

INDEX FOR RISK MANAGEMENT

RESULTS 2017

WELCOME

Welcome to the report of the INFORM Global Risk Index for 2017. INFORM is a way to understand and measure the risk of humanitarian crises and disasters, and how the conditions that lead to them affect sustainable development. This is the third annual report of INFORM and has a special focus on how INFORM is being used and how it compares to other indices available.

Since last year, we have made some changes to the INFORM methodology. 'Maternal mortality ratio' has been added as a new indicator in the 'Access to health system' component of the 'Lack of coping capacity' dimension. The Global Conflict Risk Index, which is used in the 'Projected Conflict Risk' component of INFORM, has been significantly improved. The exposure layer used to calculate the natural hazard components has been updated from LandScan to the new Global Human Settlements Layer Population Grid produced by the European Commission JRC.

In addition, we have added a new measure of reliability, which is now displayed for every country. This has been introduced to increase transparency about the quality of data used to calculate INFORM, while still ensuring we include as many countries as possible. It is presented as a Reliability Index on a scale from 0-10 and takes into account missing data, out of date data, and conflict status. Countries with lower Reliability Index scores have risk scores that are based on more reliable data.

Any changes in the INFORM methodology are always applied to at least five previous years of data, so

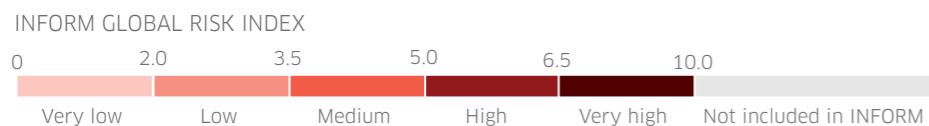
trend analysis is still valid. In this way we can continue to improve the model, while maintaining continuity.

During 2016, INFORM Subnational continues to be rolled out by local lead organisations, with projects underway in Latin America and Caribbean, Southern Africa and Central Asia regions, and in Guatemala, Honduras and Jordan. From 2017, we will be further supporting INFORM Subnational through an 'Acceleration Programme', which will result in improved guidance, training for INFORM Subnational developers and users, as well as directly supporting five additional national projects.

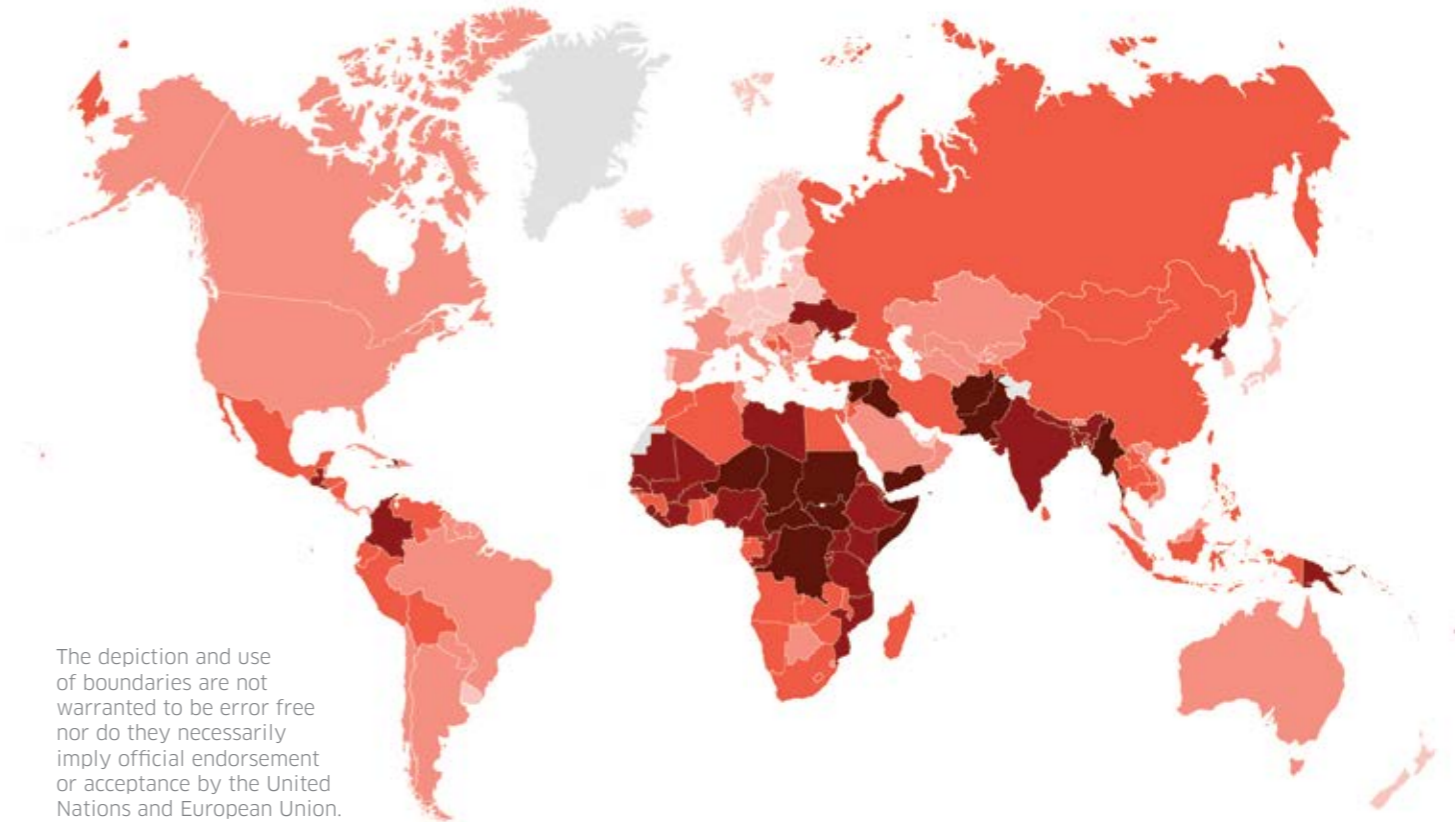


INFORM MEASURES THE RISK OF HUMANITARIAN CRISES AND DISASTERS IN 191 COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	RISK	3 YR TREND	COUNTRY	RISK	3 YR TREND	COUNTRY	RISK	3 YR TREND
Afghanistan	7.8	→	Colombia	5.4	→	Haiti	6.5	↗
Albania	2.8	→	Comoros	3.7	→	Honduras	4.9	↗
Algeria	4.4	↘	Congo	5.3	↗	Hungary	2.1	↗
Angola	4.9	↘	Congo DR	7.0	↘	Iceland	1.0	→
Antigua and Barbuda	2.1	→	Costa Rica	2.9	→	India	5.7	→
Argentina	2.5	→	Côte d'Ivoire	5.7	→	Indonesia	4.3	↘
Armenia	3.7	→	Croatia	2.2	→	Iran	5.0	→
Australia	2.3	→	Cuba	2.6	→	Iraq	6.9	→
Austria	1.7	→	Cyprus	2.8	→	Ireland	1.3	→
Azerbaijan	4.7	→	Czech Republic	1.4	↘	Israel	2.8	→
Bahamas	2.1	→	Denmark	1.1	→	Italy	2.6	→
Bahrain	1.8	↗	Djibouti	5.3	→	Jamaica	2.5	→
Bangladesh	5.8	→	Dominica	3.0	→	Japan	2.0	→
Barbados	1.6	→	Dominican Republic	3.4	→	Jordan	4.1	↘
Belarus	2.0	→	Ecuador	4.2	→	Kazakhstan	2.1	→
Belgium	2.1	→	Egypt	4.5	↘	Kenya	6.1	→
Belize	3.3	→	El Salvador	5.3	↗	Kiribati	3.6	↘
Benin	4.4	↗	Equatorial Guinea	4.0	↗	Korea DPR	5.6	↗
Bhutan	2.9	→	Eritrea	5.4	→	Korea Republic of	1.6	→
Bolivia	4.0	→	Estonia	1.0	→	Kuwait	2.0	→
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4.1	→	Ethiopia	6.4	→	Kyrgyzstan	3.5	→
Botswana	2.9	↘	Fiji	3.1	→	Lao PDR	4.3	→
Brazil	3.4	↘	Finland	0.6	→	Latvia	1.7	→
Brunei Darussalam	1.7	→	France	2.4	→	Lebanon	5.4	↗
Bulgaria	2.6	→	Gabon	3.9	↗	Lesotho	4.2	→
Burkina Faso	5.4	→	Gambia	3.6	→	Liberia	5.1	→
Burundi	6.3	↗	Georgia	3.9	→	Libya	6.1	↗
Cabo Verde	2.5	→	Germany	1.6	→	Liechtenstein	1.1	→
Cambodia	4.5	↘	Ghana	3.6	→	Lithuania	1.4	→
Cameroon	6.2	↗	Greece	2.7	↗	Luxembourg	0.6	→
Canada	2.5	→	Grenada	1.3	→	Madagascar	5.0	→
Central African Republic	8.4	→	Guatemala	5.5	→	Malawi	4.8	↗
Chad	7.7	↗	Guinea	5.0	→	Malaysia	3.4	↘
Chile	2.9	→	Guinea-Bissau	4.8	→	Maldives	2.1	↘
China	4.1	↘	Guyana	3.4	↗	Mali	6.1	↘



