



CREWS PROJECT STATUS REPORT

(Define the reporting period covered in this report)

Section 1. General Project Information

1. Project title	Unlocking South Asia Regional Synergies for Resilience Building through Enhanced Access to Early Warning Services – CREWS South Asia Project	2. Project reference	CREWS/RProj/18/South Asia
3. Lead Implementing Partner of the project	WMO	4. Other Implementing Partners involved in the project	UNDRR
5. Operational Partners involved in the project	RIMES MeteoSuisse University of Oxford University of Salford	6. Project Duration/Timeframe (from year – to year)	2025 - 2029
7. Current year of implementation	Year 1	8. Total Funding Approved by Steering Committee (in US dollars), including fees	5,250,000
9. Reporting focal point(s) from Implementing Partners	WMO: Nakul Prasad UNDRR: Rahul Sengupta, Stefanie Dannenmann-Di Palma		

Section 2. Overall rating

Interpretation of color coding		
High		The project is having good implementation progress. End-of project targets achievement or cumulative financial delivery are fully on track.
Medium		The project is having moderate progress. Implementation is facing issues. End-of project targets achievement or cumulative financial delivery are off track. Adaptive management should be undertaken immediately.
Low		The project is having less than moderate or poor progress. Implementation is not proceeding as planned facing major issues. End-of project targets achievement or cumulative financial delivery are severely off track. Requires remedial attention where restructuring may be necessary.

	Rating	Comments on delays
Rate of delivery		No delays have been experienced at this point.
Rate of expenditure		Rate of expenditure remains on track.

Section 3. Project Performance Progress

10. Progress summary	What has been achieved <u>during this reporting period</u>? – Please <u>list by project outcome in bullet points</u>: progress and main achievements Online inception meeting: While the project was formally approved on 24 June 2025, the first official inception meeting was organized on 9 December 2025 which saw participation of the delegates from the SAHF Member countries and project partners. SAHF WG Meetings: The interaction and coordination between SAHF Working Groups on various topics such as climate services, Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP), Observation Network (OBN), Hydrology, Impact Base Forecasting (IBF) has been happening virtually. Face-to-face meetings and training workshops will be conducted during the course of the project. SAHF Weekly Forecasters Fora: The forum leverages regional knowledge sharing to improve operational forecasting and service delivery by bringing together forecasters from NMHS staff. It is held once a week virtually and enables stronger coordination in case of extreme weather triggered disasters in the region. Since the inception of SAHF (which was prior to the project), more than 200 forecasters fora have been conducted.
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11. Rating of progress towards achieving CREWS Indicators

Complete the following for the selected CREWS indicators in the project logical framework, at both outcome and output level. Use the unit of measure and disaggregation level defined for each indicator¹ and provide a progress summary justification of the indicator. This summary should state the evidence on the indicator's progress and describe in detail what has been achieved and performed focusing on results.

CREWS Outcome 1: Regional collaboration mechanisms for hydrometeorological services strengthened						
Indicator	Baseline level	End-of project target level	Target for reporting period	Progress by 31 Dec 2025 (Set as a percentage)	Progress summary justification as of 31 Dec 2025	Progress rating ²
# of coordination mechanisms strengthened to enhance collaboration on forecasting and early warning among national and regional institutions	0	1	0	15%	The coordination mechanism for South Asia Hydromet Forum (SAHF) under the project is already underway. Several of the Working Groups (WGs) under SAHF have been meeting regularly online and face-to-face interactions are planned during the course of the year. These meetings and interactions have led to the development of strategic documents and workplans for these WGs.	
Output 1.1 SAHF strategic dialogues and high-level engagement deepened						

¹ CREWS Results Framework.

² Use scale system provided in Annex X of this document.

# of SAHF EC Resolutions endorsed	0	3	0	0%	The previous SAHF EC was held in April 2025 before the project was approved. The next SAHF EC is planned for Q2/Q3 where new resolutions will be proposed and endorsed.	
# of national hydrological services represented in the SAHF EC	3	5	0	10%	The SAHF WG Hydrology was formally established during the SAHF EC in 2025. A first meeting of the WG was scheduled in July 2025 following the approval of the CREWS South Asia project. A face-to-face meeting of SAHF WG Hydrology is planned in Q1 2026, where national hydrological services representative will be attending and where they will be encouraged to nominate experts.	
# of SAHF Conferences organized	4	5	0	0%	The SAHF conference is a high-level event held once every few years. Given that the project was recently approved and implementation is in its initial stages, it is planned to organize the 5 th SAHF Conference in Q2/Q3 of 2027 which will be mid-way through the project implementation.	
WMO-SAHF Partner coordination mechanism in place	0	1	0	10%	WMO is collaborating with UNDRR and RIMES (SAHF Secretariat) for establishing the Partner Coordination Mechanism. Currently, the mapping and inventory of past, upcoming partner initiatives in South Asia (both at regional and national level) is underway. Following this, engagement will be held with several project partners to map the data and create a dataset	
Output 1.2 Cooperation among forecasters of the SAHF region enhanced through the pooling of expertise						
Weekly SAHF Region Forecasters Fora (FF) continued and expanded to discuss weather and ocean situations, as well as monsoon conversations and extreme events	0	2	8	100%	Since the project inception up to end of 2025, 8 Forecasters for a have been conducted. Inclusion of experts from SWFP and FFGS will be done over the course of project implementation in 2026.	

