

## WISER newsletter - July 2022



### Welcome!

Welcome to the latest issue of our WISER newsletter. We hope you will find this interesting and that it will keep you informed of the work the WISER programme is undertaking. If any colleagues would also be interested in receiving this newsletter, do ask them to subscribe by [emailing us](#).

You can also keep up to date by viewing the [Met Office web pages](#), joining our [LinkedIn group](#) and following our Twitter hashtag #UKaidWISER.

### Programme Management

#### What's next for WISER?

Since 2015, the WISER community has been growing the capabilities of weather and climate information services (WCIS) to empower populations most vulnerable to climate change and extreme weather. Due to the success of the projects and programmes delivered since then, the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) have announced additional funding to continue with WISER across Africa, expanding into new regions and partnerships. The programme will work alongside other initiatives in the UKaid [Africa Regional Climate and Nature Programme \(ARCAN\)](#) and [Pioneering a Holistic approach to Energy and Nature-based Options in MENA for Long-term stability \(PHENOMENAL\)](#) Programmes that look

jointly across climate finance and policy, weather and climate information, transboundary water management, nature and energy transitions.

There are currently two new WISER programmes moving forward; WISER Africa – working in West, East and Southern Africa and WISER MENA – working in North Africa and the Middle East. These programmes will build on the inspiration and knowhow of the transformative work of WISER to date in East Africa and the Sahel. Continuing work with co-production at its core, putting the last-mile user first, WISER will continue to bring users and producers together to jointly develop products and the way they are delivered to support user needs. This is central to the transformation of weather and climate information, into a useful, usable and used service.

Technical Assistance and Partner Capacity Development funding will be available through WISER. The Programme Management team is currently exploring how best to channel this as support to regional centres to empower their networks – including National Meteorological and Hydrological Service bodies and intermediaries with user mandates - to systemically strengthen WCIS value-chains.

Both WISER Africa and WISER MENA are currently in the scoping phase, working to understand the differing needs across the regional reach, to support programme design. We will be reaching out to stakeholders in the coming weeks and months to co-produce programme Theories of Change and Logframes, which will be the guiding tools to inform the programme design. Project funded activity is due to start from January 2023 within WISER Africa and April 2023 within WISER MENA. To support the regional approach that WISER Africa will take, we have recruited two new Regional Coordinators, one for West and one for Southern Africa. Once they are in post, we'll be able to introduce you to them, and the UK team to support our engagement going forward. We hope you will support us during this scoping period to inform the programme design, your national and regional voice is key to informing the design and direction of the programme, and we look forward to meeting many of you very soon.

The WISER web pages have been updated with more information about WISER Africa and WISER MENA, so you can find out more about both programmes [here](#).

### **A refreshed WISER brand**

Those of you with a keen eye may have noticed our logo featured at the top of this email has changed!

As the programme expands into new regions such as the Middle East and North Africa, it was important that all parts of the WISER programme moving forward are represented in its visual brand design. Therefore, the programme team carefully considered how this could be best reflected. From now, the below logo will be used across all WISER branded communications as the next phase of the programme begins.



Access to our brand guidelines can be found on [our webpage](#) with information on how to use the updated WISER logo. If you have any questions about the WISER brand, please [email us](#).

## Current WISER Opportunities

The Met Office is currently seeking consultancy support for the scoping phase of the WISER programme.

### WISER MEL Consultant

The Met Office is seeking to appoint a Consultant(s) with necessary international development and MEL experience to provide technical support on MEL to the WISER programme.

The Consultant will work with the WISER MEL Manager and independently to provide technical support on MEL to the WISER programme and its projects on a demand led basis.

The number of days available for this contract is up to 40 days, with up to an additional 5 days for the learning component work.

Expression of Interest return deadline: 23:59PM (UK time) Sunday 31 July 2022

Find out more information about this role [here](#).

### WISER Gender, Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) Consultant

A programme level Gender, Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) Action Plan outlines the steps and considerations needed to achieve greater GESI within WISER. As WISER Africa and WISER MENA moves into the scoping phase, GESI needs to be further integrated into programme and project design as a key principle.

The Met Office is seeking to appoint a Consultant(s) with the necessary international development and GESI experience to ensure recommendations and learnings are taken forward.

The number of days available for this contract is up to 35 days.

Expression of Interest return deadline: 5PM (UK time) Friday 5 August 2022

Find out more information about this role [here](#).

## WISER Knowledge Management

Summary insights about how WISER projects have achieved impact so far are now available through the resources below.

A large amount of knowledge has already been developed during the programme, and this is shared on the [Met Office](#) webpages. Do take a look to see whether any of this information is relevant to your own work and keep checking back for new information.

Recently, we have shared blog content from projects and [the UK Government](#) as they reflect on the WISER effect through stories of change and testimonials. Additionally, a collective [project infographic](#) demonstrates the far-reaching scope and range of people impacted by the programme to date, and infographics showcasing key successes for each project can be found in our [completed project web pages](#).

**WISER 2015-2021  
Programme Brochure**

**WISER Key Programme  
Achievements Infographic**

**WISER Socio-Economic  
Benefits Report**

**WISER**  
Weather and Climate Information Services for Africa

**Weather and Climate Information Services (WISER): East Africa 2015-21**

The Weather and Climate Information Services (WISER) for Africa programme's aim was to deliver transformational change in the quality, accessibility and use of weather and climate information services at all levels of decision making to support sustainable development in Africa.

The programme set out in East Africa, designed to develop and test an approach to measuring changes in weather and climate resilience and an approach to quantify value of avoided losses, as well as to pilot new and innovative project approaches and partnerships. WISER 2015-21 focused primarily on East Africa. It also included activity in complex operating environments including the Sahel, Somalia, and South Sudan.

Delivery ranged from focused national projects to large, complex regional projects with delivery through a range of partners, such as National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS), International NGOs and European and African organisations, each with differing strengths and areas of expertise.

**Key Programme Achievements**

**£207.5m** of avoided losses supported in East Africa due to the use of climate information

**3.3m** households can access new or improved Weather and Climate Information Services

**8.2m** people's resilience improved

**£28.8m** of additional funding released for improved generation, uptake and use of Weather and Climate Information Services

**65** joint analysis and learning initiatives which support an enabling environment for the delivery of Weather and Climate Information Services

**482,219** households supported to use new or improved Weather and Climate Information Services to inform decision making

**7** National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and Regional Climate Centres with new and upgraded technology and hardware for production of climate services

**53** processes facilitated, with coproduction underpinning WISER's approach

**33** forums organised from global to national levels, strengthening networks and partnerships

**146** new or improved coproduced climate service products produced

**94** research or knowledge management outputs produced

**6,000+** people trained, improving their knowledge and skills to produce, access and use (or) produced climate services

**The Socio-Economic Benefits of the WISER Programme**

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Weather and Climate Information Services for Africa

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