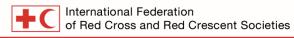
A Growing Role for Forecasts in Disaster Risk Reduction

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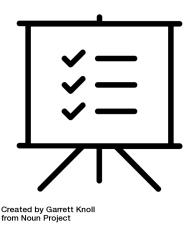
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Minimum Standards for Local Climate-Smart Disaster Risk Reduction



"In places where credible seasonal forecasts are available, the community has a reliable relationship with an organization that can help access and make use of the forecast."

'Humanitarian history' made as Uganda Red Cross launches forecast-based financing for real

15/11/2015 - by the Climate Centre



In a ground-breaking humanitarian action triggered by a scientific forecast of flood risk, the Uganda Red Cross (URC) Friday distributed just under 5,000 preparedness items to flood-prone communities in Kapelebyong subcounty, some 300 km north-east of the capital, Kampala.

The action was based on a forecast of rising water-levels in the Teso area – especially in Amemia parish.

The non-food items (NFI) were procured under 'forecast-based financing' with the support of the German

government through the German Red Cross, who have established a special mini-site.

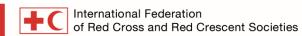
The URC mobilized the supplies as soon as a predetermined threshold of forecast risk was crossed on Thursday.

It was the first full humanitarian use of forecast-based financing, which had only been piloted.

Turning Climate Science into Animations



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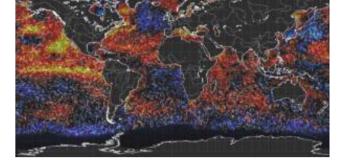
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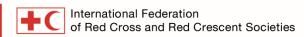
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12 November 2015 (12:00 GMT) What's the current El Niño situation and what does it mean for communities and practitioners? Climate experts will provide updated 3-month forecasts for expected impacts. CLICK ON TITLE TO JOIN



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