

## Country case studies



DRR Governance Through
Sectoral Strategies:
Afghanistan's Drought Risk
Management Strategy

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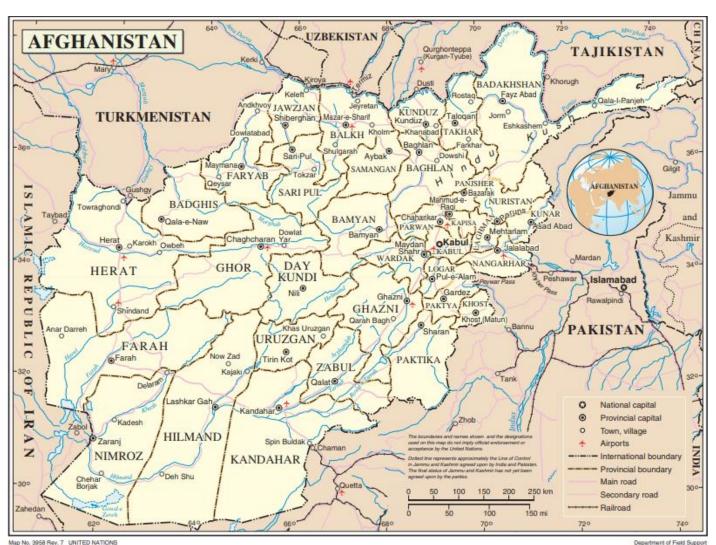


## AFGHANISTAN DROUGHT RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



#### Situation overview

- High uncertainty/volatility context longest-running conflict
- World's 2<sup>nd</sup> worst food crisis (2019)
- Persistent high levels of poverty and eroded **governance** & institutional capacities
- Increasing Climate Change impacts
- Lingering impacts of the 2018 drought together with the 2019 floods interacting with COVID-19 impacts



## Afghanistan's DRMS Contribution to SFDRR Target E

- 1) Disaster risk management and governance in sectors safeguard sectoral gains from shocks
- 2) DRMS contributes towards achievement of SFDRR Target E:
- National strategy that is multi-sectoral, scalar and temporal with multi-thematic actions;
- Bringing a 360° perspective on risk
- Multi-stakeholder institutional arrangements
- Integration in annual work-planning and budgeting of sectoral ministries.



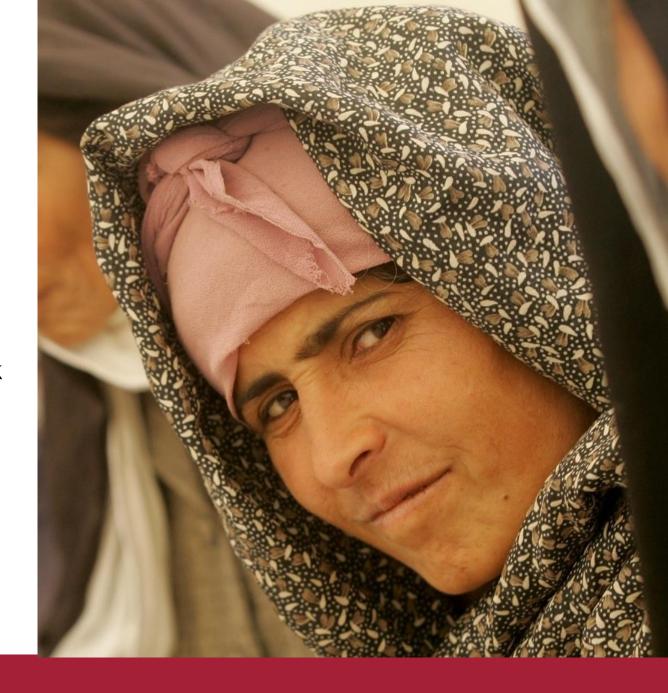
#### **DRMS Formulation Learning**

- 3) Approached as a **Strategic Engagement** rather than the Strategy as an output:
- Responsive to emerging needs
- Formulation process: participatory, iterative, and for perspective building
- Multi-pronged engagement with high-level leadership and ownership at operational levels
- Broadened narrative and agenda on drought risk: reactive to proactive



# DRMS Contribution to Good Disaster Risk Governance

- 4) The 4 Strategic Pillars of DRMS are well aligned to key aspects of good disaster risk governance:
  - 1. Strengthening drought risk governance
  - 2. Improving drought vulnerability and risk assessment capacities
  - 3. Strengthening Drought Early Warning, Early Action and Monitoring Systems
  - 4. Increasing investments in drought risk mitigation and response