(incl. Severe Weather Forecasting Programme (SWFP) & Flash Flood Guidance System (FFGS) products)						
Output 1.3. Hydrometeorological and early warning services enhanced through regional collaboration in SAHF countries						
# of strategies, workplans, assessments, analyses and other mapping of needs, gaps priorities that inform investment requirements on forecasting & early warning systems	0	3	0	30%	The strategies of the WG Hydrology is under development and will be formalized towards end of 2026. For WG Climate Services, WG NWP, WG OBN, the strategies and workplan have been drafted and are being finalized.	

CREWS Outcome 2: Improved quality and efficiency of forecasting and early warning services						
Indicator	Baseline level	End-of project target level	Target for reporting period	Progress by 31 Dec 2025 (Set as a percentage)	Progress summary justification as of 31 Dec 2025	Progress rating
# of hazards monitoring, analysis and forecasting processes developed or improved	0	2	0	0%	Activities are scheduled to commence in 2026 and progress on this is expected to be reported from 2027 onwards.	
Output 2.1 Co-development of the observation network and data exchange expanded						
# of RBON high priority areas identified	2	1	0	0%	Activities will be planned in Q1 2026 and implementation to begin from Q2 2026.	
# of people trained and actively involved in the RBON design	0	5	0	0%	Activities will be planned in Q1 2026 and implementation to begin from Q2 2026.	
Availability of a Quality Control (QC) module on DataEx	No	Yes	No	5%	Internal team meeting with system developer for scope and work orientation concluded. Development and testing of QC module is expected to begin towards end of Q2 2026.	

Output 2.2. Forecasting capacities improved						
# of additional forecasting and prediction products developed and/or accessed from WMO World Meteorological Centres (WMCs), Global Prediction Centers (GPCs), Regional Specialized Meteorological Centers (RSMCs) and NMHSs as a result of this project.	0	2	0	0%	Activities will be planned in Q1 2026 and implementation to begin from Q2 2026.	
# of countries developing or accessing marine operational forecasting	0	4	0	0%	Activities will be planned in Q1 2026 and implementation to begin from Q2 2026.	
Output 2.3 New forecasting techniques prototyped and EWS piloted for enhancing future Early Warning						
# of urban centres (cities) that have operational urban flood early warning systems established under the project	0	1	0	0%	Discussions for identifying a potential urban centre will be held during the SAHF WG Hydrology meeting in Q2 of 2026 and a problem statement will be designed accordingly.	
Prototype for forecasting in complex terrain (mountains) available	No	Yes	0	5%	WMO has already initiated discussions with the implementing partners, MeteoSuisse and University of Oxford. Activities will begin end of Q2 2026.	
Output 2.4 Last-mile connectivity to reach end users supported and mainstreamed						
Number of countries that are CAP compliant	TBD	TBD	0	0%	Activity to start from Q2 2026. Baseline and target to be updated accordingly.	

CREWS Outcome 3: People-centered and gender-responsive principles and private sector engagement mainstreamed in early warning programmes						
Indicator	Baseline level	End-of project target level	Target for reporting period	Progress by 31 Dec 2025 (Set as a percentage)	Progress summary justification as of 31 Dec 2025	Progress rating

# of climate and weather information products codesigned to users' needs by groups representing vulnerable segments of exposed populations	0	1	0	0%	Activities are scheduled to be implemented after the inception phase.	
Output 3.1 Early warning programmes driven by people-centered principles						
Virtual platform established	No	Yes	0	0%	WMO is in active engagements with the project partner University of Salford for putting in place the formal arrangement. Implementation is set to begin from Q2 2026.	
# of countries sharing disaster data to the virtual platform through the disaster loss tracking system as per their data governance policy	0	1	0	5%	The implementation progress of the indicator is on track. Foundational work has been undertaken with the Government of Bangladesh towards the digitization of the disaster loss data in line with the Government's Standing Orders on Disaster (SOD). An internal temporary committee has also been set up in the Department of Disaster Management to oversee the digitization.	
Output 3.2 Private sector engaged to foster innovation and sustainability in the delivery of hydrometeorological and early warning services						
# of agreements with private sector to co-finance or co-implement Early Warning System initiatives	0	1	0	0%	Activity will planned in Q2 2026 and implementation to start in Q4 2026/Q1 2027.	
# of applicants applying to the innovation call (disaggregated by private sector/research institutions/govt. agencies)	0	1	0	0%	The innovation call discussion will be held at the upcoming SAHF EC planned for Q2/Q3 2026. A draft white paper will be developed in coordination with the SAHF Member countries and project partners.	

