

## Annex 1 – Template for CREWS Action Presentation Note

<b>Action Title</b>	Project Preparation for CREWS Malawi Phase 2: Scaling Up Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Early Action Systems in Malawi
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Malawi
<b>Partner Country Entity / Entities</b>	Ministry of Natural Resources, Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services (DCCMS). Dr Lucy Mtilatila, Director, DCCMS (lmtilatila@metmalawi.gov.mw)
<b>Implementing Partner (if submission by Implementing Partner)</b>	[Implementing partner, including main point(s) of contact and contact details]
<b>Implementing Partner Requested (if submission by Partner Country)</b>	Select at least 1: <input type="checkbox"/> World Bank/GFDRR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WMO <input type="checkbox"/> UNDRR <input type="checkbox"/> No preference  [Please note that the requested Implementing Partner is not guaranteed; the Secretariat will review the nature of the Action and determine the most appropriate Implementing Partner, and the Implementing Partner will also need to confirm interest and availability to proceed with the Action Presentation Note in partnership with the Partner Country]
<b>Action Type</b>	Select at least 1: <input type="checkbox"/> Continued Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Analyses and Assessments <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support to Project Preparation
<b>Early Warning System Element(s) Supported</b>	Select at least 1: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monitoring, detection, analysis and forecasting of hydro-meteorological hazards providing lead-times for action. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dissemination of timely and authoritative warnings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preparedness and response plans triggered by warnings and weather and climate predictions. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disaster risk knowledge based on the systematic collection of data and disaster risk assessment.  [Optional: provide additional information as relevant]
<b>Contributions to CREWS Programming Principles and</b>	<b>CREWS Programming Principles addressed:</b> Select all relevant: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> People-centered

<b>Results Framework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender-responsive</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promotes Coherence</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leverage</li> </ul> <p><b>CREWS Results Framework Outputs to which the Action is expected to contribute to:</b></p> <p><i>Select at least one:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A country and/or region has developed or strengthened legislative and/or institutional frameworks to support and sustain multi-hazard early warning systems.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multi-hazard needs, gaps and priority assessments, analyses, and related investment plans for early warning systems in a country or region are driven by CREWS financing.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partnerships and cooperation frameworks developed for financing and scaling up support to multi-hazard early warning systems.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk information and tools generated by countries to enable the delivery of impact-based early warnings.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monitoring, analysis and forecasting of hazards that threaten the country/region are improved and sustained by the countries.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warnings are communicated by the countries based on common alerting protocols under agreed standard operational procedures (SOPs)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warnings are received, understood and acted upon based on co-produced preparedness and response plans by the countries.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> People of different backgrounds, gender, youth, older persons, people with disability, poor, marginalized, displaced and non-native, as well as related institutions have co-produced climate and weather information products tailored to their needs.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private sector is engaged to foster innovation and sustainability in delivery of early warning services.</li> </ul> <p><b>CREWS Programme Indicators to which the Action is expected to contribute to:</b></p> <p><i>Select at least one:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forecasting and warning capacity</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of risk information</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity to disseminate warnings.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity to prepare for and respond to warnings.</li> </ul> <p><i>[Optional: provide additional information as relevant]</i></p>
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<p><b>Specific Action and Objectives</b></p>	<p>This Action will finance the preparation of the full proposal for <b>CREWS Malawi Phase 2</b>, including technical design, stakeholder consultations, investment planning, and institutional arrangements. The activity will support a structured national consultation process to transition Malawi from pilot early warning systems to a nationally owned multi-hazard early warning and anticipatory action system. The Action will organize national and district consultation workshops involving meteorology, hydrology, disaster management authorities, humanitarian partners, finance and planning institutions, and community representatives. Technical working groups will refine the project design, define implementation arrangements, develop the results framework, costed workplan, safeguards, and monitoring and evaluation framework. The objectives are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a fully costed CREWS Phase 2 proposal ready for submission and approval.</li> <li>2. Ensure national ownership and government endorsement of the project.</li> <li>3. Align Phase 2 with national legislation, financing mechanisms and investment programs.</li> <li>4. Integrate gender, social inclusion and anticipatory action into the project design.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Need and Rationale</b></p>	<p>Malawi experiences recurrent floods, droughts and cyclones causing significant human and economic losses, affecting approximately 100,000 people annually from floods and 1.5 million from droughts. CREWS Phase 1 strengthened technical capacity and governance instruments, including the Meteorology Policy, Water Resources Act amendments and operational planning frameworks. However, systems remain fragmented and early warnings do not consistently trigger early action at community level. The proposed Phase 2 aims to scale pilot initiatives into a national multi-hazard early warning system, expand coverage from two districts to at least ten districts, and institutionalize early warning services across all administrative levels. Preparation funding is necessary because the scale and institutional nature of Phase 2 requires broad national consultations, technical assessments, and coordination across multiple ministries and development partners. Without dedicated preparation support, the project risks weak ownership, insufficient integration with national financing systems, and delays in implementation.</p>

