

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 at the Climate Centre, we are immediately looking for a:

National Adviser for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Timor-Leste EWS Project

Envisaged start date: November 2022

Background

In Asia Pacific, the Climate Centre builds upon its global and regional work, particularly in the areas of research and application of climate & weather services in decision-making strategies for anticipatory action, urban heat risk, climate responsive social protection, and, linking to initiatives such as Risk-Informed Early Action Partnership (REAP), the Anticipation Hub and topics like Impact-based Forecasting of WMO among others.

The Climate Centre has recently entered into a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with UNEP for the Green Climate Fund Project on "Enhancing Early Warning Systems to build greater resilience to hydro-meteorological hazards in Timor-Leste". Timor-Leste Secretary of State for the Environment (SSE) is the national executing entity for this project whereas the technical partners include the Climate Centre, Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), Indonesian Meteorological, Climatological and Geophysical Agency (BMKG), International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

The main objective of the project is to support increased resilience and adaptation to climate variability and change by the people of Timor-Leste through strengthening end-to-end early warning systems for hydrometeorological hazards. One aspect of the project will be to strengthen the infrastructural, institutional and human resources capacity of the National Directorate for Meteorology and Geophysics (DNMG) and Timor-Leste's disaster management services to identify hydro-meteorological hazards and generate and deliver warnings. The other aspects of the project will strengthen the work of the public and private sector agencies to help communities to access, understand and use warnings of impending hydrometeorological hazards and impacts to health and other sectors.

The Climate Centre, as a technical partner to UNEP will contribute to increasing the capacity of Timor-Leste, from national to community level, to better prepare for and manage climate risks, which in turn will reduce the impact of climate related hazards and support long term resilience.

Specifically, the Climate Centre will scope out the opportunities & barriers for setting up forecast-based financing (FbF)/anticipatory action (AA) systems and necessary financing instruments in the country and continuously provide technical support to the identified national institutions to spearhead FbF roadmap in Timor-Leste. The Climate Centre will bring FbF new learnings and approaches from other regions/countries to Timor-Leste, facilitate national technical working on FbF and provide support and guidance in the development of climate-resilient early action protocols based on the comprehensive risk analysis and weather forecasting capability in the country and the region.

In line with this, the Climate Centre is looking for a national adviser who will provide in-country technical support & coordination on FbF for enhanced climate risk management capacity among national and/or sub-national actors (government, national red cross society, civil society, and others).

Role

The National Adviser will work closely with the Climate Centre's regional focal point, the IFRC Indonesia & Timor-Leste Office in Jakarta, the Climate Centre technical adviser in Pacific, and the Anticipation global team.

They will be responsible for the following:

- Lead the implementation of Climate Centre technical support to the GCF project on setting up forecast-based financing/anticipatory action mechanism in Timor-Leste for enhancing climate risk management capacity of national & local institutions
- Coordinate and carry out the Forecast-based Financing (FbF) scoping study that will cover feasible hazards to target with FbF, forecasting capability, and the institutional landscape in Timor-Leste.
- Identify national and/or sub-national actors (government and civil society) and enter into a dialogue with them about the potential for FbF, its effectiveness, and added value to existing disaster risk management efforts. This will include supporting national dialogues & workshops on anticipatory action.
- Review and identify financial mechanisms for forecast-based early action to ensure that key stakeholders have access to immediate, reliable, and sustainable funding in the event of imminent threat to climate-related hazards. This includes leading a scoping assessment to identify whether efforts would be best place adapting an existing fund or creating a new one; and inform the design of a sustainable source of funding for FbF in Timor-Leste.
- Initiate Early Action Protocol (EAP)/Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) development, including convening a technical working group that will define triggering forecasts and early actions, supporting the development of a draft document that details these triggers and actions, and presenting the draft EAP/SOPs to key stakeholders for validation and refinement.
- Support Timor-Leste Red Cross (Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste – CVTL) to spearhead forecast-based actions/anticipatory mechanisms within their disaster management work, including guidance to access to FbA by DREF (IFRC dedicated funding mechanism for national societies to implement forecast-based action).

Qualifications

Education: The successful candidate will have bachelor's degree with a background in early warnings systems, forecasts, disaster risk management and will have experience in the humanitarian and development sector.

Experience: At least 3 years experience in South-East Asia, preferably Timor-Leste. Through education or work experience, the candidate should have some background in both social and physical sciences, with the ability to work at the intersection of both science and humanitarian practice. Connections with forecast agencies & research institutes is a plus.

Travel: Extensive in-country travel for workshops & capacity building efforts

Languages: English & Indonesian (Bahasa). Native to local languages of Timor-Leste is highly preferred

Location: The position is home-based, with preference for someone based in Timor-Leste.

We offer: This is an 80% or 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 "National Adviser Timor-Leste" in the subject please.

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