



WISER newsletter - October 2020



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 and ACPC web pages, joining our LinkedIn group and following our Twitter hashtag #UKaidWISER.

WISER East Africa

STOP PRESS!

British Expertise International Award win

On 21 October, Resurgence won the International Collaboration Project of the Year Award at the British Expertise International Awards 2020 for their work on the WISER DARAJA project. "This major award caps off two years of hard work and effort from our team, partners and collaborators on the DARAJA project, and we are honoured and excited to share this ground-breaking international collaboration with a wider audience"

said Resurgence CEO Mark Harvey. Find out more [here](#). An example of some of the work of the DARAJA project can be found in the article below.

A creative way to inspire forecast based preventive action in Kibera



This wall mural was completed in August 2020 as part of the Weather Mtaani awareness campaign, which has been running as part of the pilots under the WISER **DARAJA** project in Nairobi's informal settlements.

The mural is one of two in Kibera, showing how to use the new forecasts produced by the Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) to take preventative action prior to high impact weather, in this case extreme rainfall. It includes the weather forecast table KMD releases on a weekly basis and the weather update SMS which is shared by community leaders across Kibera.

It's a great example of how urban communities can use forecasts to take preventative action, and is on view to locals as they go about their day-to-day activities. The mural is located in Lindi village, one of the 13 villages that form Kibera. It is next to a football field where a large number of children spend their play time, and close to a footbridge that links Kibera to the estates around where people pass on their way to work. It was commissioned by the Weather Mtaani leaders and Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) in Nairobi, Resurgence's urban intermediary partner in Kenya, and created by a local painter, called Michigan.

Photo credit: Pascal Kipkemboi (Kounkey Design Initiative - KDI)

Triple Dividends for Resilience webinar

The WISER TRANSFORM project will be co-hosting a learning webinar on the Triple Dividend of Resilience (TDR) framework based on case studies and analysis of selected projects including the WISER Multi Hazard Early Warning (MHEWS) project in Tanzania.

The webinar will have a panel discussion format and reflect on learning from WISER and other programmes on identifying co-benefits through the TDR framework.

The event is scheduled to take place on 5 November 2020 at 12.00 (BST)/14.00 (EAT).

If you would like to take part in the webinar, [click here](#) to register.

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Strengthening the engagement of women in CIS generation, packaging, dissemination, uptake and use

In the course of the implementation of its programme, ACPC observed that there's limited engagement of women in the production and uptake of climate information. Weak policy and legislative environments have not sufficiently provided the incentives for women to engage in the uptake and use of climate information services (CIS). Sectoral policies (environment, agriculture, climate, gender) have also not significantly addressed the differential impact of climate change and how it affects men and women.

It is in this context that ACPC, in collaboration with the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, organised a webinar in August to strengthen the engagement of women in CIS in Africa and to build their capacity and awareness of climate information tools and resources, which they can utilise to support the CIS value chain for the benefit of their countries and communities.

The event identified practical national level opportunities and modalities for enhancing the role of women in the production, packaging, dissemination, uptake and use of CIS both by both policy makers and practice communities.



ACPC makes strides in catalyzing climate change learning in Africa

Following ACPC's contribution of a course on climate information and services to the One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership (UN CC:Learn) at UNITAR, on the 18 September 2020, UN CC:Learn celebrated the successful completion of its free on-line courses by more than 100,000 learners, more than 50% of who were women. To date, the course on climate information and services produced by ACPC has been completed by over 6,000 learners.

Action to combat the climate change crisis is a key pillar of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, through Sustainable Development Goal 13 which urges the world to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Within the African region, limited knowledge and awareness by vulnerable communities and policymakers on options that can be used to alleviate climate change impacts has been a hurdle in realising progress.

"This is being realised through production, dissemination and support for the uptake of relevant knowledge, lessons and best practices in the region" said Mr. James Murombedzi, Chief of the ACPC, adding the Centre is delighted by its contribution to the UN CC: Learn Partnership milestone.

Read more [here](#).

Other news

WISER annual review A+ rating

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) recently published the annual review of the WISER programme for the 2019/2020 financial year, and we were thrilled to receive an A+ rating. This indicates that WISER is exceeding expectations. You can read the full report [here](#).

New Guide on 'Future of Forecasts: Impact-based Forecasting for Early Actions' launched



Red Cross Red Crescent and the Met Office have developed a comprehensive guide on Impact-based Forecasting for Early Action combining the forecast-based financing [trigger methodology](#) with the impact-based forecasting technical expertise of the Met Office and other experts in this field.

The guide is a part of larger package of knowledge products developed within the [Asia Regional Resilience to a Changing Climate](#) (ARRCC) programme (funded by the FCDO), and a toolkit for current and future trainings and capacity building on the coproduction of impact-based forecasting services in South Asia and other regions.

The full guide can be accessed from [here](#). You can also read the [summary document](#) of the guide separately. Also do watch a 5 minute short explainer [video](#) to get a quick overview of impact-based forecasting that can enable anticipatory actions.

WISER knowledge and learning

The WISER knowledge management strategy has been developed to ensure that knowledge from the programme benefits other weather and climate projects and programmes.



WISER knowledge and learning

A large amount of knowledge has already been developed during the programme, and this is shared on the [Met Office](#) and [ACPC](#) 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.

The Weather and Climate Information Services for Africa (WISER) programme

Delivering transformational change in the quality, accessibility and use of weather and climate information services for sustainable development in Africa

WISER East Africa

Aimed at improving the quality and relevance of weather and climate information, and supporting its uptake and use across the East Africa region.

WISER Policy & Enabling Environment Component (PEEC)

Focused on creating an enabling environment and stimulating demand for climate information service uptake and investments at the highest level of policy making.

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