KEY
 → Stable ↘ Decreasing risk ↗ Increasing risk



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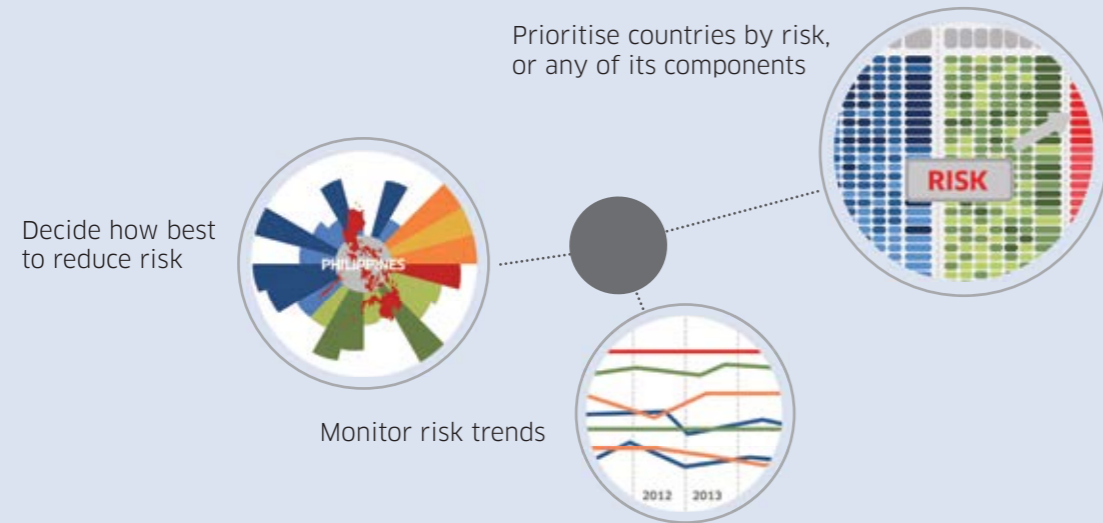
COUNTRY	RISK	3 YR TREND	COUNTRY	RISK	3 YR TREND	COUNTRY	RISK	3 YR TREND
Malta	1.8	→	Philippines	4.9	↘	Sweden	1.3	→
Marshall Islands	3.8	→	Poland	1.9	→	Switzerland	1.2	→
Mauritania	5.7	→	Portugal	1.6	→	Syria	6.9	→
Mauritius	2.1	→	Qatar	1.9	↗	Tajikistan	4.4	→
Mexico	4.8	↗	Romania	2.6	→	Tanzania	5.7	→
Micronesia	3.7	→	Russian Federation	4.4	↗	Thailand	4.0	→
Moldova Republic of	2.7	→	Rwanda	5.3	↗	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2.7	→
Mongolia	3.8	↗	Saint Kitts and Nevis	2.2	→	Timor-Leste	4.2	→
Montenegro	2.4	↘	Saint Lucia	1.7	→	Togo	4.1	↘
Morocco	3.9	↗	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1.7	→	Tonga	2.7	→
Mozambique	6.0	→	Samoa	2.8	→	Trinidad and Tobago	2.0	→
Myanmar	6.7	→	Sao Tome and Principe	1.2	→	Tunisia	3.1	↘
Namibia	3.7	→	Saudi Arabia	3.1	↗	Turkey	5.0	↗
Nauru	2.8	↘	Senegal	5.1	→	Turkmenistan	3.2	↘
Nepal	5.4	↗	Serbia	4.2	→	Tuvalu	3.9	→
Netherlands	1.4	→	Seychelles	2.2	→	Uganda	5.9	↘
New Zealand	1.8	→	Sierra Leone	5.2	→	Ukraine	5.3	↗
Nicaragua	4.2	↘	Singapore	0.4	→	United Arab Emirates	2.0	→
Niger	7.3	↗	Slovakia	1.7	→	United Kingdom	2.0	→
Nigeria	6.3	→	Slovenia	1.4	→	United States of America	3.1	→
Norway	0.7	→	Solomon Islands	5.0	→	Uruguay	1.5	→
Oman	2.8	→	Somalia	9.2	→	Uzbekistan	3.1	→
Pakistan	6.6	→	South Africa	4.3	→	Vanuatu	3.9	→
Palau	2.9	→	South Sudan	8.8	↗	Venezuela	4.5	→
Palestine	4.8	↘	Spain	2.1	→	Viet Nam	3.5	→
Panama	3.2	↘	Sri Lanka	3.8	↘	Yemen	7.6	↗
Papua New Guinea	5.8	→	Sudan	7.0	→	Zambia	4.1	→
Paraguay	2.9	↘	Suriname	2.7	→	Zimbabwe	4.9	↘
Peru	4.1	→	Swaziland	3.4	↘			

INFORM is the first global, objective and transparent tool for understanding the risk of humanitarian crises and disasters. It can help identify where and why a crisis might occur, which means we can reduce the risk, build peoples' resilience and prepare better for when crises do happen.

INFORM is...

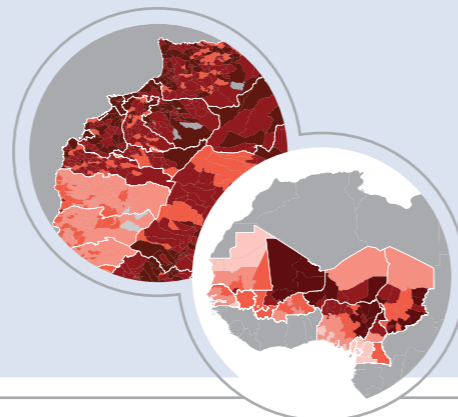


You can use INFORM to...