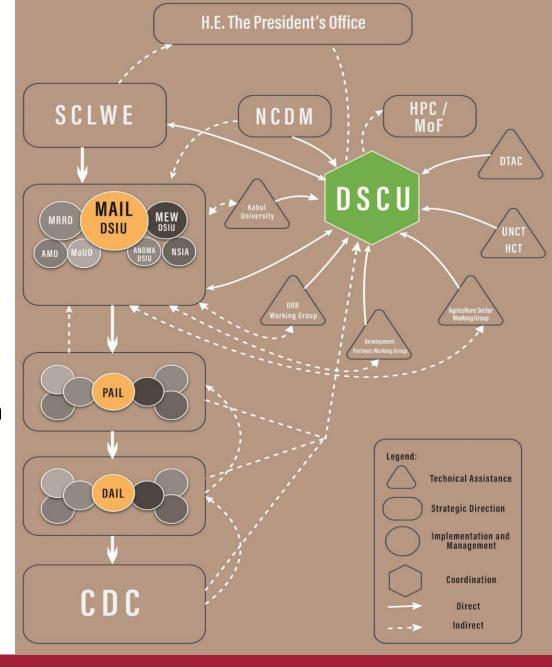


- 5) DRMS acts as a "strategic connector, gap filler and cross-sectoral coordinated implementation channel" from drought risk management point of view for e.g.:
- Connects the Dryland Agriculture Policy, NRM Strategy, CC Strategy & Action Plan, Livestock Strategy,
   DRR Strategy, Water Resource Management Strategy, and such.
- Informed the conceptualization of the World Bank's ENETAWF (FAM) design & priorities.



#### Multi-Stakeholder Implementation

- 6) DRMS Institutional Arrangements help establish:
- Multi-sectoral/ministerial institutional arrangements
- Partnerships with development actors in implementation of key actions;
- Clear arrangements for M&E, review and updating of the DRMS;
- Operational Plan that details multi-sectoral & temporal actions at various spatial scales along with cost estimates and responsibilities.
- 7) Lastly, DRMS adopts a layered-risk financing approach targeting innovative financing mechanism linking "on & off budget" programming.



#### Reflections on DRMS & COVID-19

Even though DRMS, in its conceptualization, did not account for a pandemic; the multi-hazard underpinnings of DRMS make it partially fit-for-purpose to address C-19 as follows:

- 1. Cascading impacts of C-19 particularly in agriculture sector, related markets and herders' transhumance get covered in the varied risk management actions identified in DRMS
- 2. DRMS lays the ground for multi-sectoral integrated response-recovery actions to manage C-19 impacts
- 3. DRMS initiated multi-stakeholder implementation arrangements can be leveraged for C-19 recovery and resilience building of smallholders and the agriculture sector





Thank you!

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# A unique vulnerability profile As-Salt • Zarka Amman Southern Badia Highlands ☐ High population density along Dead Sea Fault System ☐ Aqaba Port Industrial & Chemical complex hazard prone zone ☐ Southern Badia Highlands affected by prolonged droughts Aquaba ☐ 1.3 million refugees putting additional pressure on water, land, and urban infrastructure















### Context of climate and disaster risk in Paraguay

- 36% poverty, 10% in extreme poverty
- Ag. sector: 30% of GDP Paraguay's highly vulnerable to climate and disaster risk
- 40% of population live in rural areas.
- 80 % smallholders
- Main hazards: drought, floods, and plant pests & animal diseases
- Damages and losses in the ag. sector: USD 237 million per year, up to USD 1 billion



## Mainstreaming DRR&CCA in agriculture

- ► To reduce the vulnerability of AG sector to disaster and climate risk
- Ministry of Ag. and Livestock: DRM unit and General Directorate of Planning, with support from FAO.
- ► Aligned wiht 4 SFDRR priorities: 25 results, budget USD 2.5 million
- ► Inter-institutional working group to support formulation: 25 technical experts from academia, civil society, NGOs, public & private sectors

PLAN NACIONAL PARA LA GESTIÓN DEL RIESGO DE DESASTRES Y ADAPTACIÓN AL CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO EN EL SECTOR AGRÍCOLA DEL PARAGUAY









#### Linking planning processes across sectors and levels

#### **Success Factors**

- Addresses crop, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture and forestry subsectors
- ► Links to national level plans/policies/strategies across sectors
- Multi-sectoral multidisciplinary technical working group -Environment, Finance, Forestry, etc.

#### Challenges

- ► Addresses CC as a driver of disaster risk but fails to fully respond to the complexity of CCA
- Connection to national/departmental/local level planning





- Agrarian Strategic Framework
- National Strategy for CCA
- National Policy on Disaster
- Risk Reduction and Management
- National plan for the implementation of the SFDRR 2018-2022
- National Development Plan 2030

## Implementation of DRR-ag policy and practice

#### **Success Factors**

- ► Two ministerial resolutions by MAG:
  - approval of the plan (2017)
- mandating a "DRR CCA Working Group" as implementer (*Feb.* 2018).
- ► Focus on tools to facilitate decision-making at all levels

