

**Reference Group on Risk, Early Warning and Preparedness
Work Plan - January 2018-December 2018**

NB: This Work Plan should be read in conjunction with the [IASC Working Group priorities](#) for 2016-17 and the Reference Group's [Terms of Reference](#). It should be noted that WG priorities are currently being refined, and may ultimately impact this work plan.

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, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN Women, WFP and WHO, WMO, Interaction, SCHR, ICVA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EW/EA and Readiness Report submitted to EDG • Regular subgroup network consultations • Support, if required, to EDG Action Plan developed after their consideration of each report. • Continue active linkages with EPR Group 	<p>Twice a year</p> <p>Monthly calls Twice a year</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2018</p>
2. Further improve the Index for Risk Management (INFORM), based on partners' requirements	OCHA + INFORM Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global INFORM 2018 results and analysis published with new population exposure data. Epidemics to be added in 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guidance and training package for INFORM Subnational to be completed in 2018 ○ increase donor base and improve long-term sustainability. Will focus on this in 2018. ○ Work on prototype crisis severity model to continue in 2018 	<p>Annually Continuous</p> <p>2018</p> <p>2018</p>

<p>3. Conduct pilots of INFORM regional/sub-national models, tailored to local context and supported by the global INFORM initiative</p>	<p>OCHA/UNDP + INFORM partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INFORM Subnational models established and adapted in selected at-risk countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ INFORM Myanmar + 1-2 others in 2018. Guidance and training package for INFORM Subnational. 	<p>2-3 countries by mid-2018 Other countries covered outside the ECHO-funded project</p>
<p>Output 2. Better preparedness to respond developed</p>			
<p>Activities</p>	<p>Lead and supporting organizations)</p>	<p>Products / deliverables</p>	<p>Timeframe</p>
<p>1. Promote, support and monitor the ongoing implementation of the IASC Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) approach.</p>	<p>OCHA with WFP, WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR and UNFPA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide continued support to the ERP implemented in more than 65 countries ● ERP Guidance updated ● Alignment with EWEAR 	<p>On going in 2018 2nd quarter 2018</p>
<p>2. Propose, where appropriate, adjustments to the IASC Humanitarian Programme Cycle Reference Module</p>	<p>UNDP with OCHA (TBC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Including incorporation where appropriate of SOPs developed under activity 2 	<p>end 2018</p>
<p>3. Disseminate and promote Inter-Agency Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Early Action to El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) episodes</p>	<p>OCHA with FAO and WFP, WMO + other agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SOPs endorsed by IASC ● Communication plan developed 	<p>March 2018 2nd quarter 2018</p>
<p>5. Promote, support and monitor the ongoing implementation of the IASC Common Framework on Preparedness (CFP)</p>	<p>WFP and UNICEF with UNDP, OCHA, FAO, WHO, WMO, GFDRR, IFRC, and other NGOs (TBD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CFP utilised as key tool in the Global Preparedness Partnership (GPP) ● 6 countries covered 	<p>End 2018 (?)</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, UNDP, FAO, WFP, UNHCR, OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions to the Global Preparedness Partnership (GPP) • Provide orientation on ROI to partners • Lessons from Forecast-based Financing Project 	Continuous, as required Mid-2018 Mid-2018
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
4. Develop linkages and, where appropriate, synergies with a number of related actors and initiatives	Co-chairs + agencies	Linkages and /or engagements established with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRP • A2R: FAO • CREWS: GFDRR • IN-MHEWS • CADRI: UNDP/FAO • UNDAC: UNOCHA • INSARAG • INTERACTION • ICVA • IFRC • TT on Hum/Dev Nexus • UN Plan of Action on DRR • El-Nino/El-Nina groups • PPRE 	Continuous

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Global Multi-hazard Alert System (GMAS) 	
<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, WMO and IFRC ● WHS follow-up: OCHA and UNDP 	<p>As required</p>