

Meeting Minutes

Data Standards Working Group – Mapping and Analysis

4 February 2025, 15:00 CET

Location: Teams

Resources:

- [Presentation](#)
- [Workstream 1 Shared folder](#)
 - [Minimum standards](#)
 - [API catalogue template](#) and [Survey form](#)
 - Draft survey for Mapping of Management Practices

Chair: Cecilia Utas

Attendees: Peter Huang, Mélissa Pointet, James Léon-Dufour, Hector Ibarra Eztala, Nick Imboden, Mary Keller, Janet O'Callaghan, Kenny Chung, Maxym Malynowsky, Lauren Herby, Wasim Chahrour, Francesco Michele, Kashif Rehman, Sandra Sudhoff, David Alford

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed participants and provided an overview of the agenda.

2. Presentation of Objectives for Workstream 1: Mapping and analysis

The Chair outlined the [Objectives of Workstream 1](#) to map data structures, connections, and APIs across major providers/platforms and analyze common elements and existing master data management (MDM) practices.

Key deliverables include:

- API catalogue with minimum standards for inclusion.
- Analysis report on common elements and MDM practices.
- Recommendations for standardization and future actions.

Resources will be shared here: [Workstream 1: Mapping and Analysis Folder](#)

3. Recap of results from Workstream 2: Taxonomy and Vocabularies

- Review of the draft Taxonomy and Vocabulary Catalogue, examining core vocabularies' coverage, minimum standards for format and content, alignment with existing frameworks, and areas needing expansion.
- Identification of key limitations including gaps in coverage, challenges in harmonizing different stakeholders' taxonomies, technical constraints for platform integration, and the need for broader stakeholder engagement.
- Established concrete next steps, with specific vocabularies assigned to responsible organizations for completion by the Humanitarian Network and Partnerships Week in March 2025

See further in [Meeting Minutes: Taxonomy and Vocabulary Workstream - 28 January 2025](#)

4. Review of Draft Minimum standards for inclusion

The group reviewed the initial draft of the [Minimum standards](#) and agreement was documented.

- It was clarified that the minimum standards are for guiding users of the API catalogue. Identified gaps in documentation of an API can lead to 1) no inclusion; 2) included with gaps due to that it is not applicable or 3) outreach by the group to the API owner to improve documentation or performance.
- The [API catalogue template](#) is updated based on the agreed standards.
- A version for the [API Catalogue as a Survey form](#) is also available for ease of use.

5. Review of APIs for inclusion

The initial APIs were reviewed and additional suggestions in the Excel for further exploration and inclusion.

OCHA APIs: CERF FTS CBPF HDX HDX HAPI HPC (RPM & Projects) Humanitarian ID OCT ReliefWeb HXL Proxy	IOM DTM for IDP and camp data WFP food prices ACLED for security events UNESCO education data IPC/Cadre Harmonisé IFRC Go IATI Aid spending UNHCR Statistics API: Forced displacement statistics UNHCR Operational Data Portal	UNSD API Catalogue UNICEF's MICS Data API SDG Api Worldbank data UN Treasury FAO DIEM KoboToolbox Copernicus GDACS UNSD API Catalogue
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Please continue to add to the list on the tab Other APIs.

6. Actions and Next Steps

- Populating API Catalogue
 - @All to continue to add potential APIs for inclusions in the Other APIs tab without commitment of including details
 - Those with own API or well aware of others, start populate to API catalogue: 1) Direct in [the API Catalogue](#); 2) Through [the survey form](#)
- Mapping of data structures, formats and management practices
 - @All review [a draft survey for mapping management practices](#) to be shared with stakeholders for mapping their management practices, standards and formats by 20 February COB. Comments on length, depth and areas to be included are needed.
- Next meeting will tentatively be held 5 March 15PM CET.

