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.

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● Regular subgroup network consultations  
● Support, if required, to EDG Action Plan developed after their consideration of each report.  
● Continue active linkages with EPR Group | Twice a year  
Monthly calls  
Twice a year  
Ongoing  
2018 |
| 2. Further improve the Index for Risk Management (INFORM), based on partners' requirements | OCHA + INFORM Partners | ● Global INFORM 2018 results and analysis published with new population exposure data. Epidemics to be added in 2018  
o Guidance and training package for INFORM Subnational to be completed in 2018  
o increase donor base and improve long-term sustainability. Will focus on this in 2018.  
o Work on prototype crisis severity model to continue in 2018 | Annually  
Continuous  
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3. Conduct pilots of INFORM regional/sub-national models, tailored to local context and supported by the global INFORM initiative

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| 1. Promote, support and monitor the ongoing implementation of the IASC Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) approach. | OCHA with WFP, WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR and UNFPA | ● Provide continued support to the ERP implemented in more than 65 countries  
● ERP Guidance updated  
● Alignment with EWEAR | On going in 2018  
2nd quarter 2018 |
| 2. Propose, where appropriate, adjustments to the IASC Humanitarian Programme Cycle Reference Module | UNDP with OCHA (TBC) | ● Including incorporation where appropriate of SOPs developed under activity 2 | end 2018 |
| 3. Disseminate and promote Inter-Agency Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Early Action to El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) episodes | OCHA with FAO and WFP, WMO + other agencies | ● SOPs endorsed by IASC  
● Communication plan developed | March 2018  
2nd quarter 2018 |
| 5. Promote, support and monitor the ongoing implementation of the IASC Common Framework on Preparedness (CFP) | WFP and UNICEF with UNDP, OCHA, FAO, WHO, WMO, GFDRR, IFRC, and other NGOs (TBD) | ● CFP utilised as key tool in the Global Preparedness Partnership (GPP)  
● 6 countries covered | End 2018 (?) |
### 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.

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| 1. Promote and support innovative solutions to financing risk analysis, early warning and preparedness | UNICEF with WHO, UNDP, FAO, WFP, UNHCR, OCHA | ● 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 | ● 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 | ● 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:  
● 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 |
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