An introduction to

The Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP)

Scaling up early action to make 1 billion people safer from disasters by 2025

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Why Early Action?

Early action / anticipatory action

Acting ahead of a severe weather event, based on forecasts, with pre-arranged finance and plans

- Championed by humanitarian actors, recognising the need to transition from reactive, repetitive crisis response to preventive risk management
- Despite unprecedented forecasting capacity, early warnings do not consistently enable early action by climate-vulnerable countries and communities

Evidence shows that early action

- Saves lives and livelihoods
- Protects development and resilience gains
- Is cost effective
- Enables faster, cheaper, and more dignified humanitarian assistance

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Why REAP?

- Convenes an unprecedented range of stakeholders across the climate, development, humanitarian and hydrometeorological communities
- Collectively aims to make 1 billion people safer from disasters by 2025, by driving a systemic shift towards early action
- Launched at the UN Climate Action Summit (UNCAS) in September 2019...by a cross-sectoral global group of Partners...with four internationally-recognised targets



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Convening Partners

BANGLADESH

BELIZE

EGYPT

FINLAND

FRANCE

GERMANY

IRELAND

JAMAICA

JAPAN

LIECHTENSTEIN

LUXEMBOURG

MALAWI

NORWAY

ST LUCIA

UNITED KINGDOM

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REAP now counts more than 70 Partners cutting across a diverse range of early action stakeholders: https://www.early-action-reap.org/partners

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The 4 Targets



Target 1

50 countries have reviewed and integrated their crisis/disaster risk management and climate adaptation laws, policies and/or plans to ensure that they reduce climate change impacts and exposure on people and the environment.



Target 2

1 billion more people are covered by financing and delivery mechanisms connected to effective early action plans, ensuring they can act ahead of predicted disasters and crises.



Target 3

$500 million invested in early warning system infrastructure and institutions to target early action in 'last/first mile' communities, building on existing initiatives.



Target 4

1 billion more people are covered by new or improved early warning systems, including heatwave early warning, connected to longer-term risk management systems, and supported by effective risk communication and public stakeholder dialogue to prompt informed action.

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REAP's Strategic Vision



REAP envisions activating three Drivers of Change

1. Global commitment on policy and practice

Ensuring that the global policy environment enables early action at the regional and national levels, including by scaling up finance and investment.

2. Enabling local- and country-level ownership and leadership

Supporting climate vulnerable countries by strengthening international coordination; building linkages with Locally Led Adaptation and people-centred approaches; and scaling up Partner activities at the national level.

3. Fostering collaboration and linking supply with demand (or facilitating a 'marketplace')

Increasing collaboration, coherence and understanding between key actors and communities involved in the early action agenda in order to bridge silos and achieve greater collective impact.

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The Drivers of Change in Practice

#1: Generating political momentum

Ensuring that relevant actors (governments, donors, Int'l Orgs, CSOs, private sector) are adopting risk-informed early action approaches as a default.

Using events, high-level champions, communications to drive ambition and increase demand for early and anticipatory approaches.

#2 Creating an enabling environment

Supporting alignment at the national level; capacity building for governments; identifying gaps and opportunities for scaling up early action; identifying existing mechanisms that can be made more anticipatory

#3: Delivering the marketplace

Convening conversations, linking partners, providing opportunities to align, matching capacities and resources with gaps.

Geographic focus on specific contexts; thematic focus on specific issues (e.g., heat, cholera).

Exchange of knowledge, learning and effective practices.

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2021 Milestones

- Launch of the REAP Framework for Action at the Climate Adaptation Summit
- Development of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Strategy
- Closed-door high-level event in collaboration with Wilton Park
- G7 commitments
- UN Food Systems Summit
- OCHA High-level Event
- UNFCCC COP26

2022 Priorities

- **Strategic shift** towards creating an enabling environment and delivering the marketplace
- Bringing more **climate vulnerable governments** into the Partnership, and engaging **MDBs and IFIs** in investing in early action
- Publishing the 2021 **State of Play** and commencing the 2022 update
- Publishing 10 **country case studies on anticipatory action** & initiating the next 10
- Publishing the report **Finance for Early Action** and convening a **donor roundtable** event to mobilise commitments
- Developing an **Early Action Glossary**
- Finalising the **MEL Framework** & Monitoring Plan
- The Global Platform for DRR, MHEWC, COP27, and other major conferences and events

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Key Moments & Opportunities in 2022

EVENTS

- **World Met Day** (UNSG announcement)
- **MENA Climate Week** (launch of State of Play)
- **Global Platform on DRR & Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference**
- **G7 meetings** (Global Shield announcement)
- **International Day for DRR** (Target G on EWS)
- **COP27**
- **COP28** (2-year horizon)

INFLUENCING OPPORTUNITIES – Target 3 example

- **The Words into Action Guide for Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems**
  - UNDRR and partners have drafted a new guide focusing on Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems, to provide practical guidance to the implementation of Sendai Target G.
- **CREWS's Operational Procedures Note No 4: People-Centered Risk-Informed EWS**
  - The note outlines the rationale and steps required to transition to people-centered risk-informed approaches by encouraging collaboration between local level actors.
- **The GCF's Sectoral Guide on Climate Information & Early Warning Systems**
  - This resource aims to guide proposal development for the GCF in line with its investment criteria during its first replenishment period 2020-2023.
- **Generating political momentum: The UN's 'Early Warning for All' Initiative**
  - On 23 March 2022, the UN Secretary-General announced that the UN would spearhead a new initiative to ensure every person on Earth is protected by early warning systems within five years.

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Benefits of becoming a REAP partner

REAP does not provide funds or manage projects directly.

Instead, it:

- **Brings together** like-minded entities who wish to see early and anticipatory approaches taken to scale;
- **Provides a platform** to showcase good practice and influence policy at a global scale;
- **Provides access** to Partners and approaches outside of 'the usual suspects' – there are very few networks that bring together such a diverse group of stakeholders;
- **Connects gaps** in capacity and demands with offers of support (whether financial, technical or political) through its **marketplace**;
- **Identifies** critical **collective actions** and **mobilises** partners to **progress** early and anticipatory **action**.

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