Risk-informed Early Action Partnership

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WHAT TO READ THIS QUARTER

ANTICIPATORY ACTION IN 2023: A GLOBAL OVERVIEW

The Anticipation Hub's second annual overview of anticipatory action, a series that will document changes in the sector over time.

ANTICIPATORY FINANCE: AN INTRODUCTORY GUIDE

An introductory guide to anticipatory finance for governments and others interested in anticipatory action.

FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE: CASE STUDIES IN RESILIENCE & PUBLIC WARNING

Real-world applications of resilience and public warning strategies.

LANGUAGE AND DIGITAL HUMANITARIAN ACTION

The state of inclusion and exclusion for marginalised language speakers in digital humanitarian services

REAP'S FUTURE

The journey towards our Post-2025 strategy kicked off in April, and we're now excited to listen to your insights on REAP's triumphs, trials, and trajectory. Aside from organising workshops & facilitating interviews, we've designed a concise 3-question survey for partners for you to fill it out. Please spread this within your circles! We will now transition from information gathering to crafting proposals with our Core Design Team. Stay in the loop on updates by visiting our Notion site & subscribing to our weekly emails.



REAP TARGET CASE STUDIES

1 COMPREHENSIVE RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE GAMBIA

Earlier this year, Lamin Saidy from the National Disaster Management Agency in The Gambia came to the Target 1 Working Group to share what The Gambia has learned through implementing comprehensive risk management (CRM) approaches - the successes and the ongoing challenges. Despite good progress, there are some very difficult barriers to overcome before The Gambia can mainstream truly CRM as an approach to getting ahead of disasters. Click to read more about how they are responding to these issues.

2 FIJI'S ANTICIPATORY ACTION FRAMEWORK

Fiji is highly vulnerable to tropical cyclones, & climate change is intensifying these events causing severe impacts. Fiji's Anticipatory Action Framework leverages existing government systems to protect lives & livelihoods. The World Food Programme integrated anticipatory action into Fiji's social protection infrastructure to ensure rapid support to at-risk communities before disasters. The model offers valuable insights in other regions facing similar challenges. For further information & the read our blog, click here.

3 TRANSBOUNDARY FLOOD FORECASTING

The Mekong Flood Forecasting and Early Warning System stands as a pivotal example of a transboundary early warning system designed for the unique challenges encountered within and across the boundaries of Least Developed Countries. Cambodia and Laos are susceptible to extreme weather and climate hazards from tropical storms. Central to the development of the system is the integration of diverse data streams. Click here to read more about the development.

4 FLOOD PREPAREDNESS THROUGH EARLY WARNINGS IN WEST AFRICA

Partners Practical Action, Jokalanté and AGRHYMET are undertaking an exciting project in the West African states of Senegal and Niger, helping communities to build resilience through flood preparedness supported by early warning systems - designed by and for the community. Throughout the project, the emphasis is on the communities at risk, involving them in the planning, design, implementation and maintenance, and ensuring that the early warning systems deliver information in a way that enables action. Click here to find out more about how projects like this contribute to REAP Target 3 & Target 4.

REAP PARTNERSHIP PUBLICATIONS

NEW REAP BLOGS



Better Finance for Disasters:
A key mechanism in supporting Small Island Developing States to achieve resilient prosperity



Could disasters and conflict be good for resilience?
New World Risk Poll's resilience report offers interesting insights on our ability to overcome shocks



Beyond people-centred approaches:
Addressing the diverse experiences of women, girls and gender minorities in disasters



Social protection before, during & after climate crises:
How can safety and health from climate-induced hazards be prioritised in developing countries?

NEW

THE ROLES OF STATE AND NON-STATE ACTORS IN EARLY WARNING AND EARLY ACTION

CAPACITY GAPS & COLLABORATION

Find out more in a new paper and blog from the Early Warning Initiatives (EWI) Working Group of REAP

EARLY WARNING & ACTION LEARNING

FOUR GREAT COURSES

UNDRR'S SYNERGIZING DISASTER RISK REDUCTION & CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION COURSE

Of particular relevance to REAP's Target 1, and with support from REAP partners, UNDRR and UNSSC have developed a Thought Leadership Course – Synergizing Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation. Since its launch at the 2023 Bonn Climate Change Conference, around 7000 participants have registered for the course.

IFRC'S ANTICIPATORY ACTION COURSE

Learn how to act before a crisis hits by taking the IFRC's new online course on anticipatory action. This covers essential competencies such as risk assessment, developing early action protocols, and financing for anticipatory action.

UNDP'S CRISIS ACADEMY

UNDP started the Crisis Academy, mainly targeting UNDP staff but also other UN agencies and NGOs to create shared understanding around crises. It includes a Prevention Academy to help act early and at scale for conflict prevention and peacebuilding through a development lens.

