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Dialogue Platform

of the Federal Foreign Office Action Plan for the
Humanitarian Adaption to Climate Change

Forecast based Financing

Invitation

Berlin, Germany - October 4th, 2017

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the German Red Cross (GRC) are pleased to invite you to the **Dialogue Platform on Forecast-based Financing (FbF)**.

Join our introductory workshop for interested companies and new donors to learn about the concept of FbF as well as to discuss new business opportunities.

After the workshop we would like to invite you to our evening reception themed "Innovation in Humanitarian Aid" (see separate invitation).

Please register by September 29th at www.DRK.de/Workshop

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Introductory Workshop

Spreewerkstätten, Berlin

Agenda

13:45 Welcome

Alexandra RÜth - Head of Task Force "FbF" - German Red Cross

14:00 Paying for Predictions: Interactive Climate Game

Introducing the concept of Forecast-based Financing and exploring the usefulness and limitations of seasonal forecasts while testing risk-taking behavior of participants



Eddie Wasswa Jjemba - Urban Resilience Advisor - RCRC Climate Centre

15:15 Stories from the field

FbF pilots are up and running from Peru to the Philippines. Learn from real world examples how the "early warning – early action" paradigm is reshaping humanitarian aid.



Mathieu Destrooper - Project Delegate Peru - German Red Cross

16:00 Coffee Break

16:15 From Science to Action

How much rain causes the flooding of rivers? Climate science is at the heart of FbF. Discover how weather forecasts are selected, modelled and turned into meaningful action on the ground.



Andrew Kruczkiewicz – Science Advisor - Columbia University New York

17:00 How to score a Sustainable Development Goal?

FbF is an opportunity to invest in a new way of thinking. Explore how corporates, foundations and institutional donors can become our partners and take urgent action to combat the impacts of climate change (SDG13).

Conradin v. Nicolai - Corporate Partnerships - German Red Cross

13 CLIMATE ACTION



18:00 Evening Reception

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What is Forecast-based Financing?

THE CHALLENGE

Humanitarian finance is available when a disaster strikes and suffering is almost guaranteed. But climate-related risks are rising worldwide, and just waiting for disasters to happen is not an option:

THE OPPORTUNITY

Many humanitarian actions could be implemented in the window between a forecast and a disaster. Many climate-related hazards can be forecast; humanitarians get information about when and where extreme-weather events like storms, floods and droughts are expected.

Can we set up an automatic system that triggers and funds preparedness actions before a disaster strikes when a credible warning arrives? If so, we could prevent suffering, use humanitarian funds more efficiently, and contribute to strengthened community resilience:

THE INNOVATION

Forecast-based Financing (FbF) releases humanitarian funding based on forecast information for pre-agreed activities which reduce risks, enhance preparedness and response, and make disaster risk management overall more effective.

A key element of FbF is that the allocation of resources is agreed in advance. The relevant forecast thresholds that trigger the early actions that aim at reducing the humanitarian impact of the disaster, as well as roles and responsibilities of all involved in implementing the actions are defined in Early Action Protocols (EAPs).

ABOUT

Forecast-based Financing is currently developed by German Red Cross and partners under the Action Plan of the Federal Foreign Office for Humanitarian Adaptation to Climate Change.

Further funding is needed for new hazards (such as heat waves, drought etc.), for activation of SOPs and implementation of early actions before disasters strike and the continuous exchange between the humanitarian and the scientific sphere.

FbF is an opportunity to invest in a new way of working, simultaneously addressing the commitments made in the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Sustainable Development Goals and during the World Humanitarian Summit, offering a better future for the most vulnerable.

For more information please visit: www.drk.de/en/forecast-based-financing/