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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.

## Bringing about system-wide change

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.

## 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.

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