GENDER EQUALITY & SOCIAL INCLUSION-RESPONSIVE ANTICIPATORY ACTION

This module builds on the ASEAN Framework on Anticipatory Action in Disaster Management and explains the mainstreaming of gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) in the framework's building blocks.

REAP TARGET 2 WORKING GROUP

CALL FOR EXPERTISE

A Working Group is being formed to support Partners in achieving REAP Target 2: Early action finance and delivery. It will focus on various themes within Target 2, with members networking and collaborating on specific tasks. The group will meet twice a year, with members reporting back to the Partnership and supporting the exchange of ideas.

Experts in different areas are sought to join the group by contacting emma.flaherty@ifrc.org:

- Multilateral development banks
- Disaster risk finance
- Disaster risk reduction
- Social protection
- Private sector financing for humanitarian and development
- Humanitarian - donors
- Humanitarian - anticipatory action implementing agencies
- Development - donors
- Development - implementing agencies
- Regional finance frameworks, coordination
- Locally-led financing approaches



EWEA EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES: JUNE-OCTOBER 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MILESTONES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. PLEASE ADD 2024 EVENTS TO THIS SHARED SPREADSHEET FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.

Opportunity / Milestone / Event	Dates	Location
Understanding Risk Global Forum 2024	18-21 June	Himeji, Japan
Landlocked Developing Countries Third UN Conference	18-21 June	Kigali, Rwanda
MENA Dialogue Platform	10-12 July	Dubai, UAE
3rd G20 DRR WG (1st in-person meeting)	29-30 July	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
79th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 79)	10-24 September	New York, USA
UN Summit of the Future	22-23 September	New York, USA
New York Climate Week	22-29 September	New York, USA
Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	14-17 October	Manilla, Philippines
UNDRR Multistakeholder Forum event for Asia-Pacific	15-17 October	Manilla, Philippines
Asia Pacific Regional Dialogue Platform	16 October	Manilla, Philippines
Grand Bargain Annual Meeting	17 October	Geneva, Switzerland
UNDRR 9th Africa Regional Platform	21-24 October	Windhoek, Namibia
International conference on inclusive insurance 2024	21-25 October	Kathmandu, Nepal
Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)	21-26 October	Apia, Samoa
12th Global Dialogue Platform	22-24 October	Berlin, Germany
2024 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings	25-27 October	Washington D. C., USA
34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent“Navigate Uncertainty – Strengthen Humanity”	28-31 October	Geneva, Switzerland
UNDRR Arab States Regional Platform	28-31 October	Kuwait

REAP PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

MARCH 2024

INTRODUCTION TO IMMAP INC., UNDRR'S SOMALIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN, & ISC/UKHSA HAZARD PROFILE UPDATES

APRIL 2024

INTRODUCTION TO UNHCR, DELTARES, & RESILIENCE RISING

MAY 2024

EARLY WARNINGS FOR ALL SPECIAL: PILLAR LEADS, M&E DASHBOARD AND THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER FORUM

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EARLY ACTION CHAMPIONS

Embedding early action at scale relies on the work of our REAP Partners. Let's celebrate some of that work from the last quarter!

The government of Samoa was instrumental in the support and launch of the 'Getting Ahead of Disasters' Charter at COP28. Additionally, as a key actor alongside AOSIS, Samoa significantly contributed to the negotiation of the ABAS Declaration at SIDS4, marking a crucial step in addressing the unique challenges faced by Small Island Developing States. Their leadership exemplifies a strong commitment to disaster resilience and sets a precedent for other nations.

BBC Media Action champions the power of media and communication for good. Operating in over 20 countries and reaching more than 100 million people annually, their efforts focus on saving lives, improving health, and fostering democratic societies. Through the Risk Communication for Early Action (RiCA) project, BBC Media Action is enhancing the ability to effectively communicate risks, thereby strengthening early warning and early action systems crucial for disaster preparedness and response.

Somalia has been working closely with REAP to build support for moving to proactive action at the national level. Spearheaded by the Special Envoy for Drought Response and the Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA), Somalia has used the REAP network to connect with key stakeholders and crowd in assistance - including for establishing a dedicated anticipatory action focal point in SoDMA to provide a critical link between international policy and national implementation. Somalia is committed to institutionalising anticipatory action to help get ahead of disasters.

NEW REAP PARTNERS

International Rescue Committee will partner with REAP to advance anticipatory action, strengthen disaster response, and support vulnerable populations in conflict & fragile settings through research, tailored strategies, and innovative disaster risk finance.

People in Need's expertise in disaster response, climate adaptation, and early warning systems will significantly enhance our efforts to reduce vulnerabilities and protect lives and livelihoods. Together, we're committed to fostering resilient communities and driving positive change worldwide.