Title of session: Information for risk analysis, early warning and preparedness

Date: Wednesday, 3 July 2019

Time/Room: 13:30 – 15:30 – Room 21

Executive Summary:

Quality data is central to timely, efficient and effective decisions, actions and responses to address forced displacement. The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) promotes the coordination and cooperation among multiple partners to enhance the risk analysis, early warning and emergency preparedness in the context of conflict, climate change and disaster displacement.

This session aims at addressing the need for collaborative, coordinated approaches to data related to early warning and preparedness for displacement emergencies, including those caused by environmental degradation and disasters linked to natural hazards.

By showcasing four NGO data systems, the objectives of this session are to foster collaboration among involved actors, to identify priority gaps in the area of data for early warning and preparedness, and to brainstorm on possible NGO pledges, contributions and good practices to share at the Global Refugee Forum (GRF, December 17-18, 2019).

Thematic groups will discuss a number of key practical operational issues that have been jointly identified. Expected outcomes include concrete recommendations on key areas for improvement, potential solutions to key issues, and suggestions on possible individual or joint NGO contributions to the December 2019 GRF.

Concept Note:

Background and link to the theme

Quality data is central to timely, efficient and effective decisions, actions and responses to address forced displacement. Some actors have recently started to address knowledge gaps and challenges in using data to predict future displacement crises, to analyze and monitor risks, and to enable risk-informed preparedness strategies.

The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) offers an unprecedented opportunity for international cooperation, burden- and responsibility-sharing in support of State-led, multi-stakeholder, and comprehensive responses to forced displacement. These multiple initiatives in support of the GCR require close coordination and cooperation among traditional and non-traditional actors to promote complementarity, inter-operability, and to be of value in the area of risk analysis, early warning and emergency preparedness solutions in the context of conflict, climate change and disaster displacement.

Objective(s) of the session
The session aims at addressing the need of a coordinated approach to data and information related to early warning and preparedness for displacement emergencies, including those caused by environmental degradation and disasters linked to natural hazards. In particular this session will have the following objectives:
- To showcase some example of existing NGO data systems;
- To foster collaboration among interested actors and links between systems;
- To identify priority gaps in the area of data for early warning and preparedness;
- To brainstorm on NGO pledges, contributions and good practices to share at the Global Refugee Forum (December 17-18, 2019)

Desired outcome of the session:
The session will be organized in thematic group discussions focusing on a number of key issues that have been jointly identified by NGOs and UNHCR.
Groups will be tasked to discuss a specific topic and provided with probing questions to conclude with specific recommendations for improvement and potentially solutions to key issues that can be jointly addressed by UNHCR together with partners.

Suggested groups' topics:
1. **NGO pledges, contributions and good practices to share at the GRF**;
   Facilitator: Jeddy Namfua, namfua@unhcr.org   Organization: UNHCR
   Presenter: ACAPS, HelpAge, IDMC, WVI

2. **Getting from early warning to early action: identifying key challenges and solutions**
   Facilitator: Andrew Collodel, acollodel@helpage.org   Organization: HELPAGE
   Presenter: Andrew Collodel acollodel@helpage.org

3. **Information sharing and interoperability of systems: challenges and ways forward**

   Facilitator: Nathalie Herlemont Zoritchak nhz@acaps.org   Organization: ACAPS
   Presenter: Nathalie Herlemont Zoritchak nhz@acaps.org

4. **Real time data and models for early actions: media and social media monitoring tools, key indicators for risk monitoring & early warning of internal and cross-border displacement (social, political, climate and sudden and slow-onset disaster factors)**
   Facilitator: Justin Ginnetti justin.ginnetti@idmc.ch ;   Organisation: IDMC
   Presenter: Leonardo Milano leonardo.milano@idmc.ch

Methodology & choreography

The session will be organized in three sessions:

1) 1 hour: short presentations (10 -15m) of four systems by four partners: ACAPS (CrisisInSight), IDMC (Idetect), Helpage (ALERT), World Vision International (WorldView)
2) Focus group discussions around four topics
3) Summary and closure.