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AHEAD - ANTICIPATORY HUMANITARIAN ACTION FOR DISPLACEMENT

AHEAD is a global project led by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) that aims to strengthen humanitarian responses by improving the ability to act before displacement occurs.

Using early warning tools and anticipatory actions, the project seeks to mitigate the negative impacts of displacement driven by conflict, increase operational preparedness, and ensure more effective humanitarian interventions.

A key focus of the project is to strengthen the inclusion of actors who have not traditionally been involved in anticipatory action approaches. This includes diaspora-led organizations, which are often important humanitarian responders in their countries of heritage - either in support to local communities and humanitarian actors or as direct humanitarian responders.

From 2024 to 2027, AHEAD will be implemented in Burkina Faso, Niger, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Yemen and Myanmar - countries that represent diverse conflict environments where displacement is both frequent and intense, requiring tailored anticipatory actions strategies.



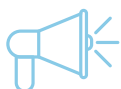
KEY OBJECTIVES



All humanitarian actors, including local and diaspora, have increased access to, and increased use of, reliable forecasts on future displacement



Anticipatory action to conflict-induced displacement is acknowledged as a key priority



Robust advocacy based on AA pilot engages diverse actors, including diaspora, to create an enabling policy environment for AA to conflict-induced displacement

THE ROLE OF DIASPORA AS HUMANITARIAN ACTORS

Diaspora organizations are multi-sectoral, fast-responding actors that play a critical role in global humanitarian efforts. Yet, diaspora organizations have typically not been included in anticipatory action approaches.

Through strengthened collaboration with diaspora organizations, DEMAC is exploring their humanitarian role in the seven AHEAD focus countries and how they can use anticipatory action tools to improve preparedness and response.

1. KEEP CLOSE TIES TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
2. ARE MULTI-SECTORIAL
3. ARE ALERTED IN REAL-TIME BY THEIR COMMUNITIES
4. RESPOND FAST TO DISASTERS
5. WORK TRANSNATIONALLY AND REMOTELY
6. COLLECT AND DISPERSE FUNDS RAPIDLY
7. ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF CRISIS AFFECTED POPULATIONS

DEMAC – DIASPORA EMERGENCY ACTION & COORDINATION

DEMAC is a global initiative that works for a deeper understanding of diasporas as humanitarian actors and to improve coordination between diaspora organizations, local networks, and the broader humanitarian system.

As part of AHEAD, DEMAC is mapping diaspora organizations' humanitarian responses, including their support to local actors, engagement in relief efforts, and involvement in preparedness activities.

DEMAC invites diaspora organizations to share their experience with - or interest in - preparedness and anticipatory action, and to explore opportunities for collaboration and exchange in this area



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