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.

**OUR IMPACT**

### 44 information products published across 9 different research cycles (RCs)

- **Approximately 8,000 downloads** of information products from digital platforms online

**REACH cited over 120 times** in strategic documents including: Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO), IPC Final Report, Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) & iMMAP/DFS situation analysis on COVID-19 (see [here](#))

### Shaping operational planning on the ground

REACH identified camps and sites in need of immediate response scale-up through the camp and site profiling assessments. In addition, findings from the out of camp displacement contexts in areas around formal sites/camps and in areas of return, were used to highlight priority needs and access to basic services to operational actors intervening in those areas.

### Informing strategic planning and decision-making

Findings from the market analysis and humanitarian situation monitoring fed into the HNO and HRP for 2021, especially to highlight self-reported priority needs and evolution of prices.

### Adapting to COVID-19:

- At least 2 RCs with a key focus on COVID-19, primarily on Impact of COVID and Cash & Markets.
- Supported the development of a COVID-19 vulnerability index that fed into the revised COVID-19 HRP by providing the response with a holistic view of which areas are likely to be worst affected, both in terms of the primary as well as secondary impacts of the pandemic. Relevant COVID-19 indicators were also incorporated into the ongoing Humanitarian Situation Monitoring exercise, providing crucial multi-sectorial analysis on the impact of COVID-19 on issues such as protection and education to the COVID multi-sectorial analysis cell led by the Ministry of Health.

In 2020, the REACH team supported the initial establishment of a needs tracking system that consolidates data on shocks, drivers and underlying needs, using data on humanitarian conditions and response monitoring.

There has been strong buy-in for the pilot of this system within the humanitarian community including [reference to it within the 2021 HNO and HRP](#), where the DRC response has committed to more regularly track and monitor humanitarian needs across: (1) areas of concern where an immediate scale up of response was necessary (2) potential areas of concern where more in-depth assessment was needed to verify severity of specific needs.

By creating synergies between different partners’ data collection initiatives the system aims to link evidence with operational province-level response prioritisation mechanisms working closely with OCHA and relevant cluster partners.