

European Humanitarian Forum – Field Consultation

“IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS”

FINAL ACTIONABLE RECOMMENDATIONS

- EU/MS should continue to support governments and other actors to systematically strengthen and build, institutionalise, resource and maintain functional multi-hazard **Early Warning Systems** ensuring conflict sensitivity of such systems, including conflict, displacement or linking to tools aiming to predict displacement.
- **At local or community level EU/MS should:**
 - Invest in community-level readiness, **drawing on indigenous knowledge and practices** and allowing **real-time monitoring of local risks**.
 - Invest in **community-level inclusive leadership and first responders’ capacities**; identify local early-warning reporters; link communities using **digital platforms** to improve information flows.
 - Deliver on the Grand Bargain commitment of 25% of financing to be directed ‘as locally as possible’, promote partnerships with local actors where feasible. Ask the question for each new Action: could this have been done by a local actor already on the ground and are we not replacing local capacities (**Use of a ‘localization’ checker**).
 - Promote management of **Crisis Modifiers** directly by affected communities. Ensure that regular, small-scale, localised disasters which incrementally erode communities’ coping capacities, with insufficient and reduced time to recover, are addressed.
 - Advocate for **space for local actors in regional and national forums and decision-making platforms**.
- EU/MS should contribute to breaking the reactive functioning of the humanitarian system and **make resources available at large(r) scale in an anticipatory fashion** (for ECHO - building on the Disaster Preparedness BL funded efforts of building systems for Anticipatory Action and Forecast Based Financing).
- EU/MS should actively promote and fund **regional approaches to the impact of climate change**, including **cross-border EWS and anticipatory actions that includes the transboundary risks**. Disasters don’t respect national borders.
- EU/MS should support more pilot projects for the **greening of humanitarian responses/nature-based solutions**. Donors should ask for greening of humanitarian assistance to be included in HNO/HRP and other funding strategies.
- EU/MS should continue support to making **Social Protection Systems more shock responsive** and channel emergency responses through them where feasible, creating linkages to climate change adaptation.
- EU/MS should ensure **continued advocacy to development donors for a Nexus approach**, including:
 - Increase funding of **multi-annual risk-informed projects on climate resilience**, utilising, securing and developing the resources which communities depend on (forests, rangelands, water sources), eg through climate-smart agriculture.
 - Include **flexibility measure such as Crisis Modifiers** in all longer-term development programmes.
 - Allow climate funds to be used in fragile contexts, including in areas outside government control, with climate resilience outcomes.
 - Promote outcome-based approaches such as drought- and other multi-hazard **insurance schemes or impact bonds**.