



Overview

The Global Information Management, Assessment and Analysis Cell (GIMAC) is a humanitarian multi-stakeholder¹ initiative, proposed jointly by several United Nations and international NGO partners. GIMAC aims to coordinate, structure, collate, manage and analyse COVID-19 related information; and to provide technical support and services to prioritised countries and global decision making based on a request.

Objectives

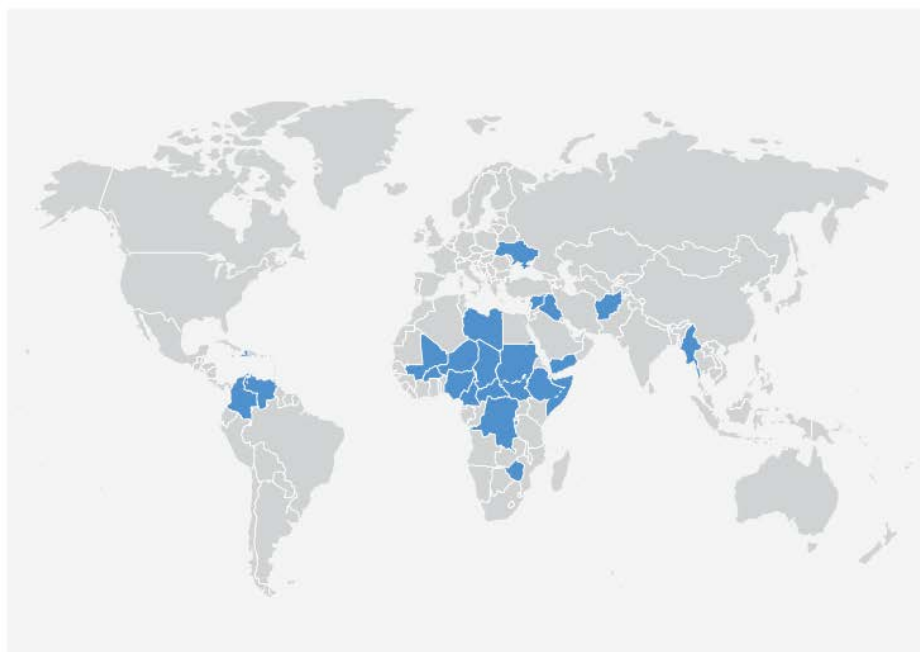
GIMAC is a time-bound activity meant to be operational for a limited period, as signalled by demands received from, and relevance to users.

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

(Please see concept note for more details)

Initiation phase: mobilisation & targeted field support

In the initial phase, GIMAC is providing targeted technical support and services to 25 countries which are implementing Humanitarian Response Plans. The geographical scope of this initiative may expand based on resources of the cell. The first round of field support will be provided until the end of June 2020.



**HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSE
PLANS (HRP)**

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Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, CAR, Chad, Colombia, DRC, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iraq, Libya, Mali, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, oPt, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe

¹ Co-leads: OCHA NARAS, UNHCR, WHO, Global Health Cluster and IOM. Partners: IFRC, JIPS, UNICEF, Data Friendly Space, IMMAP, MAPACTION, IOM, REACH/IMPACT Initiative, ACAPS, WFP, Mercy Corps, OCHA-ERS, OCHA-FIS, inter-agency Data Entry and Exploration Platform (DEEP), UNFPA, HDX, UNOSAT, WorldPop and FlowMinder.



Based on the initial capacity, GIMAC can provide following remote country-level support. (updated on 21 May 2020):

Support category	Sub-category	An indicative estimate of the time required for the support (the time would vary depending on the request and context)
1. Technical support & guidance on needs assessment and analysis	1.1. Country-specific guidance for the needs assessment and analysis.	5-10 days
	1.2. Develop methodologies, tools and related information management components for secondary or primary data collection and analysis.	2-4 weeks
2. Joint analysis	2.1. Situation analysis	5-10 days
	2.2. Comprehensive analysis	2-4 weeks
	2.3. Risk analysis	2-4 weeks
	2.4. Satellite-derived analysis by UNOSAT	2-5 days
3. Capacity building: secondary data analysis via Data Entry and Exploratory Platform (DEEP)	3.1. Remote training on secondary data analysis and use of the DEEP platform.	5-10 days

Note: More support and services are expected to be included in the coming weeks.

Support modalities

Please read the following support modalities before submitting the field support request:

- Countries requesting support must **define the scope and objectives of the request** with a clear beginning and end.
- The relationship between the country requesting support and the GIMAC is of **mutual collaboration, partnership and trust**; working together to achieve agreed-upon objectives of the request.
- The support requests **must be generated in close collaboration with the United Nations Country Team/Humanitarian Country Team or Inter-Cluster Coordination Group**. However, the request can be initiated from various coordination forums which are inter-



cluster/agency in nature. This may include **Information Management Working Group (IMWG), Assessment Working Group (or equivalent)**, Inter-Cluster Coordination Groups, Humanitarian Country Team and or by multiple stakeholders.