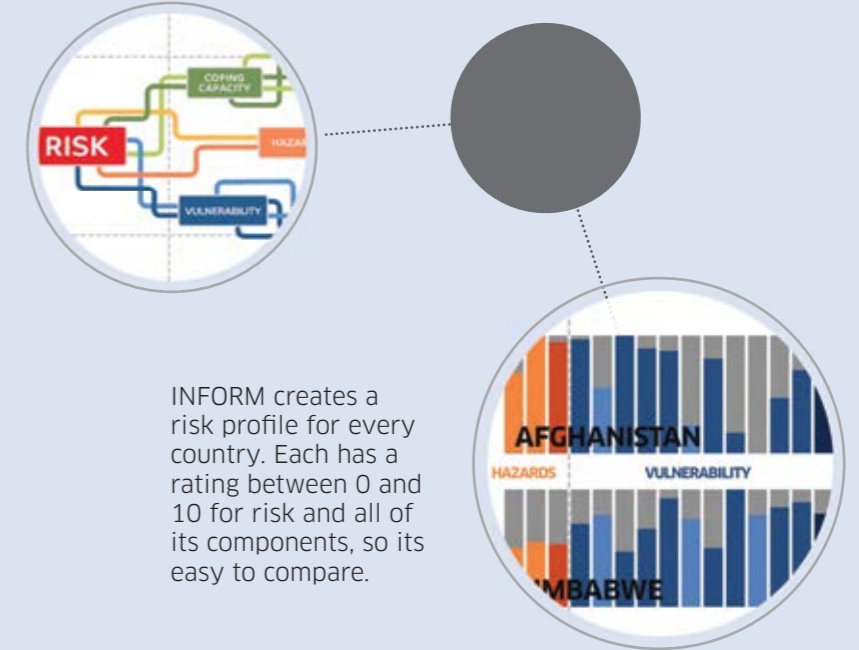
INFORM can be adapted...

...for your organisation or region and the same methodology can be used for national and regional risk assessment.



HOW IT WORKS

INFORM simplifies a lot of information about risk. It uses 50 different indicators to measure hazards and peoples' exposure to them, vulnerability, and the resources available to help people cope.



Components of risk covered by INFORM

	INFORM																
Dimensions	Hazard & exposure		Vulnerability		Lack of coping capacity												
Categories	Natural	Human	Socio-economic	Vulnerable groups	Institutional	Infrastructure											
Components	Earthquake	Tsunami	Flood	Tropical cyclone	Drought	Current conflict intensity	Projected conflict risk	Development & deprivation (50%)	Inequality (25%)	Aid dependency (25%)	Uprooted people	Other vulnerable groups	DRR	Governance	Communication	Physical infrastructure	Access to health system

Get the results...

INFORM results are available at www.inform-index.org, where you can: download a spreadsheet with all the results, calculations and source data; view and print country profiles; explore the data interactively; and find out more about how INFORM works and how you can use it.

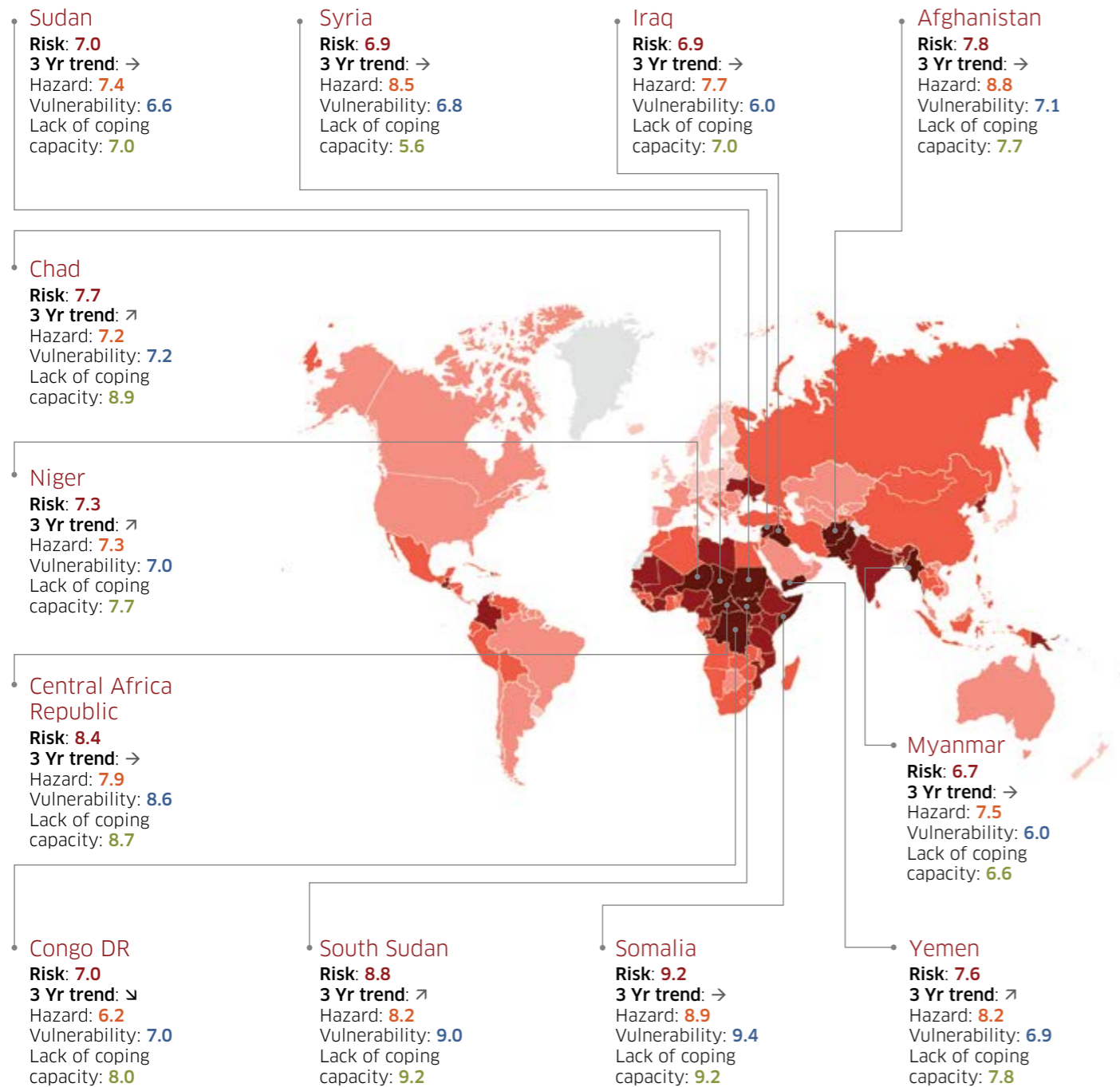


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RISK OF HUMANITARIAN CRISES AND DISASTERS

The overall INFORM risk index identifies countries at risk from humanitarian crises and disasters that could overwhelm national response capacity. It is made up of three dimensions - hazards and exposure, vulnerability and lack of coping capacity. This map shows details for the 12 countries with the highest overall risk.

