

Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS) initiative

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Effective Early Warning Financing

All NMHSs have core/enabling capacity for early warning and climate services

- Reduced co-dependency of NMHSs on development aid
- Aligned with new WMO Early Warning Technical Regulations (Services Commission)
- Finance national and regional services



Leveraging and scaling-up financing

- Improve access to early warning finance
- Ensure coherence and integration of all early warning finance
- Promote core principles across early warning investments (country driven, people-centered, gender responsive, private sector)

Innovations in technology and operational modalities

- Promoting technological innovations e.g., cellbroadcasts & lastest generation satellite, Al driven prediction models
- Innovation in terms of operations, drawing on NMHS expertise (peer-topeer), regional services, how we measure success.





CREWS operates as a specialised financing mechanism

3 Financing modalities:

- Country and Regional, Multi-year projects
 - Country: 3-5M for 3-5 years Regional: 5-7 M for 5-7 years
 - Submission by Implementing Partners with country or regional intergovernmental organizations endorsement.
- Accelerated Support Window
 - Up to 250k for 12 months
 - Submission: (1) directly by the country; (2) by Implementing Partners with a country endorsement letter
- GCF / Simplified Approval Process (SAP) CREWS Scaling Up Framework
 - Up to 25 M
 - Provides fast-track access to GCF finance through its Simplified Approval Process to countries with successful CREWS programmes

Contributing Members



























Implementing partners









Operational partners













































New initiative in the region: CREWS South Asia – Multi-year regional project

Timeline: 2025 – 2028

❖ Budget: 5.25 M

Geographical scope: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Myanmar and Nepal

Lead by World Bank with support of WMO and UNDRR, supports core RIMES/SAHF core functions

<u>Main objective</u>: the focus of the CREWS South Asia project is on strengthening regional collaboration to enhance hydrometeorological and Early Warning Services which results in cascading benefit to the national, sub-national and local level.

Key Deliverables

- Strengthen regional collaboration to enhance hydrometeorological services
- Improving the quality and efficiency of forecasting and early warning services
- Ensuring the early warning programmes are driven by people-centred and gender responsive principles.



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