

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Community Learning Labs: Protecting Food Security and Systems through Anticipatory Action

A replicable blueprint for Community Learning Labs that operationalise anticipatory action across the humanitarian, development and peace nexus.

DURATION
24 months
Oct 2025 to Oct 2027

FUNDING
USD 220,347
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COUNTRY
Somalia

APPROACH
Community Learning Labs
Layered onto FAO's Early Warning System

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The project develops a replicable framework, or blueprint, for establishing Community Learning Labs in displacement-affected settings. It applies a strong nexus approach, utilising anticipatory action to protect food security, health and food systems, enabling communities and stakeholders to act on risk information before shocks fully unfold. Anticipatory action is positioned as a catalyst for operationalising the Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) nexus, contributing to the protection of development and peacebuilding gains while mitigating immediate humanitarian impacts. The Learning Labs serve as the operational nexus point, linking humanitarian anticipatory action with food security and peacebuilding efforts already underway, led by DRC in partnership with FAO and DRC's Mixed Migration Centre (MMC).

ROLES ACROSS THE CONSORTIUM

DRC

Delivers protection- and conflict-sensitive programming, bridging humanitarian response and peacebuilding through community-based protection and social cohesion.

FAO

Integrates anticipatory action into national food security systems and applies conflict-sensitive programming in crisis-affected areas.

MMC

Generates data and analysis on climate- and conflict-induced mobility, supporting anticipatory action and long-term planning across the HDP nexus.

APPROACH: COMMUNITY LEARNING LABS AS THE OPERATIONAL NEXUS POINT

01

Layer onto existing systems

Learning Labs are layered onto or coordinated with existing community-based initiatives, including FAO's Community-Led Early Warning System.

02

Anticipatory action for food security

Communities and stakeholders act on risk information before shocks fully unfold, protecting food security, health and food systems.

03

HDP nexus catalyst

Anticipatory action protects development and peacebuilding gains while mitigating immediate humanitarian impacts.

04

Learning and dissemination

The project generates learning and good practices, disseminated regionally, to strengthen anticipatory capacities across the humanitarian sector.