

Start members and their partners should consider acting on developing risks through the Start Fund Crisis Anticipation. Click [HERE](#) for more information on Start Fund Crisis Anticipation. Click [HERE](#) for an anticipation note template.

UPCOMING RISKS

Risk Relevance

The risk relevance rating considers the relevance of the risk to the Start Fund Crisis Anticipation. Risks are categorised with FOREWARN input.

- HIGH RELEVANCE
- MEDIUM RELEVANCE
- LOW RELEVANCE

Informal Global Risk Index

The 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.



HIGH RELEVANCE

RISK COUNTRY

RISK INFORMATION

SOURCE/KEY



Cholera




Mozambique (and Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania)



There is a risk the ongoing cholera outbreak in Malawi and in the Niassa province of Mozambique will spread to the districts of Cuamba and Madimba (Niassa province), Buzi, Dondo, Gorongozo, Nhamatanda (Sofala province) and to the Tete province. The border districts are the most at-risk and prone to floods, which further exposes the population to the spread of waterborne diseases. Neighbouring countries Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Tanzania (bordering Malawi) are also at risk and exposed to floods. As the rainy season continues until March/April, there is a risk the epidemic will worsen and that sectoral needs in Health and WaSH will be exacerbated. The floods are anticipated to affect around 450,000 people, creating needs in shelter and livelihoods.

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MEDIUM RELEVANCE		
RISK AND COUNTRY	RISK INFORMATION	SOURCE
 <p>Flooding</p> <p>ZAMBIA INFORM Risk Class: Medium</p>	<p>GLOFAS is forecasting significant flooding in Zambia during February, ranging from one in two year to one in twenty year flooding events. This forecast has prompted The Zambia Red Cross Society to activate an Early Action Protocol for floods potentially affecting over 10,000 people in 10 districts. NOAA have highlighted that flooding is intensifying upstream of the Zambezi River. There are existing flood extents, with UNOSAT data showing that approximately 80,000 people are potentially exposed from 26-30 January period.</p>	<p>GLOFAS</p> <p>NOAA</p> <p>ANTICIPATION HUB</p> <p>UNOSAT</p>
 <p>Election Tensions</p> <p>Zimbabwe INFORM Risk Class: Medium</p>	<p>Crisis Group note that tensions remain high ahead of the summer general election, with cases of reported assaults on opposition party members by ruling party members. Reuters have reported violence against opposition supporters in rural Zimbabwe and the arrest of 25 opposition party members at a rally in January. Human Rights Watch have criticised the Zimbabwean authorities revoking of 291 civil society organisations registration. They warn that organisations will be prevented from supporting election observing and election monitoring. Start Network members conducted a Start Network funded rapid context analysis ahead of political changes associated with the 2018 elections. This analysis prompted anticipatory action programming to meet the needs of predicted under scenarios relating to food insecurity and waterborne diseases.</p>	<p>REUTERS</p> <p>HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH</p> <p>CRISIS GROUP</p>
 <p>Flooding</p> <p>Peru INFORM Risk Class: Medium</p>	<p>Flooding is forecast in the Junín region of Peru over the second half of February and into early March. GLOFAS is forecasting flooding exceeding a 20-year average, which is expected to affect up to 30,000 people. The National Service of Meteorology and Hydrology of Peru (SENAMHI) issued an orange-level warning for moderate-to-strong precipitation (including rain, snow, sleet, and hail) for the region at the end of January, and heavy rainfall in recent days has caused flooding in Cusco Region, just south of Junín. Start Fund alert 570 was raised for flooding and landslide in the Amazonas region in Peru in January 2022 and was considered a late submission by the Committee. The alert was activated for 180,000 GBP. Key sectoral needs included risk of GBV in displacement camps, WaSH, and food insecurity.</p>	<p>CRISIS24</p> <p>START NETWORK</p> <p>GLOFAS</p>

LOW RELEVANCE		
RISK AND COUNTRY	RISK INFORMATION	SOURCE
 <p>Conflict CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC INFORM Risk Class: Very High</p>	<p>Crisis Group have warned about the risk of large-scale fighting and regional destabilisation after Sudan-based rebels entered the Central African Republic in the final week of January. This followed government officials closing the border on 4-5 January. OCHA data shows over 500,000 people are internally displaced, many due to conflict, and high rates of food insecurity persist. The impact of fighting could exacerbate the ongoing economic and humanitarian crises.</p>	<p>CRISIS GROUP OCHA</p>
 <p>Conflict DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO INFORM Risk Class: Very High</p>	<p>Following an escalation of conflict in North Kivu, where M23 rebels have taken control of the town of Kitshanga, it has been reported that 122,000 persons have been displaced. 2.1 million people are displaced in the province. Start Network members have warned that the protracted and escalating situation will exacerbate the food, shelter, sanitation, health services, and nutrition, needs of affected persons. Save the Children has highlighted that cholera cases are rapidly increasing in Nyirangongo, with children making up the vast majority of cases. Since 2018 six alerts have been raised to the Start Fund for conflict in DRC during February and March period.</p>	<p>UNHCR CARE SAVE THE CHILDREN AL JAZEERA</p>

KEY POLITICAL DATES: FEBRUARY–APRIL 2023

This 'Key Dates' section produces tangible events that members of the Start Network can use to inform specific, anticipatory, and preventive actions. Dates are compiled by drawing upon both global risk indexes and national-level risk information sources.

TIMELINE

FEBRUARY

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NIGERIA – GENERAL ELECTION

The upcoming Nigerian General Election is scheduled to take place in late February 2023. Election related tensions have been reported, with allegations of human rights violations. A Start Fund anticipation alert has been activated, with £300,000 allocated.

[Crisis Group & Start Fund](#)

MARCH

09

NEPAL – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The Nepal Electoral Commission has decided that the next Presidential election will take place on 09 March. There remains political tensions following the 2022 General Election due to negotiations over who will form the government. In January Nepal's deputy prime minister lost his job after the Supreme Court ruled his election citizenship papers were invalid.

[Reuters & Crisis Group](#)

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SRI LANKA – LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local election are scheduled for 09 March. These are the first nationwide elections since the mass protests that led to the exiting of the previous president in 2022. There is an ongoing economic and humanitarian crisis.

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