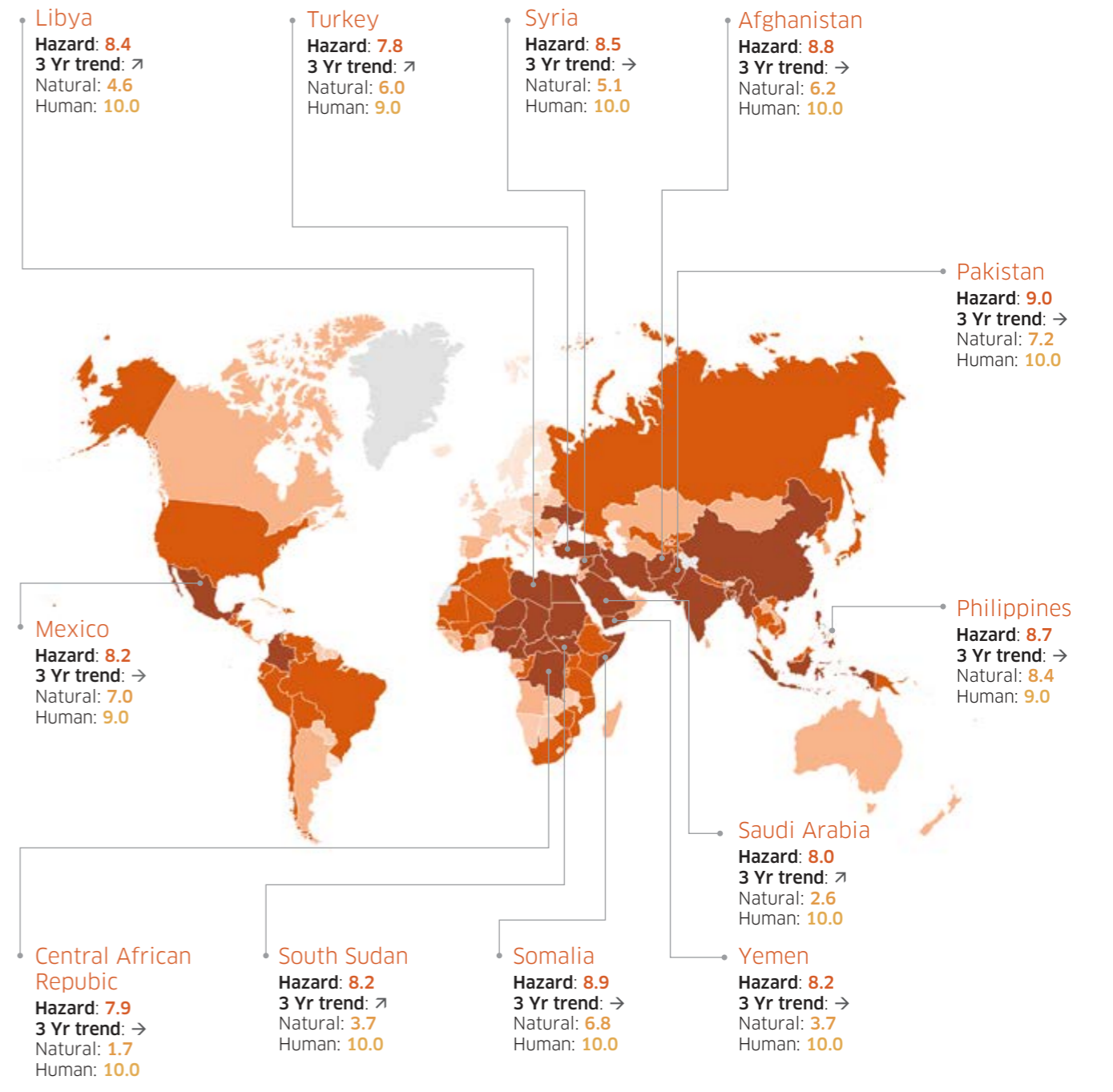
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HAZARDS & EXPOSURE

This dimension of INFORM measures hazardous events that could occur and the people or assets potentially affected by them. It is made up of two categories - natural hazards and human hazards. This map shows details for the 12 countries with the highest values in the hazard & exposure dimension.

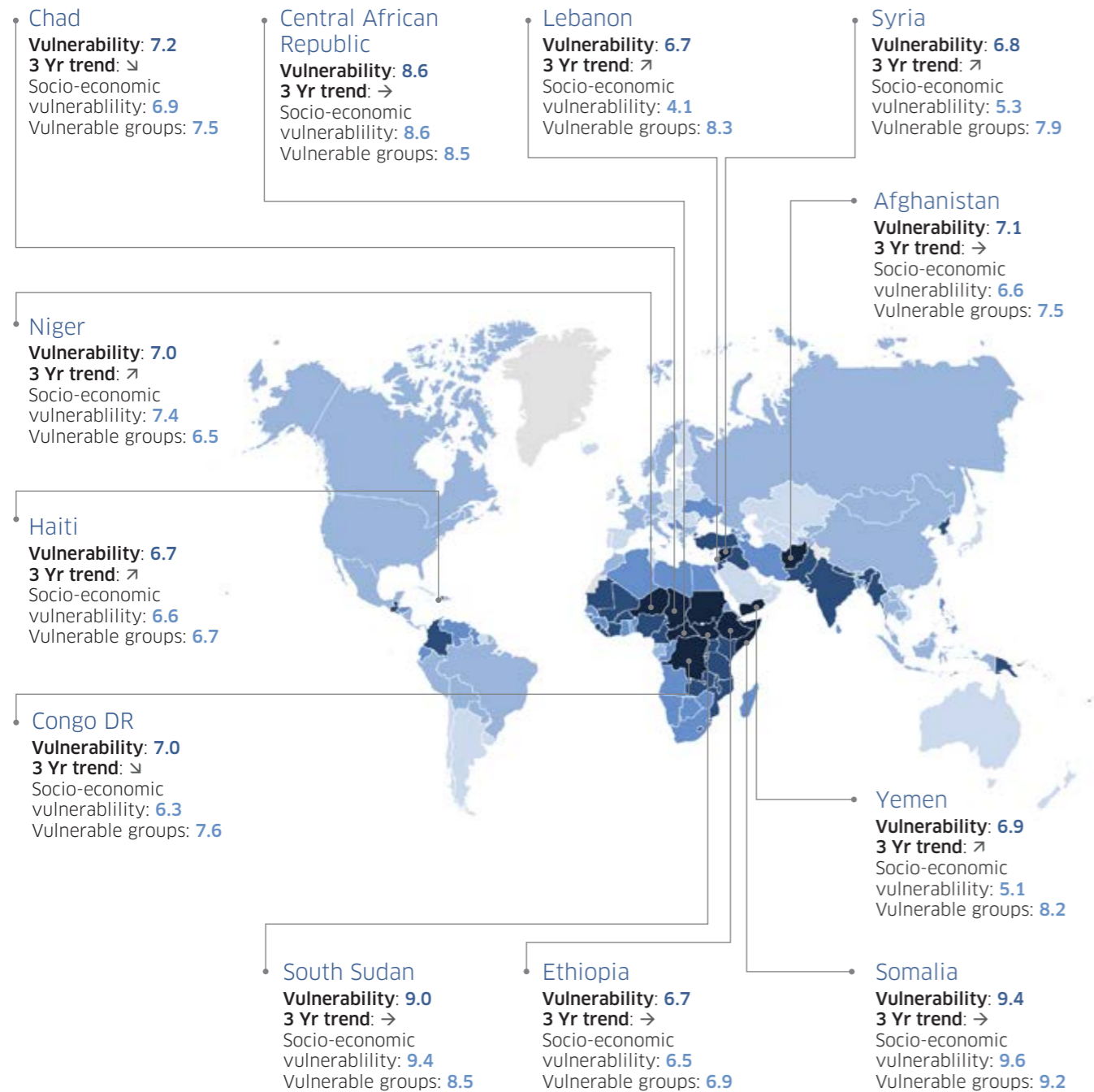
INFORM 2017 HAZARD & EXPOSURE DIMENSION



VULNERABILITY

This dimension of INFORM measures the susceptibility of people to potential hazards. It is made up of two categories – socio-economic vulnerability and vulnerable groups. This map shows details for the 12 countries with the highest values in the vulnerability dimension.

