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NEWSFLASH! WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Hi everyone,

From the mid-term review of the Sendai Framework to preparatory meetings for COP28, anticipatory action, conflict and fragility are on everybody's agenda right now. It's an excellent time to get involved in these meetings and the different activities within our working group to ensure that discussions and decision-making are informed by best practices and that communities are front and centre when decisions are made and resources allocated.

Our last WG meeting provided a wide range of interesting updates and exciting opportunities for such involvement within the WG and beyond. These opportunities are **highlighted** throughout the newsletter - make sure to engage!

UPCOMING WORKING GROUP MEETINGS:

- 19 July
- 11 September
- Face-to-face during GDP (9-13 October)
- 20 November

SUMMARY OF THE THIRD WG MEETING

Short updates and resources shared during the meeting:

- **FOREWARN:** The most recent meeting of the Global FOREWARN Community within the Start Network discussed various topics related to AA in Conflict, including OCHA's work on the feasibility of predicting conflict for AA and new tools and approaches to AA in conflict through the Start Fund. [Meeting minutes](#); [meeting recording](#)

- **Start Fund:** Start Network and Save the Children just released a [guidance package on the use of tools and approaches to AA for conflict in the Start Fund](#). While this mainly targets Start Network members, it is intended to be useful to others too. The Start Network is organizing a webinar on the new guidance on Jun 8, 2023 10:00 AM CEST - [register here](#).
- **CGIAR Fragility, conflict and migration initiative:** CGIAR just launched a new large-scale [initiative on fragility, conflict and migration](#). One of the four focus areas is on anticipatory action and governance, including how to support effective AA in compound crises.
- **Anticipatory Action in 2022:** The Anticipation Hub launched its '[Anticipatory Action in 2022: A Global Overview](#)' report at HNPW in late April, which takes stock of AA frameworks around the world and reviews progress made on different emerging topics, including AA in Conflict.
- **Displacement and AA:** The Danish Refugee Council is currently piloting their displacement model for anticipatory action in Somalia, Burkina Faso and South Sudan. [More information here.](#)
- **MENA Community of Practice:** A reminder to all to get in touch with Krystell Santamaría (krystell.santamaria@ifrc.org) or Omar Farook (omar.farook@wfp.org) if you would like to join the MENA CoP and/or present any current work to the group.

More substantial updates linked to different agenda points are compiled below.

- [Meeting recording](#)



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DRM IN FCV GUIDE

The German Red Cross together with Red Cross Red Crescent partners are currently developing a guide on DRM, AA and climate adaptation in fragile and conflict-

affected settings. It comprises a series of learning tools and modules, each including ample examples of past projects (including for example AA activations).

The three learning modules across the guide are:

1. What you need to know about FCV contexts
2. What you need to know to do project management in FCV contexts
3. What you need to know about DRM and CCA programming in FCV contexts

You can explore the guide's structure, including the contents of the different modules, in [this Miro board](#).

How to get involved: The team is looking for your input on a number of points:

- Content feedback: Looking at the guide's structure and different modules in the Miro board - are you missing any important topics?
- Resources: Do you have resources to add to specific modules?
- Practical application: Are there examples of good practices or lessons learned from your organization's programming that could be featured in relevant modules?
- Connect: Are you working on a similar training tool with your organization and would like to connect?

You can either provide your inputs directly in the [Miro board](#) (please include your name for follow-ups), or get in touch with Liesa Sauerhammer (l.sauerhammer@drk.de) and Tesse de Boer (boer@climatecentre.org).

ADVANCING CONTEXT ANALYSIS AND CONFLICT SENSITIVITY IN AA

One of the key priorities of this year's WG work plan is on advancing context analysis and conflict sensitivity in AA, with the goal to make AA fit for use in conflict-affected contexts. FAO is currently working on how to mainstream approaches to [context analysis](#) and [conflict-sensitive programming](#) across AA.

In order to explore how to apply these approaches apply and should be tailored to AA, WG members are invited to join upcoming mapping exercises to take stock of what different organizations have done so far and review AA protocols and action plans to see how context analysis has been included, e.g., related to the seasonality of conflict in the specific context.

More specific information on upcoming technical sessions or deep dives on this topic will follow soon. Conversations can be off-the-record if needed, to ensure that participants are comfortable sharing both success stories and failures in the interest of collective learning.