#### **Challenges**

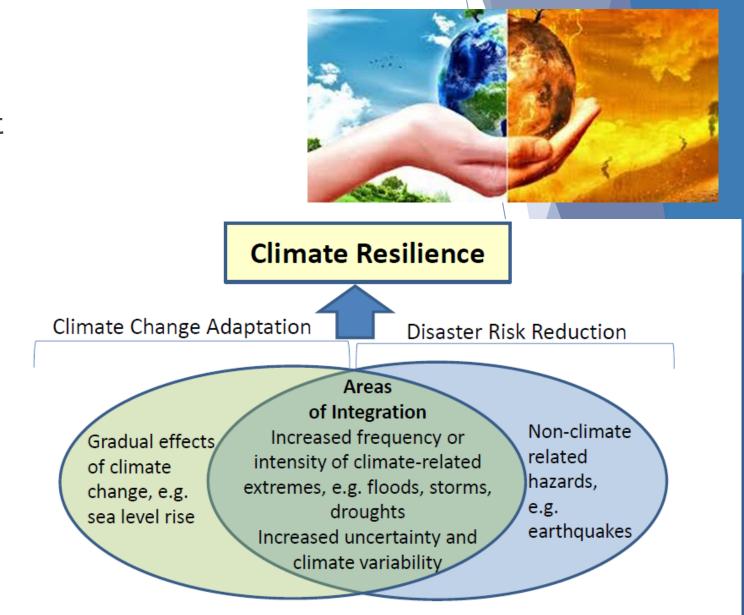
Complexity called for a more concrete, specific, flexible and action-oriented roadmap (2019), in line with current human/technical/financial capacities



## Technical capacity building for DRR & CCA

#### **Success Factors**

- Benefits of integrating the goals set by the SFDRR + Paris Agreement + SDGs.
- Targeted sessions: overlap and differences between DRR and CCA
- Mainstream of DRR & CCA for enhanced effectiveness
- Avoid parallel structures, siloed approaches for resilience



## Funding for DRR in the ag sector

#### **Success Factors**

- ► Allowed to catalyse and align funding from donors, as well as technical & financial partners.
- Annual budgets of the MAL include resources for the capacity building component
- ▶ Min. Finance part of the "DRM-CCA Working Group".

#### **Challenges**

- Cuts in government national budget: limited investment in preventive action
- In progress: subnational government budget line for DRR in ag
- Further involvement of the private sector