INFORM 2017 VULNERABILITY DIMENSION



LACK OF COPING CAPACITY

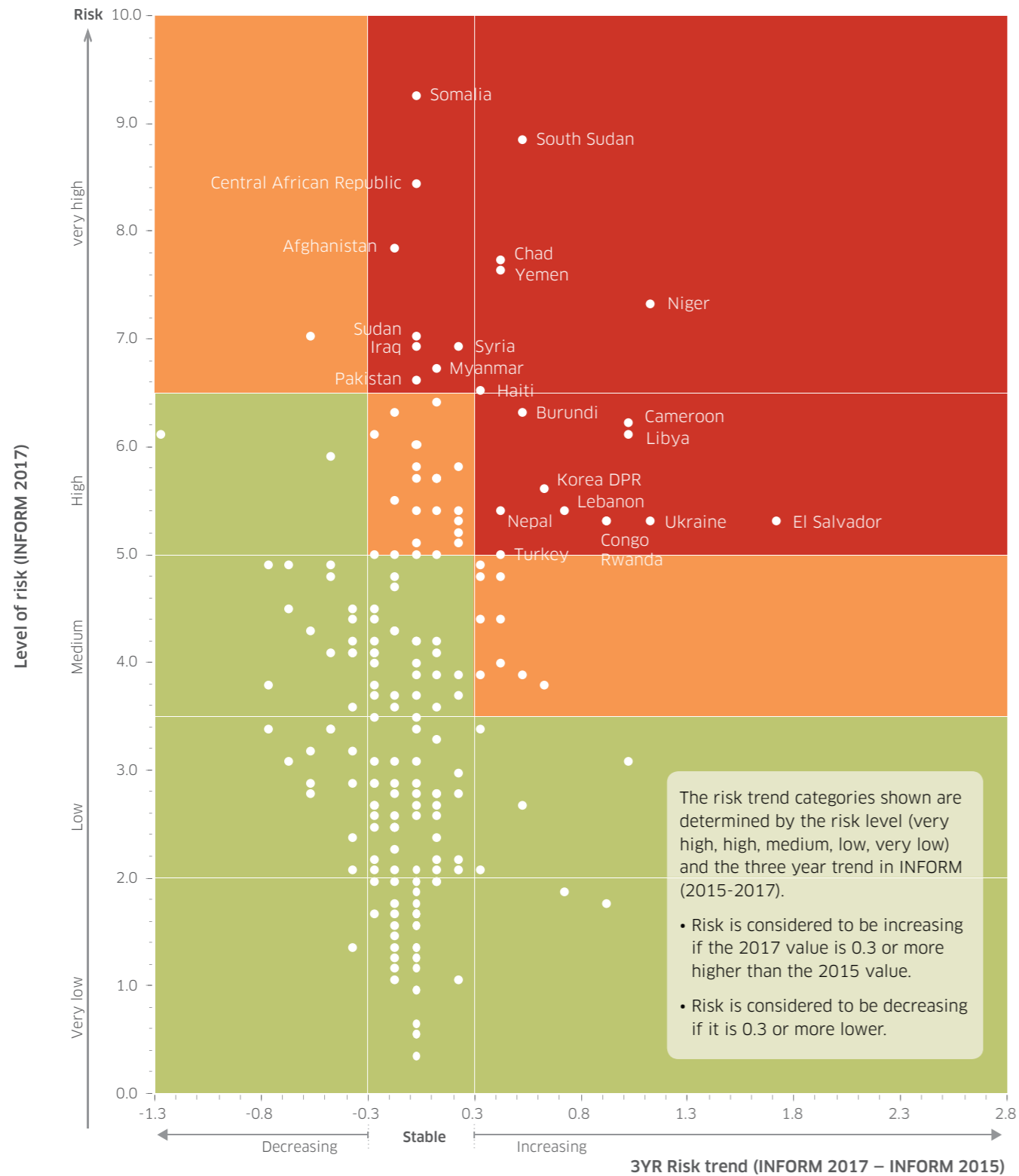
This dimension of INFORM measures the lack of resources available that can help people cope with hazardous events. It is made up of two categories – institutions and infrastructure. This map shows details for the 12 countries with the highest values in the lack of coping capacity dimension.

INFORM 2017 LACK OF COPING CAPACITY DIMENSION



PRIORITISING USING RISK LEVEL AND TRENDS

INFORM can be used to group countries based on their current level of risk and the trend over previous years. For example, large increases in countries already with high levels of risk could be used to prioritise them for increased crisis and disaster prevention, preparedness and response.

