

Tools section

Tool 1: Gathering secondary information

Secondary data can be collected from a number of locations – from agency development programmes to government documents. There is an increasing amount of information available on websites. Going straight to information bureaus can be faster as there can be a time lag between data collection and website publishing due to data analysis. Finding region-specific secondary data can be challenging.

Table 1 presents some useful websites that can be consulted for secondary data. Government offices (local, district and central) should be contacted first as they typically collect a lot of price data.

Table 1: Useful websites for secondary data and background information

ReliefWeb: For general news and updates on emergency situations (organized by country and sector), maps, OCHA Situation Reports, Cluster Reports: www.reliefweb.int
FEWS-NET: For food-security information, descriptions of livelihood zones and market profiles, data on markets and trade, food security, maps of trade flows: www.fews.net
IPC: The Integrated Phase Classification for Food Security (IPC) for regional food-security information www.ipcinfo.org
MAP-ACTION: For maps and technical information, for example on trade flows: www.mapaction.org
UN OCHA: 'Who Does What Where' – a contact-management directory: http://3w.unocha.org
LOG-CLUSTER: For logistics information relevant to conducting fieldwork, road conditions and travel times, maps and supplier databases (for contacts): www.logcluster.org
UNICEF: For general country-overview information, especially re water and sanitation, health sector, essential household items. Focus on children's needs: www.unicef.org
WFP: For information on food-security issues, CFSVA and CFSAM reports: www.wfp.org
WFP VAM: The Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping branch publishes detailed food-security reports http://vam.wfp.org
FAO GIEWS: For general food price data (the data is usually available for capital and major cities) http://www.fao.org/giews/pricetool/
FAO and FAOSTAT: For reports and data on food production, food security, as well as food balance sheets. See http://www.fao.org and http://faostat.fao.org
Food Economy Group: For Household Economy Analysis (HEA) reports: www.feg-consulting.com
HEA: For Household Economy Approach, Cost of Diet reports http://www.heawebsite.org
HEA Sahel: For HEA reports for Sahel countries: http://www.hea-sahel.org
Livelihoods Connect: For livelihood reports: www.livelihoods.org

Annexes

World Bank: For general country information on various subjects (e.g. agriculture, rural development, labour and social protection): <http://data.worldbank.org>

Regional Development Banks: For general country information on various subjects Africa: <http://www.afdb.org> Asia: <http://www.adb.org> Europe: <http://www.ebrd.com> Americas: <http://www.iadb.org>

IOM: For reports relating to the movement of people and shelter needs: www.iom.org

UNHCR: For information on shelter needs and refugee and IDP movements: www.unhcr.org

Microfinance Gateway: For country profiles on micro-finance institutions and credit services www.microfinancegateway.com

SEEP-Network: For web-links to country-specific sites on micro-finance, enterprise development www.seepnetwork.org

BDS-Knowledge: For a library of reports on enterprise development and market analyses www.bdsknowledge.org

UNDP: For detailed reports on development policies and livelihood strategies www.undp.org

Value Chain Development Wiki: For good practice in value-chain development http://apps.develebridge.net/amap/index.php/Value_Chain_Development

Micro-Links: For resources in micro-enterprise development in conflict-affected environments www.microlinks.org/ev_en.php?ID=19747_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC

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