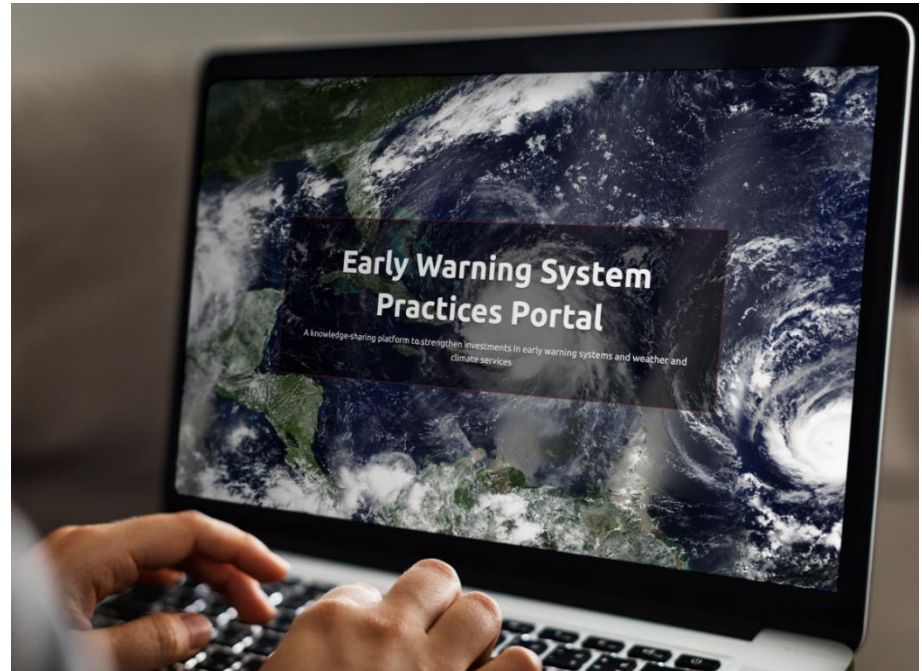


## Secretariat Report (July – December 2020)



[CREWS Practice Portal Homepage](#) (under construction)

# Quick update on

- ❑ Procedures on Programming and Project Development
- ❑ Reporting template and deadlines
- ❑ Measuring early warning systems (EWS) and CREWS core programme indicators
- ❑ Initial phase external evaluation
- ❑ Opportunity-cost and implications on accreditation of additional implementing partners
- ❑ Early warning system practice portal
- ❑ Outreach
- ❑ Priorities for next 6 months and upcoming events

# Programming and Project Development

- ❑ Clarifying procedures for project development, project amendments and project completion/closure
- ❑ Updated Proposal templates by including format for logical framework, workplan and budgets
- ❑ Report template include section on certification on non-misuse of funds to be included in the second semester report
- ❑ Reporting deadlines aligned with the Trustee's financial reporting deadlines

# Measuring the Effectiveness of Early Warning Systems

## Expert Group

- ❑ Document how countries currently measure the effectiveness of their early warning systems and how such practices can be extended to LDCs and SIDS
- ❑ Validation of indicators for countries to measure the effectiveness of their national early warning systems through the Sendai Framework Monitor

### Members

- ❑ 2 to 3 experts from NMHSs responsible for assessing effectiveness of their predictions/early warnings
- ❑ 2 to 3 Sendai Framework Focal Points and Statisticians responsible for measuring EW effectiveness in DRR
- ❑ One representative of REAP and/or its Early Warning Working Group and one representative of the International Network on Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (IN-MEHWS)
- ❑ One representative from the Hydromet Development Alliance - Country Hydromet Diagnostic tool

### Dates

- ❑ First Experts Group meeting on 11 December 2020 (@ 1PM)

## Country Hydromet Diagnostics tool

- ❑ Contributing to the testing of the Country Hydromet Diagnostics tool, which aims to inform Alliance members' hydromet investment decisions. Testing carried out in two countries with CREWS investments: **Afghanistan**, peer reviewer: Turkish State Meteorological Service, TSMS; and **Tchad**, peer reviewer: Maroc, Direction Générale de la Météorologie, DGM

# Initial Phase External Evaluation

- ❑ TORs circulated and discussed with Contributing Members during the Steering Committee inter-sessional meeting on 10 November 2020 (approved on 30 December 2020)
  
- ❑ Call for applications for evaluators being published on WMO and partners' websites
  
- ❑ Next steps
  - ❑ January 2021
    - ❑ Receipt and review of applications for evaluators
    - ❑ Submission to Steering Committee a shortlist of evaluators for no-objection
  
  - ❑ January – March 2021
    - ❑ Contracting of evaluation
    - ❑ Deliverable 1: Draft inception report
    - ❑ Deliverable 2: Inception report
    - ❑ Consultations and data-gathering
  
  - ❑ April – May 2021
    - ❑ Deliverable 3: Draft evaluation report
  
  - ❑ June 2021
    - ❑ Deliverable 4: Final evaluation report
    - ❑ Deliverable 5: Evaluation summary

# Opportunity-Cost and Implications on Accreditation of Additional Implementing Partners

- ❑ World Bank review and update of its Management Framework (MF) governing Financial Intermediary Funds (FIFs) putting in place **stronger measures to increase selectivity for new FIFs** and strengthening the Bank's ability to manage its risks **limit eligible Implementing Entities (IEs) for FIFs to MDBs and UN agencies)**
- ❑ FIF MF raised the minimum contribution threshold of new FIFs to \$200 million
- ❑ Working with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to document national societies role and practices in 3 countries in support of early warning systems **to strengthen role of national RC/RC societies in CREWS projects**

# Early Warning System Practice Portal



[PRISM/Sri Lanka Practice summary](#)

[Practices by Theme](#)

[Practices by Region](#)

[Submit a Practice](#)

**The Practice's Most Compelling Takeaways**  
for Impact-based Forecasting Experts

This Practice was guided by **targeted Impact-based Forecasting questions**.  
This Practice includes **Lessons Learned**, something that's not always easy to gather and requires participants to openly express perceived shortcomings.  
**Building trust** – both on the part of the World Food Programme and the Government of Sri Lanka - **was a crucial part of success**.