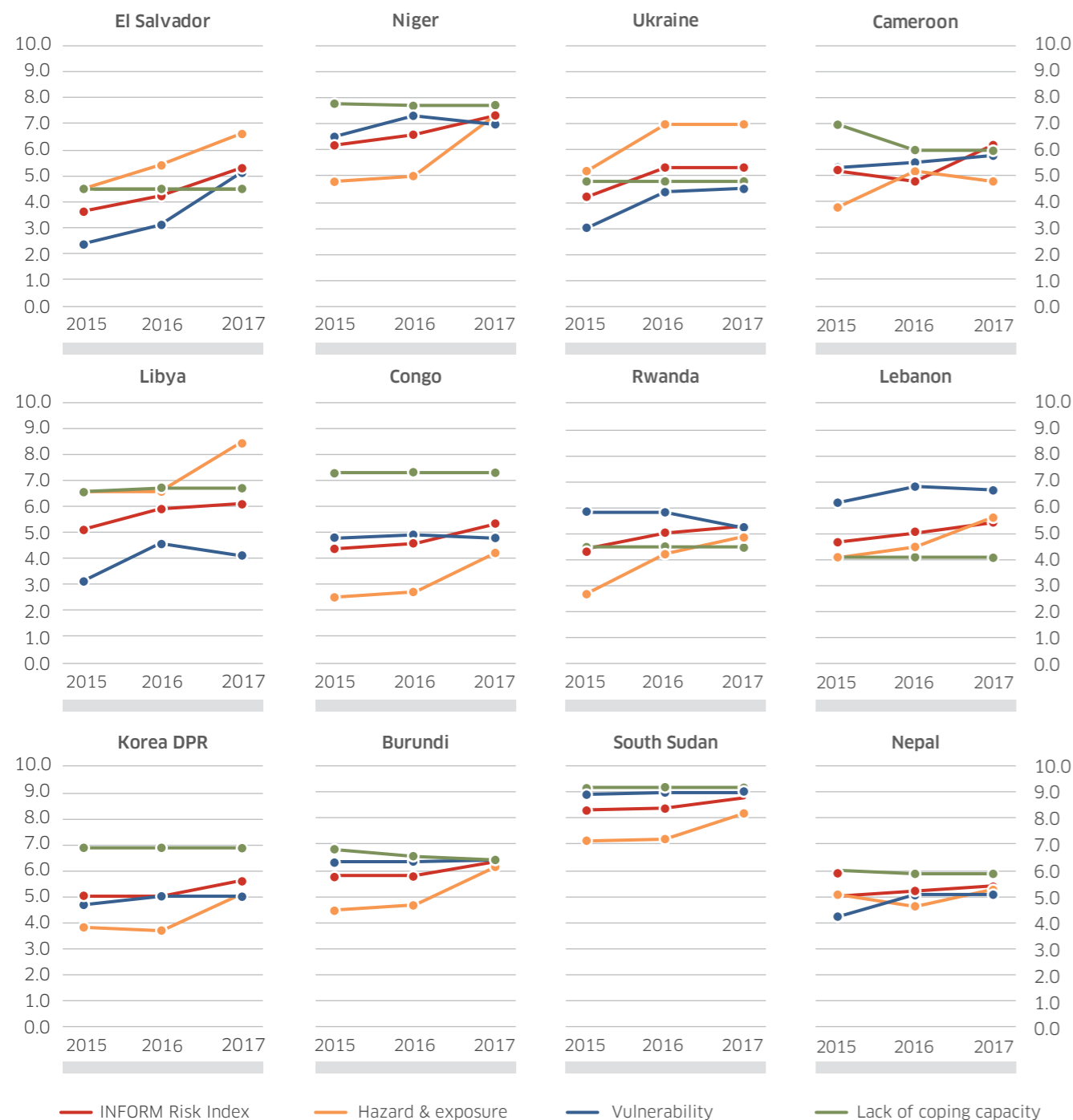


Very high and decreasing	Very high and stable	Very high and increasing
Congo DR	Afghanistan Pakistan	Chad South Sudan
	Central African Republic Somalia	Haiti Yemen
	Iraq Syria	Niger
	Myanmar	
High and decreasing	High and stable	High and increasing
Mali	Bangladesh Kenya	Burundi Libya
Uganda	Burkina Faso Liberia	Cameroon Nepal
	Colombia Madagascar	Congo Rwanda
	Côte d'Ivoire Mauritania	El Salvador Turkey
	Djibouti Mozambique	Korea DPR Ukraine
	Eritrea Nigeria	Lebanon
	Ethiopia Papua New Guinea	
	Guatemala Senegal	
	Guinea Sierra Leone	
	India Solomon Islands	
	Iran Tanzania	
Medium and decreasing	Medium and stable	Medium and increasing
Algeria Kiribati	Armenia Marshall Islands	Benin Mexico
Angola Nicaragua	Azerbaijan Micronesia	Equatorial Guinea Mongolia
Cambodia Palestine	Bolivia Namibia	Gabon Morocco
China Philippines	Bosnia and Herzegovina Peru	Honduras Russian Federation
Egypt Sri Lanka	Comoros Serbia	
Indonesia Togo	Ecuador South Africa	
Jordan Zimbabwe	Gambia Tajikistan	
	Georgia Thailand	
	Ghana Timor-Leste	
	Guinea-Bissau Tuvalu	
	Kyrgyzstan Vanuatu	
	Lao PDR Venezuela	
	Lesotho Viet Nam	

DRIVERS OF INCREASING RISK

These charts show the trend of the overall INFORM Risk Index and its dimensions during the last three years for countries with the largest increases in risk in the very high and high risk categories.

Most large increases in risk result from an increase in the hazard and exposure dimension, especially human hazards. You can also use the charts to see how the dimensions contribute to the overall risk.



UNDERSTANDING THE RELIABILITY OF INFORM

For the 2017 INFORM, we have introduced a measure of reliability, which is displayed for every country. It is presented as a Reliability Index on a scale of 0-10, where countries with lower scores have a risk score that is based on more reliable data. The Reliability Index has been added to increase transparency about the quality of data used to calculate INFORM, while still ensuring we include as many countries as possible.

In some cases, for example due to an ongoing conflict, the most recent data available does not accurately reflect the current situation. Rather than to exclude these countries from the analysis, or impute missing data, INFORM partners decided to add a measure of reliability so that users will be aware of such cases.

The Reliability Index takes into account: 1) missing data; 2) out of date data, and 3) conflict status. It is designed to be as simple as possible and use quantitative measures of reliability from data or metadata used in INFORM. The first two dimensions are normalised between 0 and 10, while conflict status counts as an aggravating factor of 30%.

INFORM RELIABILITY INDEX

MISSING DATA

The total number of original indicators missing, including any that have been estimated (e.g. HDI derived from GDP per capita).

OUT OF DATE DATA

The average of the total number of years older than the reference year per indicator, to account for any older data used as a proxy for the most recent year

CONFLICT STATUS

We define a country in conflict if the Conflict Barometer of the Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (HIIC) sets a conflict intensity 4 or 5 (highly violent conflict), to account for the challenges of data collection in a country affected by conflict.

12 COUNTRIES IN INFORM WITH LEAST RELIABLE DATA

COUNTRY	INFORM RISK	RELIABILITY INDEX	NUMBER OF MISSING INDICATORS	RECENTNESS (AVERAGE YEARS)	COUNTRIES IN HIGHLY VIOLENT CONFLICT
Somalia	9.2	7.1	10	0.57	YES
Syria	6.9	6.5	7	0.63	YES
Nauru	2.8	6.4	15	0.45	
Libya	6.1	5.6	9	0.39	YES
Dominica	3.0	5.6	13	0.39	
Tuvalu	3.9	5.5	15	0.27	
Marshall Islands	3.8	5.3	14	0.29	
Uzbekistan	3.1	5.1	4	0.78	
Palau	2.9	5.0	10	0.43	
Turkmenistan	3.2	4.9	9	0.47	
South Sudan	8.8	4.6	8	0.29	YES

INFORM USER CASE STUDY



United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

The United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) is one of the fastest and most effective ways to support rapid humanitarian response for people affected by natural disasters and conflict. The Fund is also a lifeline for the world's most neglected, underfunded and often protracted crises.

The UN General Assembly established CERF as a fund "by all, for all", reflecting the spirit of global solidarity. The Fund was launched in March 2006 with a US\$450 million annual target. Since then, it has allocated more than \$4.6 billion to help hundreds of millions of people in 98 countries and territories across the globe.

CERF provides funding to kick-start humanitarian assistance in new crises via its 'Rapid Response Window' year-round, as needs arise. In addition, the Fund supports aid agencies in forgotten crises via its 'Underfunded Emergencies Window', in twice-yearly allocation rounds.

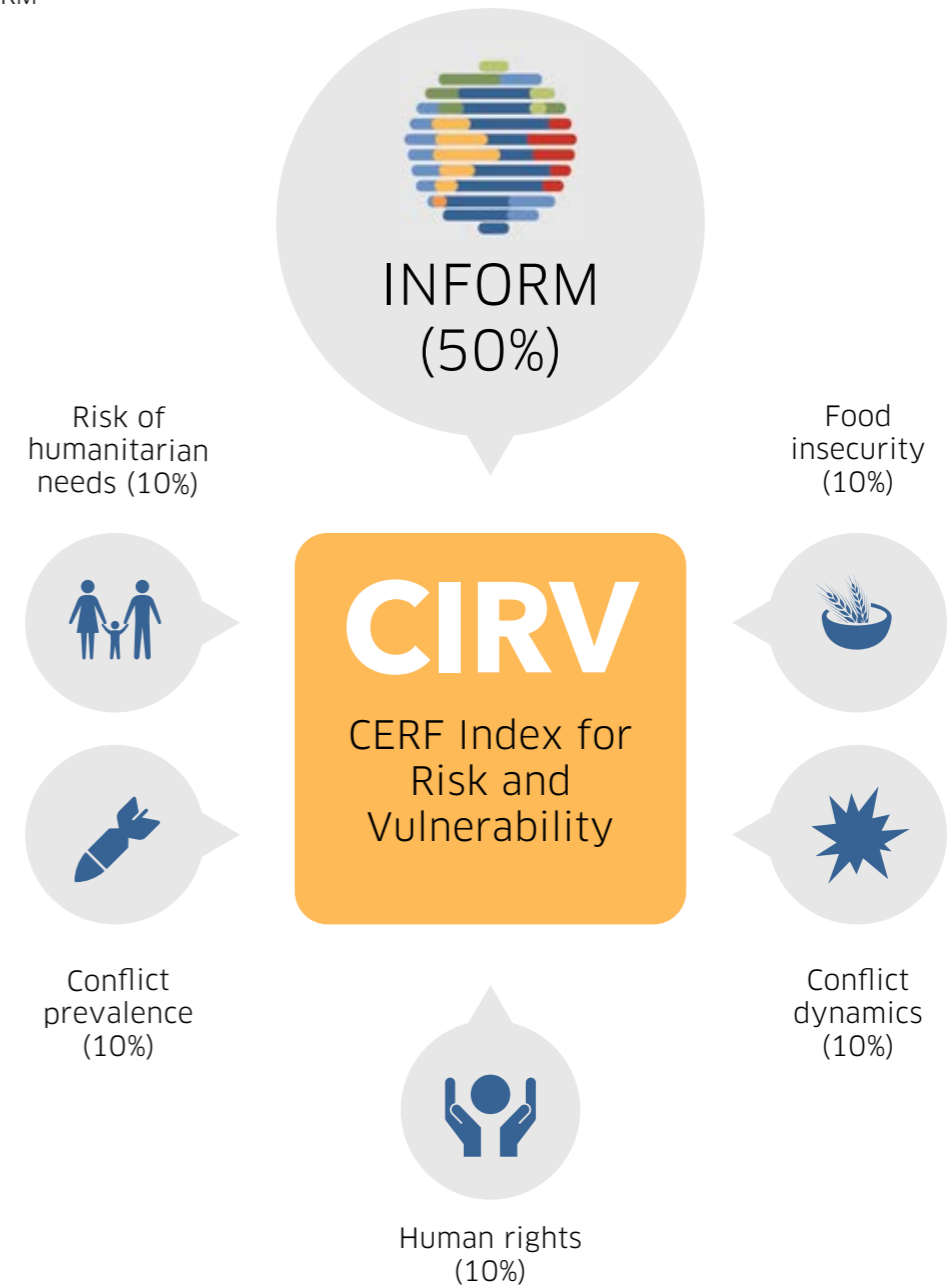
For each allocation round for underfunded emergencies, CERF conducts a rigorous empirical analysis, consults aid agencies, and reviews humanitarian strategies and reports in order to make a recommendation to the Emergency Relief Coordinator about which underfunded emergencies to support. Crises are analyzed along two main dimensions: the funding gap and the severity of humanitarian needs. Those crises that combine low funding with severe needs are selected.

