



Issue Brief

Red Cross Red Crescent expression of interest to contribute to the implementation of the Initial 2-year Work Plan for the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Representing 189 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) expresses its interest to be an “active” observer in the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change impacts.

Being the largest humanitarian organization in the world, the IFRC is committed to doing its share in collectively reducing disaster and climate risks and vulnerabilities, and to build the resilience of people, communities and ecosystems amidst the increasing frequency and magnitude of large-scale disasters.

We likewise convey our commitment to contribute to the implementation of the 2-year Work Plan of the Executive Committee, specifically in contributing to the enhanced understanding through our good practice experiences, programming, legal and policy research, local risk assessments and knowledge development in areas related to ***impacts of climate change on the vulnerable and most at-risk communities (Area 1); comprehensive risk management approaches (Action Area 2); slow onset disasters (Action Area 3); and migration patterns (Action Area 6).***

The IFRC is also willing to contribute to the ***enhanced understanding on building resilience (Action Area 5)*** especially through our One Billion Coalition for Resilience -- an initiative that the IFRC has announced to engage partners for building resilience of one billion people by 2025 – and by building on our expertise of our engagement in resilience initiatives like *Partners for Resilience*, *Rockefellers’ Global Resilience Partnership*, the US Government led *Climate Services for Resilience Development* and the DfiD-supported *Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED)* initiative that all contribute to help bridge the climate, development and humanitarian agendas within the context of loss and damage.