- The GIMAC field request mechanism is for **inter-sectoral or multi-sectoral requests only**.
- Since GIMAC will not be able to respond to all the requests simultaneously, **each support request will be evaluated based on the combination of the following criteria. Priority will be given to support requests that are:**
 - **Time-critical** in nature and linked to **well-defined decision-making process** such as revision of response plan etc.;
 - From countries where the **humanitarian situation has deteriorated significantly** due to COVID-19 direct and indirect consequences;
 - From countries where there is **a high likelihood of specific risks** that may result in life-threatening consequences for a significant portion of the population; and
 - From countries where there are **technical or resource gaps** with low capacity to undertake requested support.
- Once GIMAC receives the request, a **call will be scheduled to understand the support** needs further. To manage expectations, a set of objectives with a process, outcomes and timeline will be agreed.
- Countries can submit only one request at a time**. Once the request is completed, another request can be submitted. The second request will be considered based on the capacity of the Cell and workload of other pending requests.
- For each request, the **country can choose one of the three support categories offered** for the time being. However, the country can choose multiple support sub-categories.
- Most of the **support services are dependent on data and information availability**. The country requesting these services must share data and information promptly for the Cell to produce the requested support. Simultaneously GIMAC will collect secondary data from partners and sources publicly available.
- The **collaboration and quick feedback between field counterparts** and the Cell is essential to interpret and validate findings or provide guidance which is relevant to the context.
- The **support request mechanism may be closed for some time** if the number of requests exceeds the capacity of the Cell until the pending requests are completed.
- The status of the request** will be available on the [GIMAC.info](http://www.GIMAC.info) and products or summary of the products will be shared on the website after consultation with the requesting country.



- GIMAC would **share all field requests with GCCG** and work closely with **Global Clusters**, in addition to agencies and participating organisations.

Detail menu of support and services

Please see below the detail support menu as of 21 May 2020.

Categories	Sub-categories	Description
Technical support & guidance on needs assessment and analysis	1.1. Country-specific guidance for the needs assessment and analysis.	<p>Guidance for needs assessment such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The joint needs assessment guidance in COVID-19 situation; • Harmonised secondary data collection and analysis; • Remote needs assessments and methods, • Data responsibility and security in remote assessments. • Needs assessment protocols in consideration of health risks/social distancing or mitigating measures; • Approaches to inclusivity in assessments in COVID-19; • Remote joint analysis guidance etc. • Country specific review or development of PIN methodologies. (In consultation with Global Clusters)
	1.2. Develop or review methodologies, tools and related information management components for secondary or primary data collection and analysis.	<p>Methodology and tool such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct expert judgement to understand needs, identification of vulnerable population groups, estimates of population figures and/or risks; • Remote needs assessments via call centre, messages and other technology solutions; • Methods and tools for remote monitoring; • Review of existing tools and methodologies in light of COVID-19 restrictions and health risks. • Identification of Target Groups. • Support for the development of technical definitions.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of Urban Profiling and area-based methodologies.
Joint analysis	2.1. Situation analysis	<p>A short snapshot of the humanitarian situation in the country or a specific geographical area. The analysis provides awareness, understanding and interpretation of what is happening in the operational environment and how the crisis is impacting people. It anticipates what is about to change or happen based on past trends and emerging shocks or stresses.</p> <p>Situation analysis support decisions at the strategic level such as formulating humanitarian response strategy, tactics, policy, advocacy and access modalities. This may include support to ongoing analysis or requesting a new analysis.</p>
	2.2. Comprehensive analysis	<p>A comprehensive analysis will provide joint analysis of most vulnerable population groups’ humanitarian needs, including a description of the comprehensive impact shocks and stresses, and immediate and underlying causes. Risks identification, where possible provide a projection of humanitarian needs and implications for short-term and medium-term response planning.</p>
	2.3. Risk analysis	<p>Risk analysis will determine what will drive changes (positive and negative) of humanitarian needs, estimate likelihood and impact, where possible provide a most likely scenario and projections of needs.</p>
	2.4. Satellite-derived analysis by UNOSAT	<p>The satellite-derived analysis can be provided for natural disasters (see catalogue) or in a conflict setting. Please provide relevant details in your request such as type of context (for example tropical storm, flood, earthquake, conflict); geographic area/location, ideally sent as KML file or latitude/longitude coordinates; however, place names are also acceptable.</p>



Capacity building: secondary data analysis via Data Entry and Exploratory Platform (DEEP)	3.1. Remote training on secondary data analysis and use of the DEEP .	Designing and delivery of context-specific online sessions on how to conduct secondary data analysis and basic training on the DEEP .

Support request form

Please use this form to request support:

[Submit Request](#)