

JOINT INITIATIVE

IMMERSIVE PREPAREDNESS PRACTITIONER EXPERIENCE

UNDP-IOM Joint Strategic Approach to Support Effective Preparedness and Anticipatory Action

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are joining forces to design, develop and deliver an **immersive experience for preparedness and anticipatory action** as part of a joined-up capacity building initiative aimed at strengthening national and local capacities for response.

RATIONALE

By developing and delivering an integrated and immersive capacity building experience, UNDP and IOM foster a unified approach to preparedness and anticipatory action aimed at **enhancing the awareness and capabilities of national and local stakeholders involved in preparedness for response**.

This joint initiative is underpinned by existing UNDP and IOM corporate collaboration through the **IOM-UNDP Joint Programme of Action** and the Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI), aiming to scale up the impact of partnership between the two organizations by leveraging their comparative advantages and strengthening joined-up action at the global, regional, national, sub-national and local levels. This joint initiative allows for a **more efficient use of expertise and financing**, enabling both organizations to achieve greater impact and reach a wider audience.



UNIFIED APPROACH

The initiative harmonizes the methodologies and tools of both organizations, creating a coherent framework that integrates UNDP's development-oriented perspective with IOM's expertise in migration and displacement issues. This unified approach facilitates a comprehensive understanding of disaster preparedness that encompasses diverse aspects such as human mobility, socio-economic development, and community resilience.



LEVERAGING COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES

UNDP and IOM bring unique strengths to the table. UNDP's extensive network and experience in development planning, governance, and sustainable solutions complement IOM's deep expertise in migration management, humanitarian assistance, and community stabilization. By leveraging these comparative advantages, the initiative delivers a more comprehensive and effective capacity building program.



STRENGTHENING COORDINATED ACTION

The collaboration promotes coordinated action at multiple levels. At the global level, the initiative aligns with international frameworks and standards for disaster risk reduction and management. Regionally, it facilitates cross-border cooperation and knowledge sharing. Nationally and sub-nationally, it supports governments in integrating disaster preparedness into their policies and planning processes. Locally, it empowers communities by enhancing their resilience and response capabilities.



ENHANCED AWARENESS AND CAPABILITIES

An immersive gaming experience simulates real-world scenarios, allowing stakeholders to engage in interactive learning that enhances their situational awareness and decision-making skills. This experiential learning approach ensures that participants not only understand theoretical concepts but can also apply practical skills in managing emergencies and anticipatory actions effectively.



SCALABLE AND SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

The initiative is designed to be scalable and adaptable to different contexts, allowing it to be replicated and expanded across various regions and countries. This scalability ensures that the benefits of the program can be extended to a larger audience, fostering a global culture of preparedness and resilience.



EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES

By pooling expertise, financial resources, and logistical support, UNDP and IOM can maximize the impact of their joint efforts. This integrated approach minimizes duplication of efforts and ensures that resources are utilized efficiently, providing greater value and reach.

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UNDP'S AND IOM'S RESPECTIVE MANDATES AND SERVICES IN PREPAREDNESS



As the lead United Nations agency on international development, the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** works in 170 countries and territories to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality.

UNDP champions early warning and preparedness initiatives for effective risk and crisis anticipation as core components of resilience building and risk-informed development. For UNDP, preparedness actions strengthen capacities across governments, organizations, communities, and individuals to anticipate, respond to, and recover from impending or potential future disasters and crises.

- [UNDP Preparedness Learning Pathway](#)
- [UNDP Preparedness Toolkit](#)
- [UNDP Practice Note on Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Preparedness](#) (2024)
- [Frontier Technology Radar for DRR](#)
- Foresight [Playbook](#) (2022) and [Manual](#) (2018)
- [Global Signals Spotlight](#) (2024)



The **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** is the leading organization within the United Nations system promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all.

IOM facilitates initiatives that go beyond response to displacement and elevate preparedness, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation to a step change in how risks are understood, identified and addressed. Preparedness actions including the institutionalization of early warning systems and anticipatory action while strengthening IOM's and states' capacities to mitigate and respond effectively to the human mobility dimensions of crisis.

- [IOM emergency preparedness toolkit](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Training Programme](#)
- [Migrants in Countries in Crisis \(MICIC\) toolkit](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness dashboard](#)
- Foresight and Preparedness dashboard (internal)

TARGET AUDIENCE

Primary



National and local authorities mandated for disaster preparedness & response

Secondary



UNDP & IOM Country/Regional Offices



UN System & partners



Stakeholders in preparedness & anticipatory action

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