



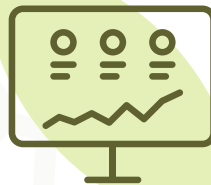
Filling in Research Gaps on Women's and Children Health in Conflict Settings: A Focus on Epidemiology and Burden and Beyond

More data is needed on sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition (WCH) in conflict areas. There are also a number of challenges to collecting such data in conflict contexts, such as safety and security issues.

Below is a summary of next steps for key humanitarian actors to overcome data collection challenges and fill in gaps in the current landscape to better understand the epidemiology of WCH in conflict settings and the burden of conflict on these groups:



Develop **innovative and near-real-time reporting systems** to enable a rapid response to the urgent needs for women, newborns, children and adolescents in conflict settings. Improving both the amount of data captured as well as the quality and relevance of the data.



Adapt or develop **methods to collate and analyze information across existing routine information** systems and from diverse information sources to address the needs of these populations, particularly those dispersed in non-camp settings for whom data is harder to obtain.



Consider **task-sharing strategies** that actively support aspects of research, alongside community-level implementation. Community volunteers could play an important role in data collection, monitoring and evaluation at the community-level.

Read more about the BRANCH Consortium's research on overcoming data collection challenges and filling in gaps in the current landscape on WCH in conflict settings here:

 BRANCH Consortium Summary Brief 1 - **Women's and Children's Health in Conflict Settings: The Current Landscape of the Epidemiology and Burden**

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