

Vacancy

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre's mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

The Climate Centre consists of an enthusiastic small team that guides a growing network of consultants from all over the world. The Climate Centre works closely with the Netherlands Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Due to a vacancy, we are immediately looking for a:

Regional Adviser for the GCF/UNEP Pacific Climate Resilience Programme

Envisaged start date: as soon as possible

Background

The Climate Centre has been appointed as a regional technical partner for the GCF (Green Climate Fund)-funded programme: *Enhancing Climate Information and Knowledge Services for resilience in 5 island countries of the Pacific Ocean* implemented by UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme). The 5 countries participating in the programme are:

1. Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)
2. Tuvalu
3. Palau
4. Cook Islands
5. Niue

The GCF/UNEP programme covers a wide range of activities ranging from development of climate services, enhancing regional and country observational and forecasting capacity, through to enhanced early warning systems (see project results table below). The Climate Centre has the responsibility, in partnership with the international Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), to implement task 3.3: *Establish Forecast-based Financing (FbF) across the 5 countries*. See highlighted section in the table below. The project is budgeted for 5 years and is currently entering the last quarter of the 1st year.

Under the FbF development activity there are three sub-tasks; Development of FbF roadmaps including thresholds and triggers, building capacity for FbF and support development of Early Action Protocols (EAP).

The activity is focused primarily on supporting the Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies (NS) in each country. Niue does not have a NS Society at this point, however relevant stakeholders will be engaged. Initial work on the project has focused on developing partnerships with the NS in each country, understanding their contexts, priorities, and other ongoing related activities. At the same time, background feasibility studies are being developed to map out relevant stakeholders, synthesize and consolidate outputs from previous projects and studies, and begin to identify key climate hazards, and impacts, as well as the capacity to forecast these.

Developing genuine trust-based relationships with NS partners and other relevant actors in each country is key to the successful development of FbF. The Pacific Island state context is both unique and diverse, with each country having specific cultural, institutional, and ecological characteristics that require proper understanding and consideration in developing FbF EAPs (Early Action Protocols) and the capacity to implement these. A particular focus of the work is understanding the diverse roles of different gender groups and other potentially marginalized peoples, as well as the value that traditional ecological knowledge brings to understanding and managing climate risks.

Role

The regional adviser will be the Climate Centre representative for the project and will be based in the region, while working closely with the Climate Centre project lead and science advisory team. The adviser will also work closely with IFRC Asia Pacific staff, in particular the IFRC Asia Pacific climate resilience team, as well as other GCF/UNEP technical and country partners such as SPREP (South Pacific Regional Environment Programme), SPC (also known as The Pacific Community), Australian BoM (Bureau of Meteorology), the UNEP programme management team, and GCF/UNEP programme leads in each country.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Establish, engage, and facilitate the relationship with key actors and institutions within country. The project is dependent on strong trust relationships with key actors. This will require regular travel to each country.
- Engage and facilitate partnerships with other GCF/UNEP programme technical partners of relevance to FbF/AA around the development of forecast systems, early warning systems, community based early warning planning, gender and traditional ecological knowledge, and capacity building.
- Facilitate and lead the ongoing collaborative development of FbF/Anticipatory Action feasibility studies in each country in partnership with the NS and other relevant actors and institutions. Key technical inputs on trigger development and forecast availability and skill will be provided by the regional Climate Centre science adviser.
- Lead and facilitate the development of FbF/AA capacity building activities focused on programme partners and country actors including country NS.
- Facilitate and lead the development of FbF/AA implementation roadmaps for each country in partnership with the relevant NS and other key actors including national Met. Services, national early warning systems, and disaster management.
- Based on the outcomes of the feasibility studies and the FbF roadmaps, facilitate and support NS in developing full or simplified Early Action Protocols (EAP) including helping setup a technical working group (TWG), identifying appropriate hazards and triggers, and pursuing EAP approval through relevant financing mechanism (e.g. IFRC FbA by DREF)

Qualifications

Education: A university degree of relevance to the role, preferably with some environmental focus: both natural science or social science/humanities degrees are also welcome.

Experience: At least 3 years prior experience in the fields of early warnings systems, disaster management, or humanitarian and community-grounded work in the Pacific region. A strong preference for people with experience and knowledge of relevant regional institutions. Experience with projects that have involved community accountability, adaptive and respectful responses to community reflections, and engagements with Traditional Indigenous Knowledge is also highly preferable.

Travel: There is a strong need for travel and significant time spent in each country.

Languages: English, a strong preference is for persons of Pacific origin who are familiar with the cultures and some of the languages in the region.

Location: The position is home-based, with a preference for someone based in the region. The adviser will work closely with the Climate Centre Anticipation Action team and IFRC Pacific team.

We offer: This is a 80-100% position, with a competitive salary. The contract will be for one year initially with a possibility of further extension.

How to apply: We would like to receive your application, CV and cover letter (in English) addressed to Olette Manhoudt, HR officer at the Climate Centre sent to application@climatecentre.org with “Regional Adviser GCF FbF Pacific” in the subject please.

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please send an email to hr@climatecentre.org.

Table 1: Key result areas of the GCF/UNEP Pacific project

Result	Activity	Sub-Activity	
1. Strengthened delivery model for climate information services and MHEWS covering oceans and islands	1.1 Strengthen institutional and policy frameworks and delivery models for climate services	1.1.1 Develop National Frameworks for Climate Services	
		1.1.2 Conduct market assessments to explore viable opportunities for climate information services in sectors and business segments	
		1.1.3 Mainstream climate risk knowledge into sectors	
		1.1.4 Develop national policies for financing climate services	
2. Strengthened observations, monitoring, modelling and prediction of climate and its impacts on ocean areas and islands	2.1 Enhance infrastructure and technical support for observations and monitoring	2.1.1 Enhance national observations and monitoring networks to GBON standards and establish QMSs	
	2.2 Strengthen ocean and climate modelling and impact-based forecasting	2.2.1 Establish ocean information services	
		2.2.2 Enhance climate information and impact- based forecasting	
	2.3 Harmonise climate data and information management	2.3.1 Establish and implement national climate data and information strategies	
	3. Improved community preparedness, response capabilities and resilience to climate risks	3.1 Improve warning dissemination and communication	3.1.1 Strengthen EWS organisational and decision-making processes
			3.1.2 Strengthen communication systems to reach the last-mile
3.1.3 Communicate early warnings to island communities			
3.2 Enhance preparedness and response capabilities		3.2.1 Enhance disaster preparedness and response measures	
		3.2.2 Conduct public awareness and education campaigns on climate hazards and risks	

		3.2.3 Integrate traditional knowledge into early warning services
	3.3 Establish Forecast-based Financing (“FbF”)	3.3.1 Develop FbF Roadmaps defining thresholds and triggers
		3.3.2 Build capacity for FbF
		3.3.3 Support development of Early Action Protocols (EAPs)
4. Enhanced regional knowledge management and cooperation for climate services and MHEWS	4.1 Enhance regional data, knowledge management and cooperation	4.1.1 Establish interactive ICT platform
		4.1.2 Organise learning, mentoring and training