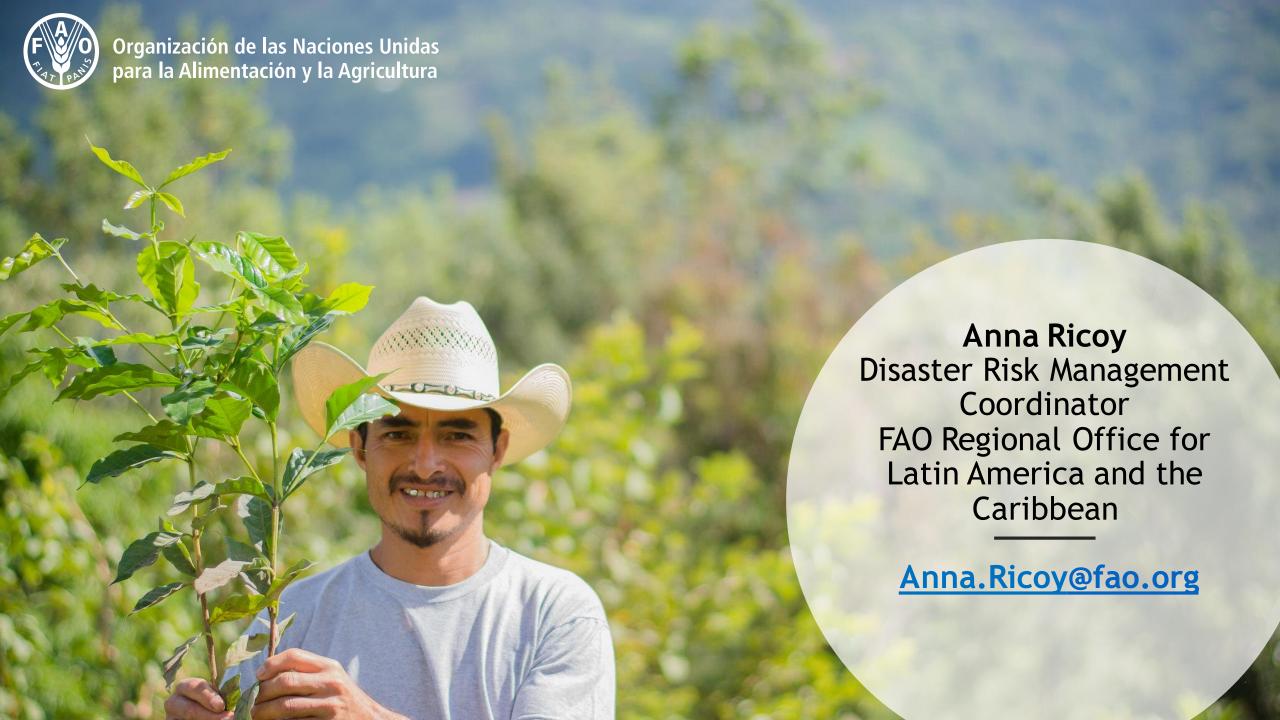






## Take aways

- ► Inclusive process of Plan formulation
- Subnational level planning: contextualized and hazard-specific actions
- Role of local participatory agroclimatic platforms at departmental level
- Increased DRR&CCA investment at local level
- ► "Living" document: iterative process
- Prevent and prepare for inter-related, cascading, systemic risks... not only affecting food production but the entire <u>food</u> <u>system</u>





#### **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction**

#DRRDay #ItsAllAboutGovernance

## **Key Lessons Learned**

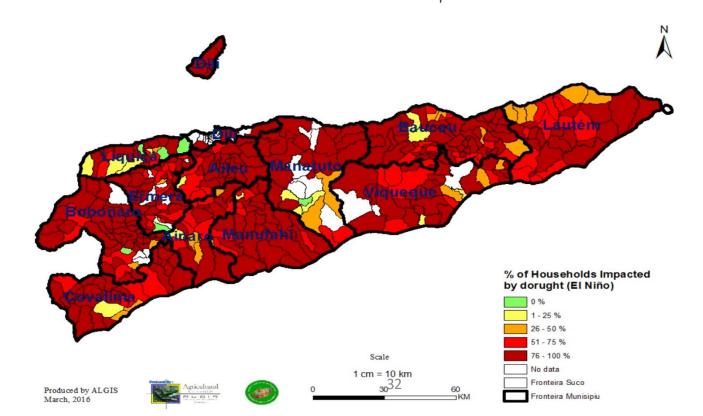
# Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance for the Agriculture Sector in Timor-Leste

## Mainstreaming Agriculture DRM - PROCESS

#### **THE TRIGGER. El Niño 2015-16**

Maize production fell by 40 percent and rice production by 57 percent. It is estimated that 63 thousand of 122 thousand households were affected and felt into severely food insecurity.

'Pro-Resilience I' project (GCP/TIM/008/EC) signed with the EU in June 2017 to strengthen agriculture resilience of communities affected by drought



MAF, 2016. 'Rapid Drought Impact Assessment El Nino 2016/16'.

## Mainstreaming Agriculture DRM - PROCESS

#### 'Pro-Resilience I', Output 2:

- 21 Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) in 21 Sucos (villages). These showed that rural communities are affected by the following hazards, by order of importance:
  - Droughts,
  - Floods,
  - Strong wind,
  - Pests,
  - Landslide, and
  - Forest fires
- These hazards are affecting the agriculture sector most
- 21 Community-based DRM (CBDRM) plans implemented, most of which include
   Climate-Smart Agriculture responses

**'Communities'** requested more investment in building resilient agriculture (through CBDRM planning process)

► 'National Disaster Risk

Management Directorate
(NDRMD)' invited MAF to take an active role in DRM (Nov. 2018 workshop reviewing HVA results and training on CBDRM planning)

► 'MAF/FAO' initiated a consultation for the institutionalization of DRM in the agriculture sector (January 2019)

## Mainstreaming Agriculture DRM - PROCESS

2 workshops on institutionalisation of DRM in the agriculture sector (January 2019)

- MAF capacityassessment workshop -23 January 2019
- Agriculture drought management workshop -29 January 2019

Confirmed MAF eligibility to access Ministry of Finance Contingency Funds

Recommended the creation of a 'Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Task Force at MAF

Identified the need for a 'drought risk management plan for agriculture' to facilitate access to these funds

## MANDATE - DRM/CCA TASK FORCE

#### **MANDATE:**

- In time of shocks or in case of early warning declaration, the Task Force Members are mandated to provide active support to the relevant directorates that are at the forefront of the early actions or the response.
- □ To provide technical lead and coordination within MAF for mainstreaming DRM/CCA in the agriculture sector (including fishery, livestock and forestry subsectors).

#### **IMMEDIATE TASK:**

- Formulate a 'drought risks management plan'
- Address immediate shocks, if any



## Task Force Timeline – Intensification of Hazards

#### **DRM/CCA Task Force**

#### February 2019:

• MAF nominates 15 DRM/CCA focal points to form the Task Force with mandate to develop a drought risk management plan.