- Project was able to build on **World Food Programme's extensive** and long-lasting presence in the country, and the good will and trust WFP had already built up since 1968.
- Because this is an impact-based practice, it is crucial to work directly with people. The enabling environment provided by the Government coupled with WFP's established relationships with a wide variety of people made this process much easier.

**Embedding experts in national institutions**, along with other support for capacity building and mentoring, **allowed for increased capabilities and knowledge transfer**.

- However, challenges with requirement, a consistent financial resources for an open data policy was an enabler and innovative component.

PRISM has an element of replicability. PRISM in Sri Lanka involved many institutions. However, this can be replicated in other countries.

This practice was guided by **TARGETED Ibf QUESTIONS** and includes **LESSONS LEARNED**

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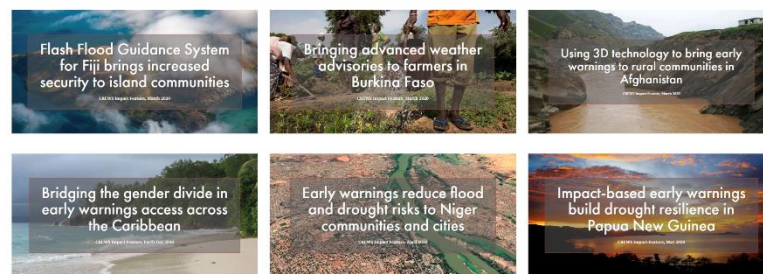
Other takeaways include:  
**OPEN DATA POLICY**  
**ELEMENT OF REPLICABILITY**  
**PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS**

# Outreach – Publications & Events

- ❑ 2019 Annual Report - [new online format](#) + video + social media campaign
- ❑ Impact Stories - [Burkina Faso](#), [West Africa](#), [Fiji](#), [Afghanistan](#), [Caribbean](#), [PNG](#), [Niger](#)
- ❑ [Caribbean workshop](#) 25 May
- ❑ [Financing increased for SIDS](#) 10 June
- ❑ [Climate:Red Virtual Summit Ignite talk](#) 10 Sept
- ❑ Funding from CREWS and mentions of CREWS in the [2019 State of Climate Services Report](#) release 13 Oct
- ❑ [Interview with Tessa Kelly/German DRR Conference](#) 13 Oct
- ❑ [State of Climate in Africa Report](#) 26 Oct
- ❑ InsuResilience annual report submission on Burkina Faso
- ❑ [50th "anniversary" of Tropical Cyclone Bhola](#) and highlighting the WMO Tropical Cyclone Programme press release - this one's a bit of a stretch for CREWS but it does mention the importance of early warnings 12 Nov
- ❑ South West Indian Ocean (SWIO) [press release](#) 17 Nov
- ❑ [GFDRR/Understanding Risk Forum 2020](#) – presentations at [InsuResilience/IFRC](#) and [NASA/IFRC](#) Community Events 3 Dec



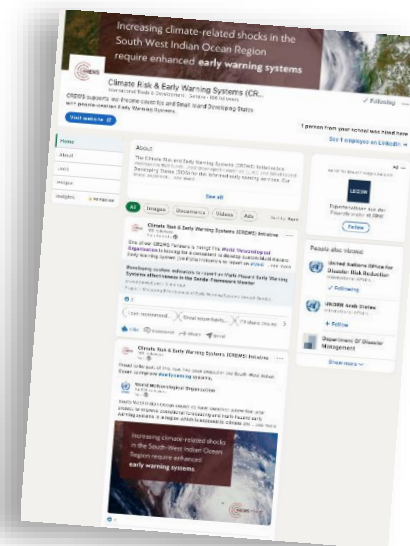
CREWS Impact Features





# Outreach – Social Media

- [LinkedIn page](#) launched 27 Sept
  - 142 followers
  - 212 post impressions
  - Demographics: Most visitors are in the fields of Program and Project Management, followed by Engineering, Media and Communication, Support, Research, and Consulting
- [@CREWSinitiative](#) Twitter Growth
  - 718 followers
  - Average 15K impressions monthly
  - Most successful months were Feb, May, and Nov around AR and other report launches and speaking events
- [YouTube account](#) launched 31 March
  - 13 videos
  - “CREWS 2019 at a Glance” AR summary video is our most viewed (235 views)



# Priorities for next 6 months and upcoming events

- ❑ Finalize and roll-out Vision 2025 and resource mobilization strategy aligned with partners
- ❑ Operational procedures for people-centered approach in CREWS projects
- ❑ Support to initial phase external evaluation
- ❑ Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS) Anchoring Event on Early Warning and Disaster Risk Reduction, 21 January 2021 (jointly organized with IFRC, REAP and WMO)
- ❑ Preparations for COP26
- ❑ Annual report with validated programme indicators (end of March), feature stories, practice compilation



# Thank you

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