

SA-IO Disaster Preparedness: ECHO and Partners' workshop

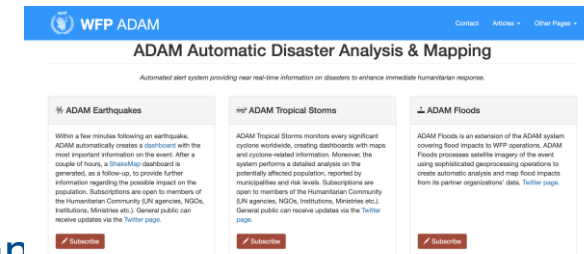
Virtual Breakout Group: Early Warning | Cyclones and Conflict

The current situation in Madagascar, Comoros and Eswatini - EWS Cyclones

Digital platform only exists at the global level: such as ADAM by WFP. Everyone can subscribe. Estimated area to be impact + estimated number of affected people.

Information is sent by Meteorological entity to the NDMA / Civil Protection that dispatches to communities and other stakeholders by email and SMS (partnership with private sector).

Monthly bulletins for rain and recently drought monitoring , once in a while for seismic / volcanic movements, frequent ones for cyclones when seasons or alerts : **no multi hazard compiled information** (ex. bulletin Great South), no systematised regularity.



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Challenges to be addressed

- Digital platform: how to operationalise such a concept ?
- Access to a timely ,reliable, understandable (format and language) and user-friendly information
- Compiled multi hazard information
- Connection and connectivity of all the actors
- Every organisation makes their own EWS, that stops being operational when the project ends. Same situation for the local committees, that are the traditional community mobilisers and EW transmission vectors.
- Ownership of the local EWS.
- Media: not accessible to all, lack of resources to call 930.



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The current situation in Madagascar & Comoros

- Start Network in Madagascar and a number of other actors (WHH, MEDAIR, etc.), WFP in Eswatini with experience and expertise on AA in cyclones. Comoros is open yet new to it.
- Examples of other countries for **AA in conflict** : "red" area that needs evacuation of a group of people with correlative support on basic needs, secure hospitals, water and electricity supply. Situations of AA that have ended up being emergency response due to successive cyclones
- Our conflicts are Gender based violence, violence against children , Dahalo attacks / Zebu thefts, internal displacements, elections-related turmoil : **absence and need of EWS , especially displacement and elections-related turmoil.**

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Recommendations & Role / added value for ECHO and its partners?

- **Build the State capacity** at least at regional level / localisation / decentralisation
- Advocate (targeted advocacy), seduce, convince , put pressure on Government to include resources for DRR : ECHO/EUD will be heard as a donor .
 - *Regular meetings with Government to discuss on pros and cons of DP and specific topics (National platforms, etc.)*
 - *Have "champions" , influential people who can be DRR ambassadors*
- Address issues of **governance** , financial transparency and accountability by the State (nexus?)
- Advocate for local budgets for DRR to be used
- **ECHO to request exit / handover / ownership strategy** systematically to their partners ; from project approach to resilient institutions and strong country ownership and capacity.

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- Address **vulnerability** of people and infrastructures (CDRI – SRSG), address **social protection** issues , resilience of people at risk, GBV patterns.
- Exercise of identifying and **capitalisation existing EWS** by ECHO
- **National framework for multi hazard EWS** with standards to be respected
- Know the **National Strategy** for DRR

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- **Inform and discuss into depth new projects and initiatives** (ex. HI , use National Platforms, etc.)
- **Nexus opportunities around Peace building and AA** - link EUD programmes to brainstorming and development of AA in conflict situations, share the results of the programmes.
- **Inventory of social conflicts** in the country and their triggers , define indicators
- **Framework for internal displacement** , to support host, migrating communities and local authorities.
- Share **experiences from other countries** (Mozambique ?) and customise to local culture
- Work with **Youth** groups

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Virtual Breakout Group: Urban

- Access to information and media is easier in urban areas
- Presence of multiple actors
- Difficult to mobilise people
- They are busy, do not listen and no sense of belonging to a community with a common history and values
- Urban areas are the playground of politicians