



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.

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

Junior Researcher, Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Eswatini

Envisaged start date: As soon as possible for 3 months (40 hrs per week)

Deadline of submission: 12 August 2022 CET

Learning Objective: The Junior Researcher will gain a good understanding of the functioning of early warning systems and emergency communication in the target countries as it relates to disaster preparedness, response and recovery. The researcher will undertake a literature review supplemented with key informant interviews.

Project description: Every year, shocks, disasters and hazards such as earthquakes, floods, pandemics and landslides lead to thousands of avoidable deaths. Information shared at the right time, in an understandable format, by trusted sources, can be the most effective life-saving tool in such events. Early warning allows people to prepare for, mitigate the impact of and respond to shocks and hazards. In a changing climate, with increased risks of extreme weather and disasters, the public needs to have an even greater awareness of the risks they face.

This project is part of IFRC's Alert Initiative, which aims to increase the use of the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) in eight countries in Africa (Burkina Faso, Eswatini, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia, Burundi, Namibia and Togo). CAP is a standard format to issue early warning and emergency alerts that ensures fast, reliable, consistent and actionable messages go out to people at risk. The IFRC aims to identify, train and support CAP champions in the IFRC network to promote, expand and support CAP among alerting authorities and to amplify alerts, including by harnessing the efforts of Red Cross Red Crescent volunteers. To this end the project seeks to recruit a Junior Researcher to undertake assessment and mapping of the early warning and public emergency alerting landscape in target countries.

Objective: This assessment will be conducted to better understand the national level alerting landscape in *Eswatini*.

Specifically, the assessment will have three objectives:

1. To identify opportunities to introduce or strengthen the use of the Common Alerting Protocol for public emergency alerting and early warning in-country.
2. To build a repository of information on the roles and responsibilities for public alerting at the national level.

This will include ministry mandates, existing alerting systems, distribution channels, general efficacy, gaps, etc. This information will be used by the project team to develop a tailored intervention strategy and road map for CAP adoption in each country. Key informants will include government agencies responsible for generation of early warning information and alerts, institutions and civil society organizations responsible for dissemination of alerts.

3. To support preparation and organizing in-country workshops

Timeline

1. Literature review CAP in Eswatini
2. Schedule and conduct Interviews in Eswatini
3. Conduct analysis and write synthesis report
4. Workshop to disseminate results

REQUIREMENTS

Education: The Junior Researcher must be enrolled in a master's programme for the entire duration of the placement.

Skills and abilities:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in Swazi and English
- Knowledge and interest of disaster risk management and climate risks
- Ability to write in a range of styles
- Excellent analytical skills
- Ability to schedule and conduct interviews
- Ability to coordinate with different stakeholders
- Ability to work well in an inter-cultural team
- Ability to work independently with a primarily remote-based team
- Takes initiative, demonstrates creativity, has a positive attitude and a high level of professionalism

Location: This is a home-based assignment.

We offer: Three months placement with a possible stipend per month.

How to apply: We would like to receive your application (in English) by applying through our [online form](#). Please put "010" before your name (e.g. *010 Mary Juan*). Please note that due to the expected number of applications we will only contact you if you have been successful in your application.