#### May-November 2019:

- Series of 11 intensive consultation/validation workshops between 30 May-21 Nov 2019 (MAF and partners: NDRMD, NDOC, Ministry of Finance, KONSSANTIL, CBDRM, NDCC etc.)
- Validation workshop in municipality of Manufahi (July)
- MAF Management recommends to expand to MULTI-HAZARD DRM PLAN

#### March 2020:

- Task Force mandate and TOR formally defined though Ministerial Dispatch (Despacho de Nomeacao No. 01/GM/III/2020) (10 March)
- Task Force decided to split the Multi-Hazard DRM Plan into a) an executive STRATEGY for decision makers and b) a PLAN for implementers

#### May 2020:

Launching of the DRM/CCA Task Force mandate

#### Hazards

2019 -> May: flood (tropical storm Lili)

September: African Swine

Fever (ASF)

October: fires (Ermera &

Liquica)

**2020 ->** January: drought

February: Fall Army Worm

March: flood (Dili) and

Covid-19

April-May: floods in Dili and

Manufahi

Aug: ASIS 'severe drought classification' (2 Viqueque

Sucos); La Niña alert

#### Disaster Risk Management STRATEGY & PLAN

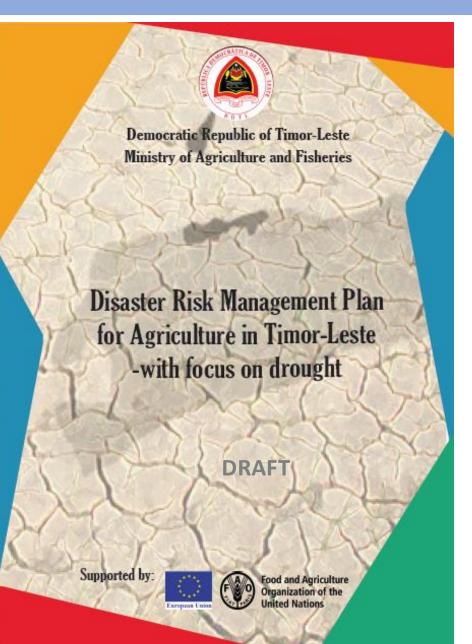


**Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries** 

Disaster Risk Management Strategy for Agriculture in Timor-Leste

**DRAFT** 

August, 2020



#### 1. Bottom-up approach

Budgeted Strategy & Plan

Establish governance structure (TF)

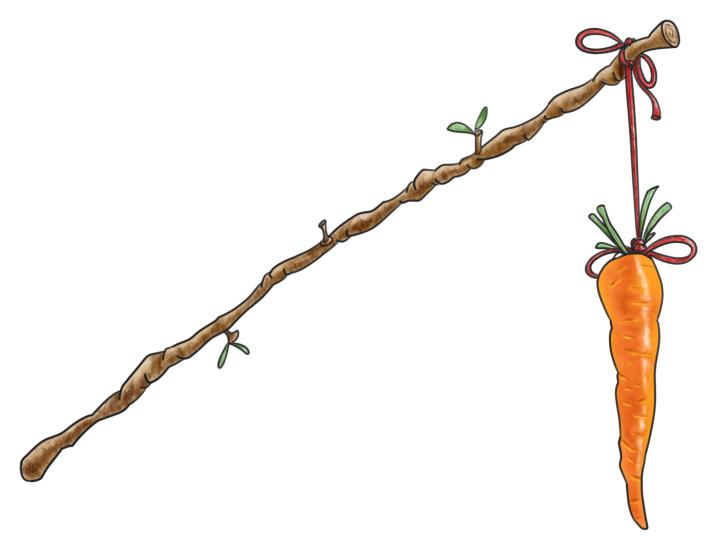
Institutional capacity gap identified

Voice of communities reflected at various levels

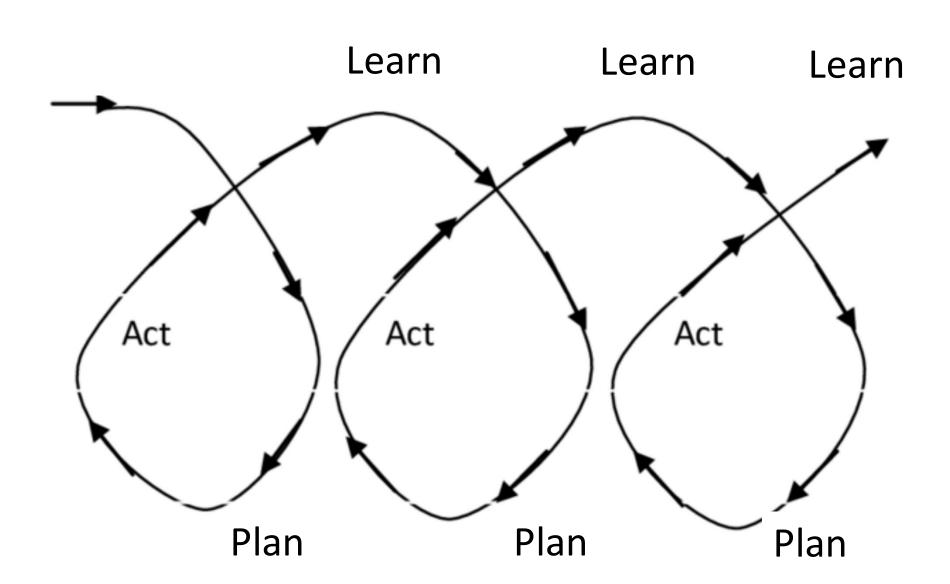
Guidelines to implement Climate Smart Agriculture (CBDRM and FFS)