12. Risk Status

Insert ALL the risks identified at project proposal, those from previous/current project status reports, and the new risk identified for the current reporting period. If a risk has been mitigated or is no longer a risk, please specify it in the

“current situation” column.

Description of risk <i>What is the cumulative risk status of the project in comparison to what was identified in the project proposal?</i>	Risk management actions. <i>What mitigation measures have been developed to address the risk status? <u>In bullet points</u></i>	Current situation <i>If mitigation measures have been undertaken, what is the current status of the risk? If a risk has been mitigated or is no longer a risk, please specify it here.</i>
Institutional risk and commitment from participating countries (low): There are multiple agencies/institutions who are involved in the early warning system value chain, which can at times cause coordination and	Mitigation measures: Partners have established a Project Steering Committee during the inception meeting. The Terms of Reference will be ratified via correspondence in Q1 2026 and updated as needed. Further, communication with the countries will be held with the support of SAHF Secretariat, which is already well established.	The risk status is currently low .
Political instability (low): There is potential for political instability and government changes during the duration of the project. However, since SAHF and WMO Regional Association II (RA II) are technical mechanisms which are non-political in nature, the potential impact on the project implementation is low.	Mitigation measures: The project partners will regularly monitor the ongoing evolution of the political situation in the region. As work will be mainly focused through SAHF,	The risk status is currently low .
Human resources / capacity risks (medium): The project aims to support countries with limited human resources and capacity through regional collaboration and pooling of expertise. However, in events where officials are unable to participate in the training due to staff shortage, it could pose a risk. There could also be risk in terms of continuity if there is staff attrition or if the same staff doesn't participate in the follow-up training.	Mitigation measures: Through consultations with the SAHF EC, appropriate models will be established which will include regional and national level trainings, virtual sessions, training of trainers etc. to reduce the burden on the staff from the national agencies.	The risk status is currently low as the project has only started in June 2025 and formal trainings will be more frequent from 2026.

13. Knowledge management and social media

Provide a list of knowledge activities / products (when applicable) produced during this reporting period only. Include any links to press releases, videos or communication items and/or social media. Please attach with this report any supporting files, including photos, videos, stories, and other documents.

- [Official inception of the CREWS South Asia project \(LinkedIn post\)](#)
- [South Asia Hydromet Forum Accelerates Regional Climate Action with 3 New Strategic Initiatives | RIMES](#)

14. Partnerships & stakeholder engagement

Optional: If the project worked with any of the following partners in this reporting period, please provide a summary of the partnership activities.

Civil Society Organisations and/or NGOs	
Intergovernmental Organisation	Regional Integrated Multihazard Early Warning System (RIMES) is the SAHF Secretariat and has been instrumental in coordinating the activities concerning to SAHF.
Academic Institutions	Initial discussions with University of Oxford on the topic of mountain meteorology were held. Formal engagement is expected during Q1 2026.
Private Sector	As part of the living lab and DSS activity, discussions were held with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. Formal engagement with various private sector entities is expected to commence in the latter half of 2026.

15. Impact stories

Provide a brief summary of any especially interesting and impactful project result that is considered to be worth sharing in the annual report to the Steering Committee, with concrete examples of the contributions to CREWS value propositions (gender-responsive, multiplier, people-centered, promote coherence, solution-oriented, unique) (max 500 words).

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16. Financial management

Total financing approved (in approved project proposal):	USD 5,250,000 WMO: USD 4,107,550 WB: USD 961,650 UNDRR: USD 180,800
Cumulative amount for the reporting period (<i>how much has been used, actual expenditure</i>):	WMO: USD 776,302 UNDRR: USD 0
Percentage used as of (<i>state end date of reporting period</i>):	14.8%

17. Supporting documents

List and annex to the report any documents providing details on project activities conducted during the reporting period such as reports of training sessions, assessment reports, online solutions and tools, manuals, summaries of high-level discussions etc.

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18. Certification on Use of Resources

Each Implementing Partner to provide a certification of the use of resources signed by their authorized representative.

19. Annex. Progress rating

Interpretation of color coding		
Achieved		The indicator has achieved its end-of-project target.
Partially achieved		The indicator is on track to achieve its end-of-project target.
Not achieved		The indicator has not had any advancement towards achieving its end-of-project target.