Secondary data sources

It is important to collect secondary data during both the preparedness and the assessment phases. There is an increasing amount of information available on websites, especially those related to the relevant UN Cluster. Sometimes contacting Ministries and Departments (such as: Health, Education, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries, Social Work and Pensions, Housing, Water Resources) can be faster as there may be a time lag between data collection and website publishing. Below you will find a list of websites[[1]](#footnote-1) that might provide useful secondary data.

## GENERAL OVERVIEWS, UPDATES, MAPS AND REPORTS

| **Source** | **Type of information provided** | **Web address** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| RELIEF-WEB | General news and updates on emergency situations (organized by countries and sec­tors), maps, OCHA Situation Reports, Cluster Reports | [*www.reliefweb.int*](http://www.reliefweb.int) |
| ACAPS | Assessment tools, secondary data reviews, updates of humanitarian crisis (see GEO) and training materials | [*www.acaps.org/*](http://www.acaps.org/) |
| MAP-ACTION | Maps and technical information: for example, on trade flows | [*www.mapaction.org*](http://www.mapaction.org) |
| UN OCHA | ‘Who Does What Where’ – a contact-management directory | [*3w.unocha.org*](http://3w.unocha.org) |
| WORLD BANK | General country information on various subjects (e.g. agriculture and rural develop­ment, and labour and social protection) | [*data.worldbank.org*](http://data.worldbank.org) |
| UNDP | Detailed reports on development policies and poverty  | [*www.undp.org*](http://www.undp.org) |
| REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS | General country information on various subjects | Africa:[*www.afdb.org*](http://www.afdb.org) |
| Asia: [*www.adb.org*](http://www.adb.org) |
| Europe:[*www.ebrd.com*](http://www.ebrd.com) |
| Americas:[*www.iadb.org*](http://www.iadb.org) |
| IOM | Reports relating to movement of people and shelter needs | [*www.iom.org*](http://www.iom.org) |
| UNHCR | Information on shelter needs and refugee and IDP movements | [*www.unhcr.org*](http://www.unhcr.org) |

## SECTOR SPECIFIC DATA

| **Source** | **Type of information provided** | **Web address** |
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| FEWS-NET | Food-security information, descriptions of livelihoods zones and market profiles, data on markets and trade, food security, and maps of trade flows | [*www.fews.net*](http://www.fews.net) |
| IPC | Integrated Phase Classification for Food Security (IPC) for food regional security information | [*www.ipcinfo.org*](http://www.ipcinfo.org) |
| LOG-CLUSTER | Logistics information relevant to conducting fieldwork, road conditions and travel times, maps and supplier databases (for contacts) | [*www.logcluster.org*](http://www.logcluster.org) |
| WASH-CLUSTER | Updates, technical guidance, tools, advice and reports | [*washcluster.net*](http://washcluster.net) |
| SHELTER-CLUSTER | Updates, technical guidance, tools, advice and reports | [*www.sheltercluster.org*](http://www.sheltercluster.org) |
| SHELTER CENTRE | Library with more than 1,000 shelter and settlement documents shared by agencies | [*www.sheltercentre.org*](http://www.sheltercentre.org) |
| FOOD SECURITY-CLUSTER | Updates, technical guidance, tools, advice and reports. The cluster is undertaking a joint project with WFP ‘Adapting to an urban world’ in which assessment tools and guidance will be developed | [*foodsecuritycluster.net/*](http://foodsecuritycluster.net/) |
| EMERGENCY NUTRITION NETWORK (ENN) | Evidence and know-how for effective nutrition interventions in countries prone to crisis and high levels of malnutrition | [www.ennonline.net](http://www.ennonline.net)  |
| UNICEF | General country-overview information, especially regarding water and sanitation, the health sector and essential household items with a focus on children’s needs | [*www.unicef.org*](http://www.unicef.org) |
| WFP | Information on food-security issues, CFSVA and CFSAM reports | [*www.wfp.org*](http://www.wfp.org) |
| WFP VAM | Detailed food security reports published by the Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping branch of WFP | [*vam.wfp.org*](http://vam.wfp.org) |
| FAO GIEWS | General food price data (the data is usually available the capital and major cities)  | [*www.fao.org/giews/pricetool/*](http://www.fao.org/giews/pricetool/) |
| FAO AND FAOSTAT | Reports and data on food production, food security, and food balance sheets | [*www.fao.org*](http://www.fao.org)[*faostat.fao.org*](http://faostat.fao.org/) |
| FOOD ECONOMY GROUP | Household Economy Approach (HEA) reports | [*www.feg-consulting.com*](http://www.feg-consulting.com) |
| HEA WEBSITE | Household Economy Approach and Cost of the Diet reports | [*www.heawebsite.org*](http://www.heawebsite.org) |
| HEA SAHEL | HEA reports for Sahel countries | [*www.hea-sahel.org*](http://www.hea-sahel.org) |
| LIVELIHOODS  | Livelihoods reports | [*www.livelihoods.org*](http://www.livelihoods.org) |
| LIVELIHOODS RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC) | Guidelines and tools, publications, and news related to livelihoods | [*www.livelihoodscentre.org*](http://www.livelihoodscentre.org) |