Communities expressed needs -> agriculture resilience

2. Financial incentive -> Ministry of Finance confirmed the possibility to access contingency fund



3. Iterative learning -> Strategy development and field actions



4. From simple to complex -> adapt to gradual capacity increase

Disaster Risk
Management
STRATEGY and PLAN

Disaster Risk Management Plan

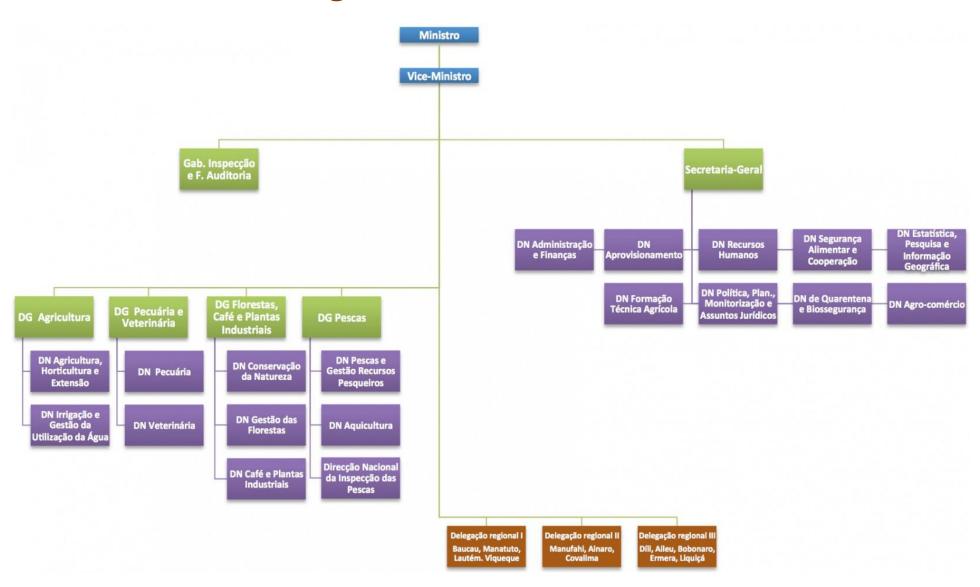
> Drought Risk Mngt plan

**Building Resilience** 

Early
WarningEarly Actions

Early Warning -Response

5. Reinforce existing structures -> Directorates in the lead!



#### Mainstreaming Agriculture DRM – ON-GOING PROCESS







#### Sand and Dust Storms

# An emerging issue for multi-hazard risk management

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2020

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#### Sand and Dust Storms (SDS)

- occur when strong winds lift large amounts of sand and dust from bare, dry soils into the atmosphere (WMO)
- Are common meteorological hazards in arid and semi-arid regions
- Every year, an estimated
   2,000 million tons of dust is emitted into the atmosphere



Source: Sardari, DG Desert Affairs Bureau, FRWO



#### **Scope of Impact**

- → Increasing frequency and intensity of SDS mainly due to **land use** and **climate change**
- → Dynamic overlay of slow environmental change and extreme events that lead to massive transboundary impacts on the environment, climate, health, livelihoods, agriculture and socio-economic well-being of societies
- → Economic losses from a single SDS event cost hundreds of millions of USD

Example: Major dust storm in northwest China:
Killed almost 120,000 livestock,
Destroyed 373,000 hectares of crops, and,
Buried over 2,000 km of irrigation ditches



**BUT:** no standardized, systematic monitoring of the impact of SDS across countries, regions and sectors yet



#### Agriculture plays a key role as both driver and victim of SDS

Source

Impact

- Soil productivity loss
- Seedlings/crops buried under sand
- Loss of plant tissue and reduced photosynthetic activity
- Destroyed crops and delayed plant development
- Injured or loss of livestock
- Reduced livestock productivity and growth
- Damage of agricultural infrastructure
- ...

- Expansion of agriculture into marginal lands
- Overuse of water and diversion of rivers for the use of irrigation
- Deforestation and forest degradation
- Unsustainable agricultural practices
- Tillage
- Rangeland degradation due to overgrazing
- ...

