



1st Workshop of the Sectoral Community “Linking Anticipatory Action to Risk Financing”

Virtual Call 20 Sept. 2021

The Sectoral Community on Linking Anticipatory Action to Risk Financing is now moving into phase two, after a successful first phase which saw knowledge sharing, discussions and a workshop focusing on accelerating the scaling up of risk financing for anticipatory action by unlocking synergies, facilitating community exchange and linking needs and solutions across sectors and organisations. The September workshop marks a shift from initial scoping to solution-oriented collaboration.

The Sectoral Community is open to all InsuResilience Global Partnership members and further key stakeholders. It is facilitated by the InsuResilience Secretariat, together with the Co-Chairs: Anticipation Hub and the Secretariat of the Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP).

Insights from workshop

The workshop held on 20th September 2021 saw a range of scene setting presentations and deep dives into three case studies (→ [access to recordings and presentations](#)).

Welcome, aim and objectives
Segment 1: What is Anticipatory Action (AA), how can it be linked to Disaster Risk Finance (DRF)? Speakers: Kara Siahaan (Head of Anticipation Hub), Sophie Evans (Centre for Disaster Protection), Ben Webster (Head of REAP Secretariat)
Segment 2: Exploring contexts, projects and case studies Speakers: a) Lesley Ndlovu (ARC) and Emily Montier (START Network); b) Mohammad Shahjahan (Saju), Jesse Mason and Paris Kazis (WFP); c) Colin Wilson (UK Government Actuary Department), Nazira Lacayo (IFRC)
Segment 3: Aligning AA and DRF – what are entry points and opportunities? Speakers: Nick Moody (Insurance Development Forum - IDF), Claudia Thyme (AXA XL, IDF), Constance Wong (Willis Towers Watson)
Closing statements and next steps

Summary of key take-aways

- Cross sectoral collaboration between humanitarian AA stakeholders and the DRF community is still very limited and needs more facilitation - the Sectoral Community can play a key role.
- A key theme emerging was the need to **stop silo-approaches** across the disaster management and crisis response spectrum:
 - Within organisations, often a lack of collaboration along the disaster/crisis timeline
 - Across different organisations: boundaries, lack of incentives to join forces
 - Donors often have packages/pre-determined funds that do not enable financing of cross-cutting projects
 - Project mentality prevails rather than transversal thinking/holistic approaches
- Aspects to consider when going forward, the role of:
 - Capacity building
 - Improved cooperation with vulnerable people/communities
 - Data sharing (private sector) and data using
 - Risk-layered and hazards-based approach for combination of instruments
 - Innovative approaches/instruments, e.g. dual triggers (Willis Towers Watson)



Breakout sessions

The breakout sessions highlighted a set of challenges that those working on the ground/with donors/insurers and others experience (→ [access to padlet](#) where findings of breakout sessions were collected). The discussions also highlighted the following aspects to consider when designing, testing and implementing new solutions: role of climate change, capacity building, data sharing and data using.

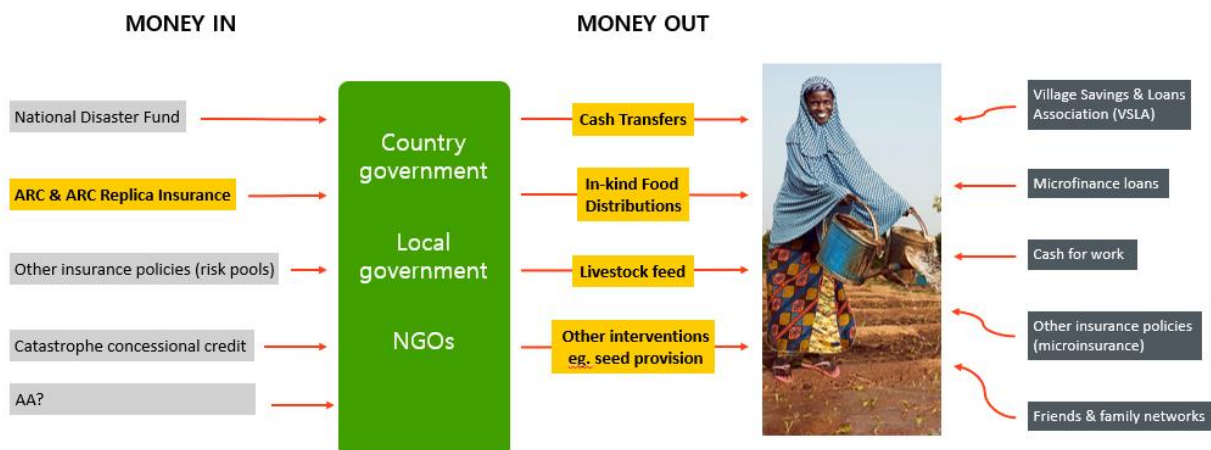


Concepts

Some useful concepts presented at the workshop which can guide next steps in aligning AA and DRF:

