

Reference Group on Risk, Early Warning and Preparedness Work Plan - January 2016-December 2017

Version date: 13 Dec. 2016

NB: This Work Plan should be read in conjunction with the [2016-2017 IASC Working Group priorities](#) and the Reference Group's [Terms of Reference](#).

Output 1: Common risk-informed understanding of current and potential operational contexts promoted			
Activities	Lead and supporting organizations	Products / Deliverables	Timeframe
1. Conduct risk analysis and monitoring and produce IASC global level early warning – early action products.	WFP + ACAPS, FAO, IOM, OCHA, OHCHR, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN Women, WFP and WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EW/EA and Readiness Report submitted to EDG ● Subgroup established and regular network consultations ● Support, if required, to EDG Action Plan developed after their consideration of each report. ● Effective linkages with non-humanitarian risk analysis entities developed, including entities highlighted in WHS as well as EOSG. 	Twice a year Monthly calls Twice a year Early 2017
2. Further improve the Index for Risk Management (INFORM), based on partners' requirements	OCHA + INFORM Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Global INFORM results + analysis report ● New features for the global Index implemented 	Annually Continuous
3. Conduct pilots of INFORM regional/sub-national models, tailored to local context and supported by the global INFORM initiative	OCHA/UNDP + INFORM partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support facility established to provide technical assistance to local partners in selected at-risk countries. ● INFORM Subnational models established and adapted in selected at-risk countries 	1st quarter 2017 5 countries by mid-2018

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment for further replication in other countries completed 	2018
Output 2. Better preparedness to respond developed			
Activities	Lead and supporting organizations)	Products / deliverables	Timeframe
1. Promote, support and monitor the ongoing implementation of the IASC Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) approach.	OCHA with WFP, WHO, UNICEF and UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subgroup established ERP implemented in more than 65 countries ERP Online Tool launched 	July 2016 End 2017 End 2016
2. Develop a framework to strengthen early action to predictable events, particularly weather	OCHA with FAO and WFP, + other agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOPs for slow onset situations developed, including ENSO events 	2017
3. Propose, where appropriate, adjustments to the IASC Humanitarian Programme Cycle Reference Module	<i>UNDP/UNICEF with OCHA (TBC)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including incorporation where appropriate of SOPs developed under activity 2 	end 2017
4. Adjust the IASC ERP, including adaptation to protracted crises as well as ensuring continuing interoperability with approaches used for refugee situations, the International Health Regulations and UNISDR-managed efforts to develop early warning and preparedness norms.	OCHA with WFP, WHO, UNICEF and UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tools and roll out assessed Adjustment and guidances finalized More detailed interagency guidance on preparedness action developed, related to cash-based transfers 	End 2017 Mid 2017 End 2017
5. Enhance use of simulation in emergency preparedness	WHO with WFP, UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subgroup established Simulation guidance developed System to exchange information on simulation activities 	July 2017 2017
5. Promote, support and monitor the ongoing implementation of the IASC	WFP and UNICEF with UNDP, OCHA, FAO,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFP utilised as key tool in the Global Preparedness Partnership (GPP) 	End 2017

Common Framework on Preparedness (CFP)	WHO, GFDRR, IFRC, and other NGOs (TBD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 countries covered 	
6. Develop interoperability standards for early warning and preparedness tracking tools.	HelpAge International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALERT early warning and preparedness support tool ALERT Design workshop conducted 	<p>End 2017</p> <p>End 2016</p>
Output 3: Advocacy and advice on the importance of consideration of risk, early warning, and preparedness, including through inclusion in discussions and outcomes of relevant global processes and support to the design and implementation of platforms that link risk with readiness and financing.			
Activities	Lead and supporting organizations)	Products / deliverables	Timeframe
1. Promote and support innovative solutions to financing risk analysis, early warning and preparedness	UNICEF with WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributions to the Global Preparedness Partnership (GPP) Case for Preparedness, including costing models and Return on Investment Study (ROI) led by UNHCR Lessons from Forecast-based Financing Project 	<p>Continuous, as required</p> <p>Mid-2017</p> <p>Mid-2017</p>
2. Provide inputs as required to other IASC bodies	Co-Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis tools harmonized and shared with TT HDN 	Continuous, as required
3. Act as a Community of Practice in relation to Risk, Early Warning and Preparedness	Co-Chairs + all agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website established and maintained Document repository Regular Work Streams' updates Group Partners' Meetings Identify, use and promote lessons learned, success stories and good practices in the field as a mean of advocacy 	Continuous

<p>4. Develop linkages and, where appropriate, synergies with a number of related actors and initiatives</p>	<p>Co-chairs + agencies</p>	<p>Linkages established with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GRP ● A2R: FAO ● CREWS: GFDRR ● IN-MHEWS ● CADRI: UNDP/FAO ● UNDAC: UNOCHA ● INSARAG ● TT on Hum/Dev Nexus ● UN Plan of Action on DRR ● El-Nino/El-Nina groups 	<p>Continuous</p>
<p>5. Engage in global processes to advocate and advise on appropriate inclusion of coherent national and international preparedness and resilience in both inputs to and outputs from these events.</p>	<p>Co-chairs + agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Words into Action, Sendai Implementation Guide (Preparedness for Effective Response: OCHA, WFP ● SDG: UNDP ● UNFCCC: UNDP and IFRC ● WHS follow-up: OCHA and UNDP 	<p>As required</p>