



Environment and the Humanitarian Response

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OBJECTIVES

- In collaboration with partners, support the **assessment** of impacts resulting from the conflict and the integration of environmental considerations into the humanitarian planning process and response.
- Support **coordination** and information sharing between humanitarian and environmental actors, as well as appropriate authorities, for greater knowledge, awareness, capacity building, and decision making on environmental concerns.
- Provide **technical guidance** to the UN and other partners on analyzing and addressing environmental risks and hazards arising from the conflict.

Environment and Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL)

FAO Environmental and Social Management Guidelines (2015; Interim 2020)

Management of Risk at Program and Project Levels:

5. Application of the standards is determined during FAO's **social and environmental screening and categorization process**. Where it is determined that a project may present certain risks and/or impacts, requirements of the relevant standard(s) are triggered.

41. Requirements in projects under emergency preparedness and response are covered in the FAO in Emergencies Guidance Note on Accountability to Affected Populations (2013).

WFP Environmental Policy (2017)

54. Environmental risks in emergency operations will be addressed first through SOPs and preparedness measures, avoiding risks to the extent possible from the outset. Should the **rapid screening process** detect any high risks that have not been addressed, preventive or remedial action will be incorporated where feasible and lessons learned will be integrated into SOPs and preparedness measures ahead of future operations. This approach will serve not only to avoid environmental damage during the emergency response, but also to improve environmental outcomes in the aftermath of rapid onset disasters.

Questions for Discussion

1. Have any environmental issues been identified in relation to the impacts of the conflict on food security and livelihoods?
2. Has any screening been conducted to assess environmental risks and/or impacts associated with FSL activities?

USEFUL LINKS

EHA Connect - Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihoods:

<https://ehaconnect.org/clusters/food-security-nutrition-and-livelihoods/>

EHA Connect - Connecting Environment and Humanitarian Action (see THEMES section):

Chemicals & Pesticides - <https://ehaconnect.org/themes/chemicals-pesticides/>

Natural Resource Management - <https://ehaconnect.org/themes/natural-resource-management/>

EECentre - Mainstreaming Environment and Climate Change into Humanitarian Action (Topic Guide):

<https://eecentre.org/resources/evidence-on-demand-topic-guide-mainstreaming-environment-and-climate-change-into-humanitarian-action/> (key topic areas include food security, land tenure and land use, and livelihoods)

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<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/ukraine/assessments>