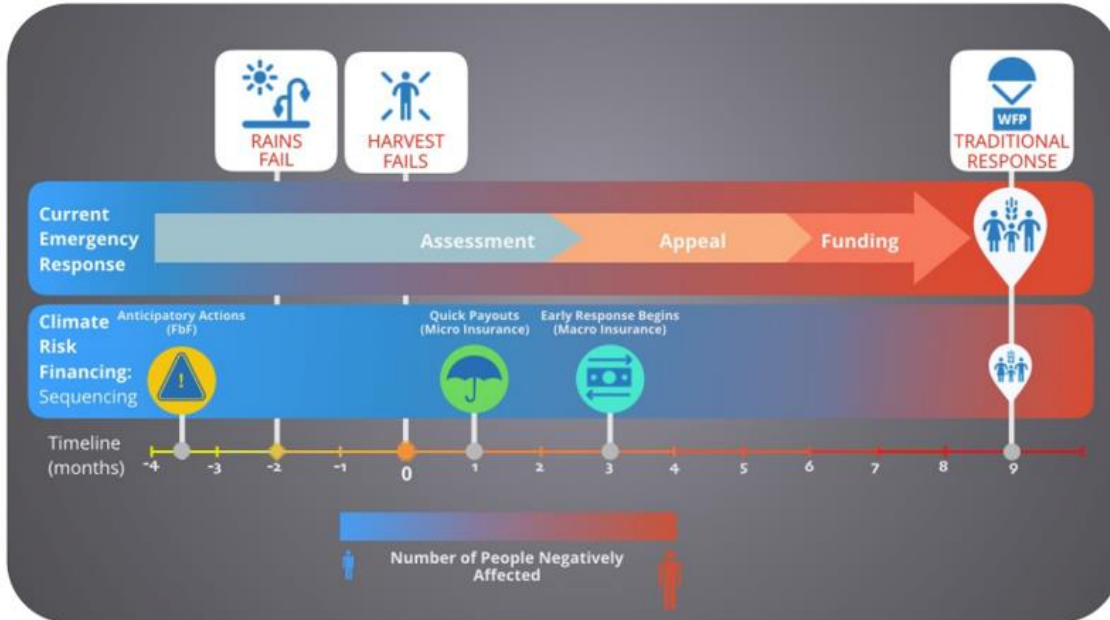
- **‘Money in/ money out’** presented by the Centre for Disaster Protection to highlight different components of the risk financing process;

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- ‘Crisis timeline’ used in the Bangladesh case study to illustrate needs/timings/opportunities from a very early point onwards;



- **Building/sharing powerful narratives and story lines** to illustrate the potential of AA and risk transfer, such as ‘when the rains fail does it have to mean that the harvest fail and that income and wellbeing fail?’ This can also help establish success criteria for AA and risk transfer.

Next phase for the Sectoral Community

Based on consultations during previous meetings of the Sectoral Community, a set of key questions was completed. In the upcoming phase, members of the Sectoral Community will work together to develop answers and solutions to these questions, such as:

- What are barriers and opportunities for risk financing initiatives to scale up AA?
- Which measures can help to address limited understanding of AA and perceived lack of appetite from DRF community?
- What are challenges (regulatory, financial, reputational etc.) from the insurance industry’s perspective to provide insurance using forecast-based/ex-ante triggers? How can we overcome them?
- Where could AA initiatives actors come in it to strengthen insurance mechanisms (e.g. trigger development, contingency planning, implementation)?

If you are interested in being part of this process or just to learn more about the Sectoral Community on “Linking Anticipatory Action to Risk Financing”, please contact: lea.kulick@insuresilience.org (InsuResilience Secretariat).

Workshop participants

Please [check the padlet](#) for more detailed information about participants. **If you have participated and have not yet had the opportunity to enter your details, you can still do so now.**