

# SA-IO Disaster Preparedness: ECHO and Partners' workshop

## Breakout group 2: Early Warning / Conflict

The current situation:

- EW digital systems in conflict is a new area of focus;
- Not many specific EW digital data system are available in the region.
  - Social Media (WhatsApp groups, Twitter, Facebook);
  - IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix;
  - UN, UNDSS (access map, alerts, reports);
  - INSO, ACLED, ALDEBARAN;
  - Mainstream Media (Newspapers, radio, TV);
  - Embassies (alerts).

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Gaps to be filled / challenges to be addressed

- Lack of proper channels to ensure information doesn't end up in "the wrong hands";
- Inadequate coordination between different actors for generating and disseminating information;
- Inadequate involvement of local communities in gathering intelligence;
- Insufficient triangulation of data amongst actors;
- Political influence/control which impedes effectiveness of EWS;
- Accessibility to digital data by local communities;
- Sensitivity of the conflict situation making it difficult to develop effective digital EWS.

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Role / added value for ECHO and its partners?

- Lobbying with key stakeholders;
- Coordination and training;
- Capacity building and knowledge management & sharing;
- Integrate conflict and natural hazards EWS;
- Support with more financial resources in developing EWS in conflict.



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### Recommendations

- Improve coordination between key stakeholders in EWS;
- Work with Governments that are not responsive on the usage EWS;
- In sensitive contexts data needs to be encrypted to avoid cyberattacks and target the right stakeholders to ensure dissemination of information to citizens through appropriate channels;
- Develop guidelines on how actors can integrate EWS in conflict situations.

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