

National Capacities to Manage Water Scarcity and Drough in West Asia and North Africa"

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Strengthening
National Capacities
to Manage Water
Scarcity and
Drought in West Asia
and North Africa

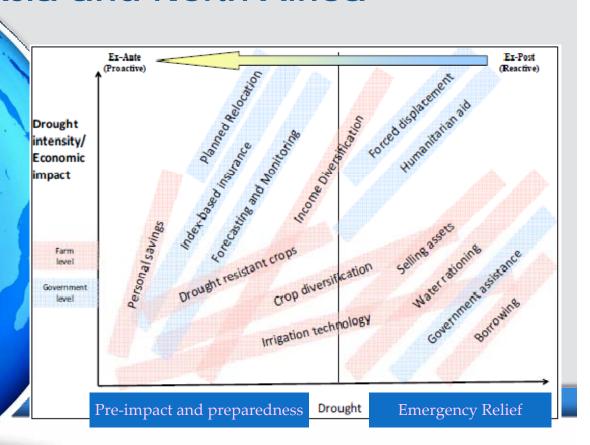
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Strengthening National Capacities to Manage Water Scarcity and Drought in West Asia and North Africa

Main objective:

Capacity building in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of proactive and preparedness drought management strategies.





Expected Accomplishments:

EA.1: Increased awareness and knowledge

EA.2: Increased human and institutional capacity Linkage to NDP and relevant Strategies (i.e. PRSP)

EA.1: Main Activities :Increased awareness and knowledge

A1.1 Mapping of existing knowledge and practices and gap analysis

A1.2 Convene an expert group and project inception meeting

A1.3 Produce
guidance notes
package on
proactive and
preparedness
drought
management

A1.4 Design a training framework and produce training modules based on the guidance notes

A1.5 Access of tools on dedicated project website

EA.2: Main Activities: Increased human and institutional capacity

A2.1 Consultation and selection of five pilot countries

A.2.2.1 Conduct a national assessment and develop pilot-country capacity development implementation plan.

A.2.2.2 Conduct a national stocktaking study in each pilot country

A2.2.3 Conduct stakeholders training workshops

A.2.2.4 Hold national interventions and provide advisory support.

A2.3 Convene a West Asia/North Africa regional meeting

A2.4 Analysis of Partnerships for future projects

UN Partners





















Project Team (Coordination and Collaboration)

- **❖** National experts and policy makers and ownership by the Governments
- UN Partners
- **Regional and international institutions:**
 - International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
 - ❖ International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Area (ICARDA)
 - ❖ Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands(ACSAD)
 - ❖ International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)
 - The Global Dry Land Alliance, Qatar
 - Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI)
 - Universities
 - Others

The project's Advisory Group

Objectives

- Providing expert advice and direction to the project.
- ❖ Developing selection criteria and recommending the project's pilot countries.
- Providing input to developing and applying projects' Guidance Notes, tools and methodologies.
- ❖ Participating in field missions, trainings and evaluations as needed.

The project's Advisory Group

Members:

- Experts from the United Nations partner agencies (DESA, ESCWA, ECA, FAO, WMO, UNISDR, UNEP, UNCCD, UNDP)
- National experts, stakeholders and policy makers from the region
- National experts from other countries with successful and applicable experience
- Experts from regional and international research centers,
 Universities and institutions

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Preliminary Members

Expert Group and Inception Meeting participants

Thank you!



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