## Integrating SDS into systemic multi-hazard risk governance and disaster risk reduction

- Strengthen integrated monitoring, prediction early warning systems
- Undertake vulnerability and risk assessments to inform decision making
- Consider developing standards and triggers to declare and handle extreme SDS events as emergencies
- Systematically monitor the impacts of SDS to enhance evidence
  - Sendai Framework Monitor: report the impacts of SDS on agriculture under indicator C2
- Integrate SDS in overarching multi-hazard disaster risk reduction and resilience strategies and plans and incorporate SDS in national and regional development programmes

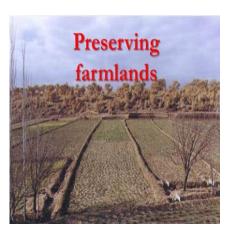


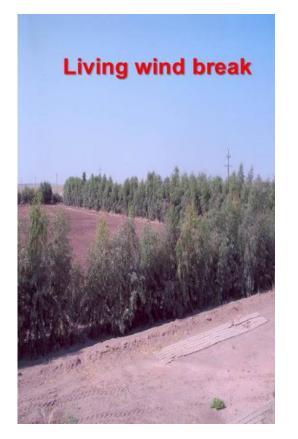


#### **Promoting source and impact mitigation**

- Structural stabilization measurements through windbreaks, agroforestry, sand dune stabilization and afforestation
- Sustainable land and water management
- Integrated landscape management
- Rangeland management









#### FAO's new work stream on SDS

- UN Coalition to Combat Sand and Dust Storms
  - Promote and coordinate a collaborative UN-system response to SDS
  - 15+ UN Agencies; FAO leads for the next 2 years
- ➤ Inter-regional FAO Project on Catalysing investments and actions to enhance resilience against SDS in agriculture
  - Near East and North Africa & Asia and the Pacific
  - Catalytic first step to gain knowledge and create network to develop a large-scale follow-up investment programme on SDS and agriculture





#### **THANK YOU**

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Zooming in: the governance challenges and solutions for risk sensitive development



# Mainstreaming DRR and CCA into sectoral development planning - Governance issues and tools for analysis

UNDRR Day - 13 October 2020 Dubravka Bojic

#### Linking DRR and CCA, and mainstreaming them into agriculture

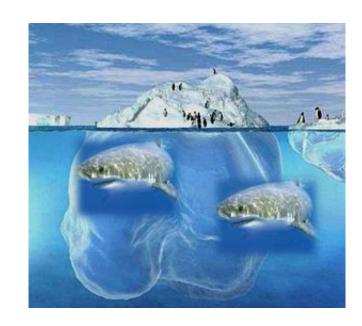
Key challenge is related to governance: overcoming sectoral boundaries and institutional parallelism



The key question is what constrains productive coordination and multi-sectoral planning and implementation?

#### Key constraints are most often related to political economy

- Historical legacy and strong response-oriented attitude
- Competition and rivalry between agencies and ministries
- Pressures and influence from certain interest groups or actors
- Ownership of and use of information about disasters and CC
- Absence of clear leadership and incentives for cross-sectoral coordination
- Relationships between national and sub-national authorities
- Weak capacities and participation opportunities for certain groups
- Other...



# Governance challenges for DRR and CCA convergence in agriculture. Guidance for analysis



#### The Guide:

- I. Briefly introduces the complexity of global governance of DRR and CCA, and its relevance for country-level implementation
- II. illustrates typical governance issues for effective cross-sectoral coordination between DRR and CCA at country and sub-national levels; and
- III. provides practical guidance for an in-depth governance analysis and developing *realistic and politically feasible* strategies for action.





### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION OCTOBER 13, 2020

Addressing DRR in the context of climate and environmental policies, NDCs and NAPs

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#### CLIMATE CHANGE INDUCED HAZARDS AND RISKS

- The risk of extreme weather events depends on the frequency and intensity of the events, as well as exposure and vulnerability of society and assets (IPCC SREX, 2012)
- The 5-year period from 2016–2020 is expected to be the warmest on record with an average global mean surface temperature of 1.1 °C above pre-industrial era (1850–1900) (WMO, 2020)
- There is increasing evidence that some extremes have changed as a result of anthropogenic influences, including increases in atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases
- Agriculture is feeling the effects: with increased greenhouse gas concentrations we see not only changes in yields, length of growing season, spreading of pests and diseases or migration of fish stocks but also changes in climate extremes like extreme temperatures, drought and flooding.
- Climate and environment policies, as well as National Adaptation Plans and National Determined Contributions are powerful governance tools paramount for increasing the resilience of societies to climate change

# DRR IN NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS AND NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLANNING

**DRR in NAPs** – adaptive capacity can be enhanced when national strategies bridge disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

"Technical guidelines for the national adaptation plan process" and "Guidelines on addressing agriculture, forestry and fisheries in national adaptation plans" address the consideration of climate-related extreme events and disasters in the national adaptation planning processes, as well the need for alignment and coordination between the DRR and CCA.