## URBAN SPECIFIC DATA

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| **Source** | **Type of information provided** | **Web address** |
| UNHABITAT | Country profiles, reports, guidance and initiatives on urbanization covering a wide range of themes from land tenure to slums and legislation | [*unhabitat.org/*](http://unhabitat.org/) |
| ALNAP URBAN PORTAL | Evaluations, fact sheets, assessment tools and guidance documents | [*www.urban-response.org*](http://www.urban-response.org) |
| FAO-URBAN AGRICULTURE | Reports, guidance | [*www.fao.org/urban-agriculture/en/*](http://www.fao.org/urban-agriculture/en/) |

## CASH PROGRAMMING, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND MOBILE NETWORKS[[2]](#footnote-2)

| **Source** | **Type of information provided** | **Web address** |
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| CASH LEARNING PLATFORM (CALP) | Reports, research documents, videos and advocacy-related materials as well as access to a cash-orientated community of practice | [*www.cashlearning.org*](http://www.cashlearning.org) |
| CASH ATLAS | Global perspective of cash programmes (past and present) | [*www.cashlearning.org*](http://www.cashlearning.org) |
| NETHOPE | Best practice in information technology and communication in humanitarian responses: see e-Payment Toolkit for tools and guidance | [*nethope.org/*](http://nethope.org/) |
| MICROFINANCE GATEWAY | Country profiles on micro-finance institutions and credit services | [*www.microfinancegateway.com*](http://www.microfinancegateway.com) |
| WORLD BANK | Country-level financial inclusion data, number of bank branches and related data | [*datatopics.worldbank.org/financial inclusion/*](http://datatopics.worldbank.org/financial%20inclusion/) |
| SEEP-NETWORK | Web-links to country-specific sites on micro-finance and enterprise development | [*www.seepnetwork.org*](http://www.seepnetwork.org) |
| GSMA: MOBILE FOR DEVELOPMENT IMPACT | Explanation of mobile network coverage at a country level (geographical coverage as well as population) and a range of other statistics related to MNOs | [*https://mobiledevelopmentintelligence.com*](https://mobiledevelopmentintelligence.com) |
| **INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION** | Global information on telecommunication/ICT statistics | [*www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/stat/default.aspx*](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/stat/default.aspx) |

## NETWORKS, COORDINATION AND INFORMATION-SHARING PLATFORMS

| **Source** | **Description of the website** | **Web address** |
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| ACAPS | Aims to support the humanitarian community in mitigating the impact of natural disasters and complex emergencies through the provision of effective humanitarian responses, based on a strong evidence base | [*www.acaps.org*](http://www.acaps.org) |
| ALNAP | System-wide network dedicated to improving humanitarian performance through increased learning and accountability | [*www.alnap.org*](http://www.alnap.org) |
| COORDINATION SUD | French NGOs national coordination platform | [*www.coordinationsud.org*](http://www.coordinationsud.org) |
| GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE | Programme that provides data and analysis on humanitarian financing and related aid flows | [*www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org*](http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org) |
| HUMANITARIAN PRACTICE NETWORK | Network that provides an independent forum for policy-makers, practitioners and others working in or on the humanitarian sector to share and disseminate information, analysis and experience, and to learn from it | [*www.odihpn.org*](http://www.odihpn.org) |
| MARKETS IN CRISIS D‑GROUP | Online community of over 800 humanitarian practitioners with a diverse range of skills and experiences in market-based approaches to crises around the world | [*dgroups.org/dfid/mic*](https://dgroups.org/dfid/mic) |
| START NETWORK | Consortium of leading NGOs working together to strengthen the humanitarian aid system | [*www.start-network.org*](http://www.start-network.org) |
| THE BETTER THAN CASH ALLIANCE | Provides expertise in the transition to digital payments to achieve the goals of empowering people and growing emerging economies | [*betterthancash.org*](http://betterthancash.org) |
| THE EMERGENCY CAPACITY BUILDING (ECB) PROJECT  | Aims to improve the speed, quality, and effectiveness of the humanitarian community in saving lives, improving welfare and protecting the rights of people in emergency situations | [*www.ecbproject.org*](http://www.ecbproject.org) |
| THE HUMANITARIAN COALITION | Network of Canada’s leading aid agencies aimed at financing relief efforts in times of international humanitarian crises | [*humanitariancoalition.ca/*](http://humanitariancoalition.ca/) |

1. Adapted from RAM (IFRC 2013) and CaLP website [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For more websites and google search terms related to financial services: Nethope e-Payment Toolkit; Key Tool: Guide to Electronic Payments Market Assessment [↑](#footnote-ref-2)