An overview of how humanitarian actors have accessed, used, and responded to IMPACT’s activities over the course of 2020. The data shown below is retrieved from IMPACT’s Global Monitoring and Evaluation report, sourcing information from partners, donors, and other actors present on the ground.

**Uganda**

- **30 information products** published across **13 different research cycles (RCs)**
- **Approximately 5,800 downloads** of information products from digital platforms online
- **REACH cited over 7 times** in strategic documents including: Interagency Revised Uganda Country Refugee Response Plan
- **25+ organisations** engaged in different capacities

**Shaping operational planning on the ground**

The COVID-19 market monitoring improved the humanitarian community's understanding of the impact of COVID on prices, and in turn provided information on the resources needed for refugees and host communities to meet their needs.

To support the COVID-19 response, REACH conducted a Risk Communication and Community Engagement assessment that identified the level of risk perception, the adoption of preventative measures, and the information channels used by refugee and host communities, making a critical contribution to the effectiveness of interventions by humanitarian actors and the Ugandan ministry of health.

**Informing strategic planning and decision-making**

The Vulnerability and Essential Needs Assessment (VENA) encouraged the humanitarian community to take a closer look at how assistance could be better prioritised to assist the most vulnerable, and move away from current blanket distribution to a targeting based on vulnerability. Based on the VENA, discussions are ongoing on how to operationalise vulnerability/needs-based prioritisation.

REACH’s role as a co-lead of the Assessment Technical Working Group (ATWG) was also appreciated for the technical support and inputs provided.

**Adapting to COVID-19:**

- At least 3 RCs with a key focus on COVID-19, primarily on the impact of COVID, Cash & Markets and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) / Communication with Communities (CwC).
- Adapted programming to be able to respond to quickly arising information gaps, including COVID 19 market monitoring, 4W mapping of the COVID response with the ministry of health, COVID risk communication and community engagement assessment.