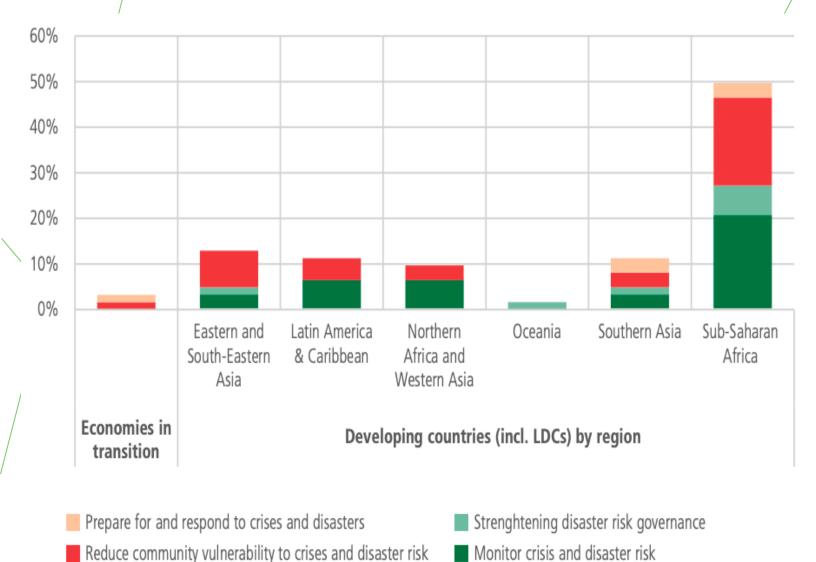
**DRR in NDCs -** FAO's global analysis of NDCs established that:

- 84 percent of the 134 countries refer to Disaster Risk Reduction/Management
- DRR/M is an adaptation priority in all regions, particularly in Eastern and Southern-Eastern Asia and Oceania, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Southern Asia









- Most of the countries that mention DRR/M in their NDCs are located in SSA
- Within this region, countries refer particularly often to investing in DRR/M for resilience, enhancing disaster preparedness and early warning systems
- Overall, most common DRR/M measures referred to by countries in their NDCs are monitoring crisis and disaster risk and reducing community vulnerability to crisis and disaster risk
- By contrast, disaster risk governance is rarely addressed at the sectoral level



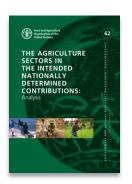
## ONGOING NDC AND NAP-RELATED INITIATIVES AND WORK STREAMS

FAO currently supports over 68 countries<sup>1</sup> in:

- Developing and implementing current NDCs
- Revising and enhancing the new round of NDCs
- Tracking progress of NDC implementation under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and reporting to the UNFCCC
- Addressing climate change adaptation priorities, including on National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

- FAO is an active member of the NDC
   Partnership, a global coalition of countries
   and institutions launched at COP22 in
   2016 to support climate action and
   sustainable development through
   technical assistance, financial support and
   knowledge enhancement
- FAO plays a leading role in the analysis of NDC priorities in the agriculture sectors









## THANK YOU!

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Transitioning towards multi-hazard, multi-sector systemic risk management:
Governance challenges for the agrifood systems

UNDRR Day -13 October 2020 Sylvie Wabbes



## Governance of multi-hazard, multi-sector systemic risk management for the agriculture and food-based livelihoods

Three main categories of shocks that affect the agricultural livelihoods and food systems

Natural hazards and climate related events



Food chain threats



Conflicts and protracted crises



Agriculture and food Sectors







Pastoralist



Fishers & Fish Farmers



Forestdependent communities

Together with food processors, traders and consumers

The agricultural livelihood and food systems include individual farmers, communities, private-public institutions and the agro-sylvo-pastoral & natural ecosystems, and related food value chain.

## Governance must evolve to integrate multi-hazard, multi-sector, multi-actor systemic risk management across sectors and for the agri-food sector especially

For Building Forward Better from the COVID-19 Pandemic we must design and implement interventions that are:

- Safe reducing disease transmission
- Clean -low-carbon
- Green nature friendly or nature positive
- Equitable socially inclusive, gender-sensitive
- Local promoting local jobs and produces
- Resource efficient water, energy, resources (circular economy)
- Resilient climate and disaster risk, crisis and conflict-sensitive
- Innovative and digital solutions along the entire food value chain



# Examples of key interventions to reduce disaster and climate risks and impacts in agri-food systems

- Multiple disaster and climate risk governance
- Agro-climatic and disaster risk information systems (or climate services)
- Early warning systems
- Risk transfer mechanisms (social protection and insurance)
- DRR/CCA agriculture good practices/technologies at farm and community level including livelihood diversification and alternatives
- Climate risk proofing of grey infrastructure along the food value chain.
- Nature based solutions at territorial/ecosystem level
- Food loss and waste reduction
- Climate friendly and sustainable diets
- Emergency preparedness, early action and response



## **Interactive Session**







# International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

#### 13 October 2020

13:00 to 14:30 hours (Rome/Geneva local time)

To participate in the event, click the link below:

https://fao.zoom.us/j/93798794326

Meeting ID: 937 9879 4326

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Good disaster risk governance can help prevent and reduce existing disaster risks and build resilience of agriculture and food systems!

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