objectives and indicators that were set out 1) in the Humanitarian Response Plan (strategic and specific objectives); 2) in the cluster plans (cluster objectives and activities); and 3) in projects.*

*Together, these constitute the following monitoring framework:*



*I: Strategic level: Strategic Objectives (SO) and Specific objectives*

*Indicators are at the outcome level. They are monitored by the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG).*

*II: Cluster level: Cluster Objectives and Cluster Activities*

*Indicators are at the outcome and output levels. They are monitored by the Cluster Coordinators.*

*III: Projects:*

*Indicators are at the output level. They are monitored by the project owners, who report to the corresponding cluster.*

*While acknowledging the importance of all levels of monitoring, this monitoring plan measures the progress of the collective humanitarian response by focusing on the upper two levels, i.e. Strategic Objectives and Cluster Objectives. The monitoring framework at the end of this document provides a detailed presentation of these objectives and indicators, with baseline, need, targets, and all parameters defining when and how they will be measured.*

*Further to this, financial inputs are monitored through the online* [*Financial Tracking Service (FTS)*](https://fts.unocha.org/) *platform.*

# The measure of indicators

*The monitoring framework details how each indicator will be measured.*

*This includes the following parameters:*

***Indicator label:*** *the precise description of what is being measured*

***Baseline:*** *the value of the indicator before the planned action started*

***Need:*** *the total need for the group considered for the indicator, i.e. the ideal target*

***Target:*** *the intended value of the indicator after action, i.e. the realistic target*

***Data source:*** *where the indicator measure will be found*

***Data collection method:*** *what method will be used for collecting the data*

***Data collection frequency:*** *when the data will be collected along the year*

***Data collection responsible:*** *who is in charge of collecting this data*

***Data validation responsible:*** *who is in charge of validating the data*

***Data storage:*** *where the data will be stored*

# Data flow: collection, validation and storage

*Project indicators will be measured by the project owners, and reported through xxx*

*Indicators attached to Cluster Plans will be monitored and aggregated by the Cluster Coordinators, and reported through xxx*

*At the strategic level, both cluster coordinators and OCHA contribute to measuring indicators, and report through xxx.*

*A third party may be involved in measuring some indicators.*

*As much as possible, all actors should set up monitoring processes that call for the active participation of the target population.*

# Data systems

*The humanitarian community is using the following data systems, for the storage and sharing of monitoring data:*

* *HPC Tools / Response Planning Module (RPM) for the strategic and cluster objectives and indicators*
* *HPC Tools / Project Module (PM) for the projects*
* *HPC Tools / Financial Tracking Service (FTS) for tracking the financial requirements and funding received*
* *HPC Tools / Humanitarian INSIGHT for displaying all operational and financial data*
* *Other: Activity Info / Report Hub / eTools / Excel-3W / etc.*

# Analysis

*Every 3 months, the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group will gather all monitoring data available and analyze the progress of the response. Then, it will take decisions on corrective actions, and present findings and recommendations to the HCT.*

# Information sharing and Reporting schedule

*The data and information resulting from the monitoring work will be shared through the following channels:*

*- The country page on Humanitarian INSIGHT will display the monitoring data at the strategic and cluster levels in a continuous manner.*

*- Dashboards will be produced quarterly, i.e. in April, July, October, and January.*

*These will present information on the humanitarian response, needs, and gaps at the strategic and cluster levels in a concise and graphical manner.*

*- Intermediate progress reports will be produced in April and August.*

*These will present progress made on strategic objectives, challenges faced in reaching the set targets, changes in the context, if any, an analysis of funding, and recommendations for the way forward. Each cluster will also elaborate on achievements towards cluster objectives, any changes in the context, challenges faced, and recommendations to address gaps in the response.*

*- An end-of-year report will be produced in January of the following year.*

*This report will present final indicators values, achievements, successes and challenges, and an analysis of funding.*

*- Monitoring data and information will also inform the next Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO), and the Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) prepared at the end of the year.*

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# Roles and responsibilities

*Monitoring roles and responsibilities are distributed as follows:*

***HC/HCT:***

* *Endorse the humanitarian response monitoring plan*
* *Ensure adequate financial and human resources to implement the monitoring actions*
* *Receive and discuss the reports submitted, and act upon recommendations*
* *Decide on the dissemination of reports to stakeholders and the general public*

***OCHA:***

* *Appoints a monitoring officer/focal point*
* *Coordinates all inter-cluster efforts as mentioned below (ICCG)*
* *Regularly updates the HC/HCT on the progress of the humanitarian response, with monitoring data and financial updates*
* *Disseminates reports as agreed by the HCT, and uploads them to the country’s website*
* *Provides the required information to OCHA HQ for the Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO)*

***Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG):***

* *Develops the humanitarian response monitoring plan, and revises when necessary*
* *Ensures adequate resources are provided to conduct the planned monitoring work*
* *Monitors and reports against strategic objectives and specific objectives indicators*
* *Produces online and pdf reports as scheduled, based on consolidated cluster and inter-cluster information, data, and analysis*

***Cluster Coordinators:***

* *Appoint a monitoring officer/focal point*
* *Write specific cluster monitoring plans, with indicators attached to cluster objectives and cluster activities*
* *Allocate adequate resources to collect and consolidate cluster monitoring data*
* *Provide cluster members with adequate tools to report on their projects in a consistent manner*
* *Ensure cluster monitoring activities are effectively undertaken by cluster members*
* *Aggregate and analyze monitoring data and information against cluster objectives and indicators, and provide them to the ICCG for the production of reports as scheduled*

***Cluster Members:***

* *Appoint a monitoring officer/focal point*
* *Contribute to developing cluster monitoring plans, in close collaboration with the Cluster Coordinators*
* *Allocate adequate resources towards field monitoring activities*
* *Regularly report project output data in the tool(s) proposed by the Cluster Coordinators.*

# **Resources**

*Every organization (OCHA, clusters, agencies, NGOs) will provide the human and financial resources required for the monitoring activities under its responsibilities.*

*A specific financial envelope is required / provided by donor XXXX for the monitoring of activities xxxx.*

*Third-party monitoring will be conducted for activities yyyy and will be funded by zzzz.*

*The data systems used for monitoring and data storage are funded by xxxxxx.*

# HRP Monitoring Framework

