Project Factsheet: Strengthening Inclusion in Anticipatory Action (i2A)

💡 Key facts

Some groups experience the negative impacts of climate extremes and disasters differently and more intensely than others. Identity factors such as disability, gender, age and many others play a key role in shaping a person's vulnerability, needs, and capacities in the face of disaster. Stigma, social exclusion and discrimination experienced by persons with disabilities, women, elderly, and other at-risk groups mean they often remain overlooked in disaster planning and response efforts. These gaps can manifest in various ways, from early warning systems that do not factor the needs of a diverse audience, to inaccessibiliy of evacuation procedures and shelters. People experiencing intersecting factors of exclusion are particularly at risk. While the differing impacts of disasters on people is increasingly acknowledged, more efforts are needed to consistently apply an inclusive lens before, during and after disaster. Anticipatory action is one of the most promising and innovative approach to manage climate-related risks and prevent them from turning into disasters, by taking early action to minimize impacts on lives and livelihoods. A growing community of practice is implementing this approach, triggering a shift in the humanitarian system from reactive to proactive. Yet challenges remain to work toward more qualitative anticipatory action models that address the diverse needs and perspectives of most at-risk groups in order to reach impact at scale.

⊕ Project objective

The i2A project will seek to enhance positive impact for vulnerable populations most at risk of disaster through addressing gaps and scaling up good practice for inclusive, people-centred anticipatory action approaches in three target countries. The project will design and test inclusive early action protocols based on credible forecast and in depth risk analyses, and work to enable access to pre-agreed funding for predictable crises, coordinating closely with relevant partners at the national and global levels and continuously sharing learning and key findings.

❓ What is anticipatory action ?

A set of humanitarian interventions triggered by using the science of weather and climate to anticipate possible impacts in risk-prone areas and mobilize resources automatically before an event. Supported by pre-agreed finance, anticipatory action prevents or mitigates potential disaster impacts before a shock, or before acute impacts are felt.

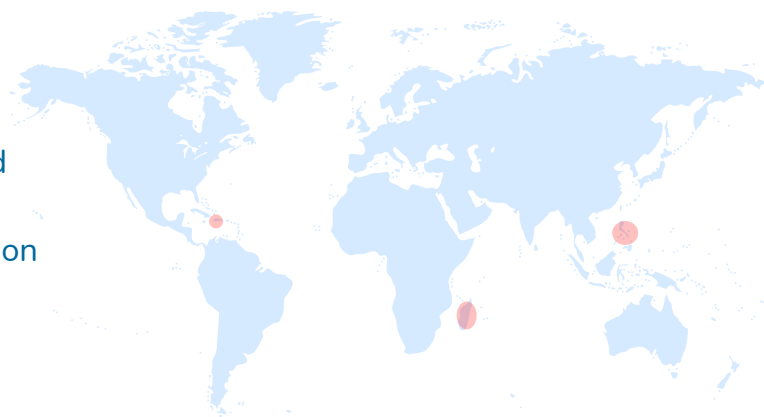## ℹ️ Key information

Duration : 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2024
Budget : 1 733 721 €
Donor : German Federal Foreign Office

👥 **Target countries and beneficiaries :**
- **Haiti** : 245 590 persons
  (120 519 women, 125 071 men)
- **Madagascar** : 329 600 persons
  (164 841 women, 164 759 men)
- **The Philippines** : 200 885 persons
  (100 242 women, 100 242 men)

? What is Forecast based financing (FbF) ?

A mechanism that enables access to funding for early action based on credible forecast and in depth risk analysis.

Expected project outcomes & outputs

1 **Foundational studies and mapping exercises are produced and disseminated to generate evidence on inclusion in current early action models and related gaps, and inform the future development of Early Action protocols (EAPs).**

Foundational work and studies will be carried out as a **stepping-stone** for the development of **early action protocols** (EAPs) by HI and to guide the provision of technical assistance. This work will also help **map existing initiatives and coordination mechanisms** as well as **current practices** in relation to **inclusion** within **anticipatory action models**. Specific studies to **better understand the risk environment** in the targeted contexts will also be carried out, including analyses to identify the most logistically vulnerable communities in Haiti and Madagascar by Atlas Logistique (an operational unit of HI that specializes in logistic services for humanitarian actors) via their SIGNAL project.

2 **Early action protocols are developed and tested by HI, with an emphasis on enhancing outcomes with reference to inclusion and tailored support.**

HI will **develop and test EAPs**, mobilizing its comparative advantage in identifying and supporting some of the most vulnerable people in society to **design inclusive risk models taking into account intersecting factors** of inequality and marginalization such as **Disability, Gender and Age. Cash-based approaches** will be particularly looked at within the sets of pre-determined actions included in the EAPs. **Simulation exercises** will be carried out to fine-tune the protocols. Close coordination and collaboration with partners and stakeholders involved in Anticipatory Action will be ensured throughout the process to **promote inclusion and people centered-approaches, and to identify funding opportunities to activate the EAPs (FbF)**.

3 **Capacity-building, knowledge-building and technical assistance activities are carried out to foster local and global uptake of inclusion good practice within the anticipatory action community of practice.**

Building on the pilots developed in 3 different countries, HI will support **learning and guidance on inclusion** within Anticipatory Action through **technical assistance** to partners, and **active engagement** with local and global **Anticipatory Action learning platforms** (such as the Anticipation Hub and the START Network). The project aims to support organizations involved in or planning to **engage in AA initiatives by providing capacity-building activities to ensure inclusion** througout the Forecast Based Financing process.