<b>Alignment</b>	The requested Action supports preparation of <b>CREWS Malawi Phase 2</b> and is aligned with Malawi’s national development, policy and legal frameworks, as well as international commitments on early warning systems and climate resilience. At the national level, the Action contributes to implementation of the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Act (2023) and DRM Policy (2025), the National Resilience Strategy, the National Development Plan, and the National Framework for Climate and Weather Services (NFWCS). It is also consistent with the long-term national development vision Malawi 2063 and its First 10-Year Implementation Plan, which prioritize climate resilience, disaster preparedness, agricultural productivity and protection of livelihoods. The Action will support enactment and operationalization of the revised Meteorological Policy and Bill, amendments to the Water Resources legislation, and implementation of the DCCMS Strategic and Operational Plans, establishing a sustainable institutional and legal framework for hydrometeorological and early warning services, including cost-recovery mechanisms. The Action aligns with Malawi’s Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and National Adaptation Plan (NAP) priorities, which emphasize community-based early warning systems, flood monitoring and integration of climate risk information into development planning. It complements ongoing multilateral investments, including the Green Climate Fund modernization of weather and climate services and the World Bank Regional Program for Climate Resilience and Malawi Watershed Services Improvement Project. The project will operationalize these investments by enabling impact-based forecasting and anticipatory action at community level. The preparation also supports Malawi’s Disaster Risk Financing Strategy and African Risk Capacity mechanisms, contributes to Early Warnings for All implementation, and strengthens regional cooperation through the SADC Climate Services Centre and WMO regional centres.
<b>Timeframe</b>	<i>8 Months</i>
<b>Action Cost (To be completed by Implementing Partner)</b>	<i>USD 149,925</i>
<b>Attachments</b>	<i>Annex 1: Country Endorsement Letter (PR of Malawi with WMO) Annex 2: Detailed Activity and budget</i>

## Annex 1: Annex 1: Country Endorsement Letter (PR of Malawi with WMO)

### Annex 2: Detailed Activity and budget

The requested Accelerated Support Window (ASW) financing will support the preparation of the CREWS Malawi Phase 2 project through national and district consultations, technical design, and development of a submission-ready proposal. An amount of **USD 132,677** will be used directly to implement the preparation activities, including stakeholder consultation workshops, technical assessments, proposal drafting, validation, and documentation. The **WMO Programme Support Costs (PSC)** applied is **13%**, amounting to **USD 17,248**. Therefore, the **total requested budget is USD 149,925**, comprising USD 132,677 for activities and USD 17,248 for WMO PSC.

#	Cost Category	Description	Budget (USD)	Purpose / Justification	Month (2026)					
					March	April	May	June	July	Aug
1	National Consultation Workshops	Two national stakeholder and validation workshops (venue, accommodation, per diem, logistics, workshop materials)	60,000	Multi-agency consultations (DCCMS, DoDMA, DWR, Finance, humanitarian partners, private sector and development partners) to develop and validate the Phase 2 design						
2	District Consultation Workshops	Community and district-level consultations in priority districts (travel, facilitation, accommodation, participant support, documentation)	30,000	Ensure people-centred design and integration of local preparedness and anticipatory action mechanisms						
3	Proposal Development Support	Proposal drafting, hydromet/EWS technical design, M&E framework, gender & inclusion integration, costing by the TWG and implementing partners	20,000	Preparation of the full CREWS Phase 2 proposal, results framework, safeguards and implementation arrangements						
4	Coordination, Reporting and Operational Support	Coordination missions, technical facilitation, stakeholder consultations, communication, proposal documentation, editing, layout, administrative and operational expenses	<b>22,677</b>	Supports government and partner engagement, proposal review and endorsement, preparation of submission-ready documentation, and operational delivery of the preparation process						
5	Implementing partner project support cost	WMO13% PSC	<b>17,248</b>	PSC applied to cover project management, fiduciary oversight, financial administration, reporting, required for implementation.						
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>USD 132,677</b>							