While data on funding levels are available through OCHA's Financial Tracking Service, 'severity of humanitarian needs' is more difficult to measure. CERF has developed an index - the CERF Index for Risk and Vulnerability (CIRV) - which heavily relies on INFORM, combining the risk index with a handful of additional measures, e.g. on the risk of future humanitarian needs (from the IASC early warning reports), food insecurity and human rights. INFORM is weighted much more heavily than the other measures in the CERF index as it already includes about 50 indicators and covers many dimensions that are directly relevant to the analysis of underfunded emergencies. The adaptation of INFORM and its use alongside other sources of analysis is quite typical for INFORM users.

CERF's reliance on, among other aspects, an empirical analysis of funding and humanitarian needs has helped ensure that funding goes to the people in greatest needs, in the most neglected humanitarian crises around the world.

CERF Index of risk and vulnerability

The CIRV consists of 6 measures, including INFORM



INFORM USER CASE STUDY

EU Aid Volunteers

EU Aid Volunteers
We Care, We Act



The EU Aid Volunteers initiative enables European citizens to contribute to humanitarian assistance in countries where help is needed. It brings volunteers and organisations from different countries to work together on joint projects in areas such as resilience-building, early warning and disaster risk management, as a practical expression of solidarity with communities vulnerable to humanitarian crises.

The European Commission has set up a common European training programme for humanitarian volunteers and has developed European standards for humanitarian organisations to work with volunteers in EU-funded projects worldwide to help strengthen and support local capacities to prevent, prepare for and recover from disasters.

Investing in capacity building of humanitarian organisations, local communities and first responders in disaster-affected countries is an essential pre-requisite for creating a more effective, principled humanitarian response and is further supported under the EU Aid Volunteers initiative.

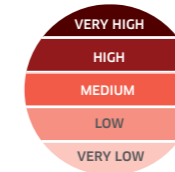
The EU Aid Volunteers initiative uses INFORM to produce the annual list of countries that is published as part of the call for proposals and lists all countries to which EU Aid volunteers could potentially be deployed. This is a five-step process.

First, the overall INFORM risk category is used as a basis to select countries at risk of humanitarian crisis or disaster. Second, all countries that do not receive Overseas Development Assistance, as

defined by the OECD Development Assistance Committee, are removed from the list. Third, the component of INFORM that measures current conflict intensity is used to assess security. Volunteers are not deployed to operations conducted in the theatres of international and non-international armed conflict.

Fourth, the European Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations' (DG ECHO) annual global needs and risk assessment exercise is used to remove countries that are not priorities for DRR. Lastly, DG ECHO's internal security list for staff is used to identify countries where further additional security advice is required, especially if EU Aid Volunteers are based outside capitals.

EU Aid Volunteers country selection process



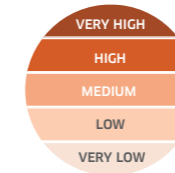
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Countries in the four highest risk categories of the overall INFORM Risk Index are included.



DAC List of ODA Recipients

All countries which do not receive Overseas Development Assistance, as defined by the DAC List of ODA Recipients effective at 1 January 2015 are removed from the list.



INFORM conflict intensity component

Countries with a score of 9 or 10 in INFORM's current conflict intensity component are removed. Countries scoring 7 or 8 are flagged for further additional security advice.



DG ECHO annual global needs and risk assessment exercise

DG ECHO's humanitarian experts identify annual EU humanitarian aid priorities for disaster risk reduction. Countries that are clearly identified as having no scope for DRR are removed.



DG ECHO internal security list for staff

ECHO's internal security list for staff is used to identify countries where further additional security advice is required.

COMPARISON OF GLOBAL RISK INDICES

Indices to analyze global risk patterns are increasingly in demand and available. Although most have similarities in their conceptual approach and methodology, the details of their calculation methods and indicators used differ. Do these different indices provide similar results?

The United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)¹ has conducted a comparative spatial and statistical analysis of INFORM and four other widely used global risk indices, some of which is summarised here.² The tables below show the strengths of the statistical relationships between the indices and how they overlap and identify hotspots of risk.

There is considerable disagreement among the indices analysed and the level of agreement differs between regions. For example, there is higher agreement between the indices in Asia than Africa and Latin America. The results highlight the importance of understanding the conceptual framework behind each index and matching it to the decision being made.

STRENGTH OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN GLOBAL RISK INDICES

INFORM	1				
WRI	0.55*	1			
CRI	0.19*	0.14	1		
DRI	0.48*	0.522*	0.32*	1	
ND-GAIN	0.74*	0.66*	-0.06	0.46*	1
	INFORM	WRI	CRI	DRI	ND-GAIN

Values close to +1 or -1 indicate a very strong positive or negative association. Values close to 0 indicate a very weak association.

* Indicates a statistically significant correlation (p < 0.1)

OVERLAPS BETWEEN 25 HIGHEST RISK COUNTRIES FROM FIVE RISK INDICES

COUNTRY	OVERLAPS	INFORM	WRI	CRI	DRI	ND-GAIN
Haiti	5	●	●	●	●	●
Bangladesh	4	●	●	●	●	
Madagascar	4		●	●	●	●
Afghanistan	3	●		●		●
India	3	●		●	●	
Mali	3	●			●	●
Myanmar	3	●		●		●
Niger	3	●	●			●
Pakistan	3		●	●	●	
Philippines	3		●	●	●	
Solomon Islands	3		●		●	●
Viet Nam	3		●	●	●	
Yemen	3	●			●	●

Only countries where at least three indices overlap are shown. The following countries appear in two indices: Burundi, Cambodia, CAR, Chad, Congo, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Sudan, Vanuatu.

CONCEPTS USED IN GLOBAL RISK INDICES

INFORM

IASC and European Commission

Hazards (natural and human), vulnerability and lack of coping capacity

World Risk Index (WRI)

UNU-EHS, BEH, University of Stuttgart

Social vulnerability and natural hazards

Disaster Risk Index (DRI)

UNEP

Natural hazards

Global Climate Risk Index (CRI)

Germanwatch

Human and economic losses from extreme weather events

Notre Dame Global Adaptation

Country Index (ND-GAIN)

University of Notre Dame

Vulnerability to climate change and other challenges and readiness to improve resilience

1 This section of the report was provided by M. Garschagen & M. Hagenlocher of United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS).

2 Garschagen, M., Fekete, A., Fiedrich, F., Welle, T., Birkmann, J., Bussing, J., Chojnowska, P., Hagenlocher, M., Sabelfeld, R., & Sandholz, S. & (2016): Identification of Priority Countries and Topics for International Research on Disaster Risk Reduction [Länderanalyse zum Katastrophen- und Risikomanagement]. Study presented to the German Federal Ministry of Science and Education. 117 pages. Bonn.

