

Strategic Support Window Update

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Strategic Support Window (SSW) Overview¹

- The SSW will be **available for all ODA-eligible LDCs and SIDS.**
- **Countries can access for time-bound (e.g., <12 months), targeted actions** aimed at strengthening elements of early warning systems and the associated enabling conditions required for their sustainability and effectiveness. Actions will focus **at the national and regional levels.**
- **The actions will need to align with and support achievement of overarching CREWS objectives and programming principles (value propositions):** people at the center, gender responsiveness, cooperation and coherence, sustainability as the cornerstone, private sector engagement, etc.
- Strategic Support Window actions **indicative/proposed budget range of US\$50,000-250,000 (incl. IP fees), and 10-20 actions over the 2021-2025 period.**



¹ Extracted from the CREWS Operational Plan for 2021-2025.

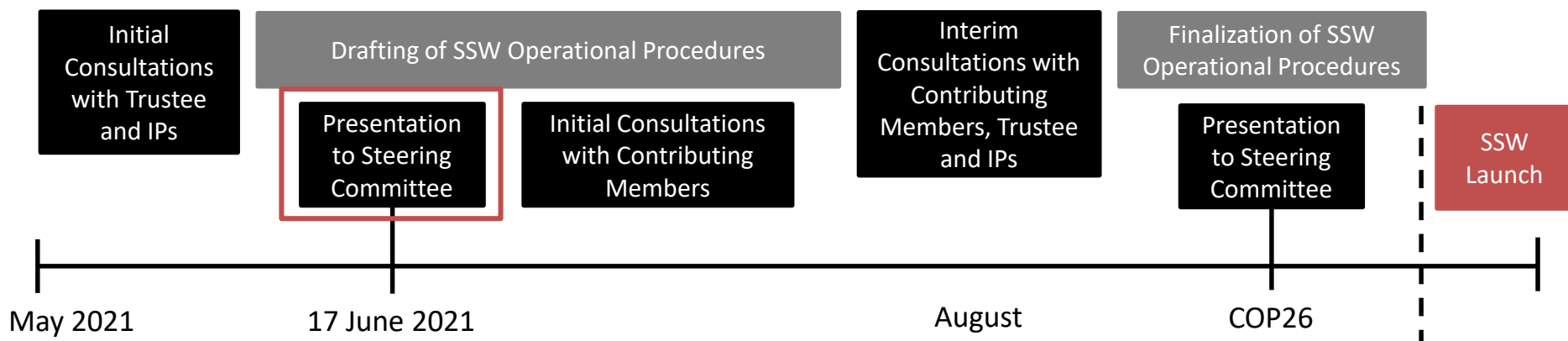
Potential/Illustrative SSW Actions

Type	Examples of Actions
Continued Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Targeted expert support and capacity building following the end of projects to assist with maintaining services and equipment.
Analyses and Assess.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis to inform the development of larger scale early warning system investments, including CREWS projects.• Design and implementation support for large scale and/or strategic investments directed to EWS improvement.• Assessment of institutional arrangements and technical capacities of beneficiary agencies (e.g., DRM, NMHSs) and recommendations for improvement.
Advisory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendations for technical specifications to be funded by other resources.• Support for the development of disaster risk financing products (e.g., technical input to the design of triggers for parametric insurance products).• Short-term assistance on selected or specific elements of early warning system.
Data and Knowledge Training and Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methodologies for tracking socio-economic outcomes and benefits from early warning systems.• Training on data collection and analysis to improve reporting of Sendai Framework Target G.

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Operationalizing the SSW

- The Secretariat will develop **streamlined and simplified operational procedures and reporting** templates for Strategic Support Actions. The fund allocation decision process will also be developed (e.g., enabling project approval through a no-objection process).¹
- **Operationalizing the SSW timeline:**



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Key Operational Elements For Consultation

Element	Overview/Key Components
Funding and Prioritization Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SSW funding amount and timing (e.g., \$X for 2022-2023)• Prioritization criteria (e.g., current or potential CREWS project country/region, leverage potential, etc.)
Access Freq.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whether to allow access on a rolling basis or at fixed times (e.g., 3-4 times/year)
General Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definition of the type of allowable actions (e.g., continued assistance, analyses and assessments, advisory services, and data and knowledge training and sharing) and/or specific actions• Duration of allowable actions (e.g., max 12 months)
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposal/request initiation entity (e.g., country entities, IPs)• Approval (e.g., Steering Committee Meeting, virtual process, etc.)
M&E	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to ensure robust M&E, including against relevant CREWS Core Program Indicators and aligned with the CREWS M&E Framework
Templates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action Presentation Note Template• Action Reporting Template(s)

Initial Consultations with Trustee and Imp. Partners



Trustee

- **Does not foresee any issues with operationalizing the SSW** as a “notional program” (i.e., Contributing Members contribute to CREWS FIF but do not explicitly target Projects or SSW):
 - **No adjustments required to Contribution Agreements;**
 - **Same process and timeline** as for CREWS projects;
 - Funds for SSW transferred to same IP bank account as for Projects.

Implementing Partners

- **Provided constructive feedback on key SSW operational elements.**
- Some points of convergence:
 - Country demand and ownership are critical;
 - Max duration of 12 months;
 - Useful to define scope of eligibility at “Type” level, at least initially;
 - Recognizing potential for high demand, prioritize existing or pipeline CREWS countries;
 - Welcome simplified/streamlined action presentation note template and reporting.
- Areas with less convergence:
 - Access on rolling basis (responsive to urgent needs) or at fixed times (easier to plan).

Next Steps

- Bilateral calls with CREWS Contributing Members.
- Operationalizing the SSW timeline:

