

IARAN 2017 ANNUAL PROGRESS REVIEW

In 2017 the Inter-Agency Regional Analysts Network (IARAN) covered four regions: the Middle East, West and Central Africa, East Africa and Asia delivering over 30 foresight reports and supporting 16 country offices.

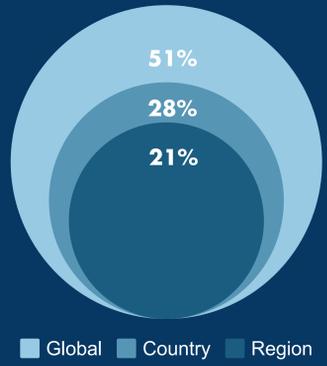


In addition to its regional capacity, in 2017 the IARAN operated with an enlarged global team. This was in response to the request for IARAN to dedicate more time to global level projects and invest significant department resources in the uptake and use of analysis.

The results of this effort have yielded several high profile analytical reports, which have had significant pick-up from the humanitarian community.

OUTPUTS & REQUESTS

30% increase in outputs and the level of support dedicated to global level projects between 2016 and 2017. As a result activities delivering on the global portfolio exceeded 50%

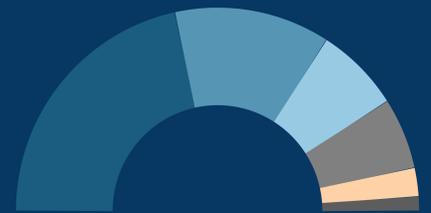


79% of activity requests came from IARAN partner staff but time was dedicated to engage with external organisations.

In 2017 the IARAN responded to requests from consortia including Start Network and INGOS Save The Children and the Red Cross.

44 outputs from the IARAN this year.

These outputs include 'An Outlook on State Fragility' supported by the Bubble team in Action Against Hunger. The report marries a reflective study of Action Against Hunger's work in fragile states with a projection of how it could look in 2030.



TEACHING & TRAINING



Teaching and training became a significant part of the IARAN work plan in 2017.

Training existing & future humanitarian decision makers on the use of foresight and strategic planning is a critical part of the IARAN agenda.

IARAN also dedicated a 5 day course to Action Against Hunger decision-makers in February 2017. Participants unanimously agreed the training met its objectives.



UPTAKE

Even though there is diversity in how decision makers use IARAN analysis understanding the uptake remains a focus for the team.



- Increase AAH visibility
- Integrate futures focused t...
- Design AAH positioning
- Inform my decision making
- Inform my/a country office ...
- Develop an AAH policy
- I have not found them useful

FUTURE OF AID

The Future of Aid focused on the role of INGOs and explored changes in how they could operate to ensure they are fit for purpose in 2030.

With 5,500+ downloads in 2017 Future of Aid has become a reference point for humanitarian actors: NGOs, Ikea, the World Food Programme and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



Future of Aid was presented to 20+ organisations, conferences and networks. 8 humanitarian organisations have used the findings as part of their strategic processes.

Future of Aid was picked up by The Guardian (UK) and National Public Radio (US) & has yielded high levels of social media engagement.



SUPPORT

In 2017 the IARAN worked to ensure decision makers requesting IARAN products received sufficient support with the analysis.

The support offered varied depending on the project's objectives, but this generally took form in presentations using IARAN work and staff to build visibility and engage with stakeholders.



- Presentations/Representation (52.31%)
- Content Support (23.08%)
- Support for Workshops (16.92%)
- Methodological Support (7.69%)

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

A priority for the IARAN in 2017, the team contributed to several high profile publications including:

- The UNOCHA World Humanitarian Data and Trends Report 2017
- The Deliver Collective Outcomes: Transcend Humanitarian Development Divides



END OF PILOT

The pilot phase concluded at the end of 2017. The learnings from the three year pilot phase which began in 2014 will be consolidated into a series of papers to be published in 2018.

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2018, IARAN will continue to focus on integrating strategic foresight and planning into the humanitarian ecosystem, working with and through its members to deliver support to decision-makers & explore new areas of research & method development.

IARAN will be welcoming a new Humanitarian Futures Analyst focusing on delivering global reports working remotely through Action Against Hunger. A new South East Asia and Pacific Analyst based in Melbourne with the Centre for Humanitarian Leadership.