STATISTICAL VALIDATION OF INFORM

INFORM is a composite indicator that combines 54 indicators. The INFORM model builds up an overall risk score by aggregating the indicators into components, categories and dimensions (see page 5). There are many conceptual and practical challenges when trying to model something as complex as the risk of crisis and disaster. Conceptual challenges can be overcome by working in partnership to arrive at a common understanding of risk. But what about practical challenges?

The Competence Centre on Composite Indicators & Scoreboards (COIN) at the Joint Research Centre of European Commission has carried out a statistical audit of INFORM to analyse the soundness of the structure of the index, understand the impact of key modelling assumptions, as well as the uncertainty and sensitivity of INFORM scores. Some of the results are presented here and have already led to improvements in the INFORM methodology (e.g. the introduction of cluster analysis to define the risk categories). We hope this external

check will improve the transparency and reliability of INFORM for users.

The tables show how INFORM performs in two key tests of a composite indicator. Firstly, how its components correlate with the overall index. Most components should show positive correlation and a weak or lacking correlation indicates that information from that component may be lost in the overall aggregation. Secondly, whether the weights assigned to different components are maintained during aggregation. INFORM performs well against these tests

CORRELATION OF INFORM DIMENSIONS, CATEGORIES AND COMPONENTS WITH THE OVERALL INDEX

INFORM	1
HAZARD & EXPOSURE	0.82
Natural	0.43
Earthquake	0.17
Flood	0.50
Tsunami	0.11
Tropical Cyclone	0.02
Drought	0.45
Human	0.84
Projected Conflict Risk	0.82
Current Highly Violent Conflict Intensity	0.63
VULNERABILITY	0.89
Socio-Economic Vulnerability	0.73
Development & Deprivation	0.75
Inequality	0.62
Aid Dependency	0.38
Vulnerable Groups	0.82
Uprooted people	0.61
Health Conditions	0.48
Children U5	0.76
Recent Shocks	0.30
Food Security	0.66
Other Vulnerable Groups	0.69
LACK OF COPING CAPACITY	0.84
Institutional	0.72
DRR	0.43
Governance	0.80
Infrastructure	0.81
Communication	0.75
Physical infrastructure	0.78
Access to health care	0.77

Values close to +1 or -1 indicate a very strong positive or negative association. Values close to 0 indicate a very weak association. All dimensions, categories and components show a strong positive correlation, except those highlighted, which show a weak, positive or statistically insignificant correlation. These lose their information content at the level of the overall INFORM Index.

NOMINAL WEIGHTS OF INFORM DIMENSIONS AND CATEGORIES VERSUS THEIR IMPLICIT WEIGHTS

INFORM		
HAZARD & EXPOSURE	33%	67%
VULNERABILITY	33%	80%
LACK OF COPING CAPACITY	33%	71%
HAZARD & EXPOSURE		
Natural	50%	50%
Human	50%	83%
VULNERABILITY		
Socio-Economic Vulnerability	50%	71%
Vulnerable Groups	50%	77%
LACK OF COPING CAPACITY		
Institutional	50%	81%
Infrastructure	50%	88%

The table shows the results of a statistical analysis (Pearson correlation, kernel estimates) that measures how closely the nominal weights given to dimensions and categories in INFORM (left column) are achieved in the aggregation of the index. Closer values in the second column indicate an equal balance at that level of aggregation. For example, in the Vulnerability dimension, the analysis shows that the nominal weights of the two categories (50% vs 50%) is achieved because the implicit weights are close in value (71% vs 77%). In the Hazard dimension, the Human category has slightly higher implicit weight (83% vs 50%) than indicated by the nominal weight (50% vs 50%). Overall, the index is well balanced at all levels of aggregation.

INFORM SUBNATIONAL PROGRESS UPDATE



STATUS OF INFORM SUBNATIONAL MODELS

Complete	Local lead
Lebanon	RCO Lebanon
Colombia	UNICEF/OCHA Colombia
East Africa	OCHA/IGAD
Sahel	OCHA/IASC

In development	Local lead
Southern Africa	OCHA/SADC
Guatemala	UNICEF/OCHA
Honduras	UNICEF/OCHA
LAC	UNICEF/OCHA
Jordan	OCHA/Government of Jordan
Central Asia	OCHA/IASC

An INFORM Subnational risk index shows a detailed picture of risk and its components that is comparable across a single region or country. It can be used by decision-makers to analyse and visualise risk. Developing an INFORM Subnational model is a locally owned and managed, cost-effective process that is supported by the global INFORM initiative. This ensures that each model has local buy-in, is used in local analysis and decision-making processes and is adapted according to local risks, but can draw on global resources and expertise and is validated according to global standards and best practice.

During 2015, the INFORM methodology and process was used to develop individual risk models for Colombia, Lebanon, the Sahel and the Greater Horn of Africa. From 2016, INFORM has supported the implementation of more Subnational models in other countries or regions. An INFORM Subnational 'Acceleration Programme', funded by the European Union humanitarian aid and managed by UNDP, will start in 2017.

and development sectors through the accelerated implementation and use of INFORM models at country level. It will include direct support for local partners to establish INFORM Subnational models in five priority countries, improved guidance and tools for local partners, and a training programme for INFORM Subnational developers and users.

Results of INFORM Subnational models and further information are available on the INFORM website.

This aims to improve shared analysis and decision-making in humanitarian

INFORM SUBNATIONAL ACCELERATION PROGRAMME

OUTCOME - a shared and open analysis of crisis and disaster risk among national development and humanitarian actors enabling better risk-informed decision-making for planning and programming. In particular, that shared risk analysis is used across humanitarian and development sectors, and that strategies and programmes are better aligned to address the location and types of risks.

Establish a support facility to provide technical assistance to local partners in 5 priority countries to develop an INFORM Subnational model.

Build capacity at regional and national level to develop, use and expand INFORM Subnational through training staff in INFORM Partner organisations, regional organisations and governments and improving and increasing tools, guidance and capacity to support the roll-out of INFORM Subnational.

Conduct an assessment to understand the added value and sustainability of INFORM Subnational projects so that future implementation can be adjusted and improved.

INFORM SUBNATIONAL IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region is one of the world's most disaster-prone, with varying levels of national and local response capacity. Despite its growing prosperity, countries struggle with widespread poverty, social unrest, conflict and violence. The ongoing drought in the 'dry corridor' of Central America, compounded by 2016's El Niño phenomenon, is one of the most severe in the recent history of the area.

Regional humanitarian organisations have been working to ensure response mechanisms developed by the international community are embedded in the efforts of governments. However, the lack of systematic information to analyse, comprehend and present the magnitude of the risks and humanitarian needs is a key challenge. Governments and humanitarian actors are increasingly seeking to build resilience in the LAC region, especially through improved analysis of risk and vulnerability.

OCHA, UNICEF and other partners have since decided there is a need to support regional prevention and preparedness actions through the development of a regional INFORM model and the extension of the initiative to additional countries in the region, starting with Guatemala and Honduras. This will help develop a shared analysis of crisis and disaster risk among government entities, humanitarian and development organizations and donors, and better align collective disaster risk management efforts.

To support this, a first pilot of an INFORM Subnational model in the region was initiated by OCHA and UNICEF in 2015 with the development of INFORM Colombia. It was implemented at municipal-level and identifies threats, vulnerabilities and response capacities throughout the country and includes specific components to evaluate risk levels for children and adolescents. Its results have been used so far in the Humanitarian Needs Overview 2016, and by UNICEF planners and donors.

EXPANSION OF INFORM SUBNATIONAL PROGRAMME TO 'DRY CORRIDOR' COUNTRIES



PLANNED REGIONAL INFORM MODEL ADAPTED TO REGIONAL RISKS, VULNERABILITIES AND CAPACITIES

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- 1) facilitate the use of their data in INFORM,
- 2) provide expert guidance for the INFORM initiative,
- 3) provide in-kind or financial support.

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