

Workshop Concept

CREWS People Centred Early Warning Systems Operational Procedure

8th February 2022 (English sessions)

English session 1: 8.00 – 10.00 CET

English session 2: 13.00 to 15.00 CET

9th February 2022 (French session)

13.00 – 15.00 CET

Virtual Zoom Meeting (connection details to be shared to confirmed participants)

Background

Putting people at the centre of Early Warning Systems (EWS) is a core principle endorsed by CREWS in its Operational Plan: Delivering at Scale 2021-2025 and by the REAP partnership, the Anticipation Hub and many others. They recognise first, that EWS are only meaningful if they result in early action to reduce or avoid the impacts of an anticipated risk, and second, that effective early action is most likely to be taken when people and institutions that are vulnerable to risk participate in the design and implementation of EWS.

What does it take to operationalise this principle in practice? How can EWS programmes and approaches ensure that vulnerable people have a say and their knowledge, capacity and organisations are an integral part of the system? Who should do what and how can CREWS support improvements in applying people centred EWS?

CREWS is developing Operational Procedures on People-Centered Early Warning that triggers early action in a reliable and sustained manner and provides a starting point to answering these questions.

CREWS is convening a 2- hour virtual workshop for people with practical experience of CREWS and/or people centred EWS at project, national, regional and global level to deliberate on these questions and contribute to the finalisation of the guidance on People-Centred Early Warning Systems to be included in the Operational Procedures. The workshop will be repeated three times at different times to allow for participants to join from all time zones, and for English and French sessions.

Workshop Objective

Participants will discuss opportunities and challenges and co-create a set of critical actions for operationalising successful people centred EWS for early action in CREWS, that should be included in the guidance. The workshop is an opportunity for participants to learn from each other and provide feedback based on their own experiences of good practice people centred EWS. The intention is that the final guidance and overall Operational Procedures are informed by participants' experience and learning and support CREWS to take new and feasible steps towards strengthening people centred approaches.

The workshop will be interactive, using group discussions and an online documentation platform to capture issues and suggestions. Presentations will be kept to a minimum.

To participate, kindly register your interest [here](#) by 31st January.

A meeting invitation and Zoom link will be sent to confirmed registered participants.

Provisional Programme

Approximate Duration	Activity	Lead
10 mins	Introductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Purpose of the workshop, participants roles• Participant introductions	CREWS Secretariat Consultant: Fiona Percy
20 mins	Draft Operational Procedures guidance on people-centred EWS: scene setting, presentation and Q&A	Fiona
40 mins	Opportunities and Challenges for design, implementation and monitoring of people centred EWS (Group work)	CREWS IPs / All
40 mins	Co-creating critical actions for operationalising CREWS people centred EWS	Fiona / All
10 mins	Wrap up	Fiona/ CREWS Secretariat