How to get involved:

- Mapping exercise: Practical examples of context analysis and how it has been incorporated into AA/EA plans and protocols. Do you have any examples to share?
- Ways of working: What are the most fit-for-AA tools and methodologies to ensure conflict-sensitive AA? What are your experiences in terms of applicability (what works and what does not work) in line with AA programming?
- Please get in touch with Kim Kristensen (Kim.Kristensen@fao.org) if you have thoughts about specific topics that would be relevant to explore as part of this process.

FOR NEW MEMBERS:

If you are receiving this newsflash for the first time, welcome! The Working Group on Conflict aims to meet once every two months, to exchange and learn from each other. As part of the working group, we hope you will contribute to some of the key knowledge products we develop. Besides the working group meetings and ongoing work on knowledge sharing, we also organize technical deep-dives/webinars.

Important links:

- [Working Group Google Drive with resources and session recordings](#)
- [Work plan 2023](#)

UPDATES FROM THE NOHA MASTER PROGRAM

The research marketplace with Ruhr-University Bochum's [international MA program in humanitarian action](#) offers the opportunity to advance research on particular issues related to AA in conflict settings by linking up practitioners from the working group with motivated students. In the current cohort, Larissa de Winter (larissa.dewinter@casema.nl) is working on AA in conflict and access constraints, which she presented to the WG during the last meeting, while Kseniia Dmytrenko (kseiiadmytrenko@gmail.com) is writing her MA thesis on AA and food security in the MENA region.

How to get involved: Interested members of the working group are invited to contact the researchers or propose new topics and research questions that they would be interested in for future thesis projects to Sören Schneider (soeren.schneider@ruhr-uni-bochum.de).

OXFAM AMERICA: MAPPING AA IN VOLATILE SETTINGS

Oxfam is starting to look into AA more actively, but their experience with AA in FCV settings has been very limited so far. Daniela Giardina is currently mapping out past and ongoing AA projects within the Oxfam family to better collect and connect lessons learned, and is looking to expand the mapping exercise to AA in conflict projects by other organizations in the future. She introduced herself and her plans in more detail during the last WG meeting.

How to get involved: Daniela is collecting case studies of AA in FCV settings from within the WG. Please get in touch (daniela.giardina@oxfam.org) if you would like to add your organization's experiences.

UPCOMING SESSION AT INSUREILIENCE ANNUAL FORUM

The Anticipation Hub and our WG are involved in a session on 'Financial Protection in Countries with Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations' at the upcoming InsuResilience Annual Forum on 9 June 2023 (14:00-15:30h CEST). The session will

discuss protection gaps when conflict and climate collide and address questions such as 'What are the challenges and operational constraints to implement climate and disaster risk finance and insurance (CDRFI) in fragile and conflict settings?' More information on the whole event and registration for online participation is available [here](#).

LOOKING BACK AT HNPW

HNPW took place 17-28 April in Geneva and online. We saw a strong interest in AA and in FCV settings, with many sessions on these topics and on how to better work in and on compound crises. Links between displacement and AA in conflict settings were explored as well, and peacebuilding actors have been getting more interested in AA.

The Anticipation Hub co-organized a session on protection and child/youth inclusion, with inputs from both the AA in Conflict working group and the Protection, Gender and Inclusion working group ([session recording](#)). [Watch back other Anticipation Hub sessions at HNPW here](#).

HNPW showed that there is a lot of momentum for us as a WG to advance practical recommendations and policy messages, particularly in the lead-up of COP27, which has a strong focus on fragility.

REGIONAL DIALOGUE PLATFORMS

The Anticipation Hub's global and regional dialogue platforms provide an interactive, engaging space for the anticipatory action community. With the first regional dialogue platform (Asia Pacific) coming up in June, this is a good time to check whether you would like to engage with any of them!

- [Asia Pacific](#): Kathmandu, 13-15 June
- [Africa](#): Johannesburg/hybrid, 4-6 July
- [Global](#): Berlin, 9-13 October
- Latin America and the Caribbean Dialogue Platform - dates and location to be confirmed
- Middle East and North Africa Dialogue Platform - dates and location to be confirmed

Do you have materials to share with the WG, or are looking for input from fellow WG members? Get in touch with Tesse (boer@climatecentre.org) and Juliane (schillinger@climatecentre.org)!

On to the next one!

Would you like to introduce new members, or share an idea for the WG? Please feel free to get in touch with the team - Tesse (boer@climatecentre.org), Catalina (jaime@climatecentre.org) or Kim (kim.kristensen@fao.org)