

# Report of the London ICoE-RIA International Centre of Excellence for Risk Interpretation and Action

# Overview

- The London ICoE-RIA was formed in November 2015
- Currently includes King's College London, University College London and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Aims to provide a focal point for the expertise available in London institutions concerning DRR and CCA
- Focus is Risk Interpretation and Action:
  - Decision-making for uncertainty
  - Early-warning systems
  - Adaptive management and resilience
  - Individual perceptions and risk behaviour

# UK Alliance for Disaster Research

- All partners in the London ICoE are involved in the Founding Board of the new UK Alliance for Disaster Research
- Aims to be a “network of networks”, allowing government to speak to science and vice versa in the UK – to help UK government bring science into its Sendai implementation
- Terms of reference currently being agreed
- So far involvement from 6 academic institutions, several government agencies, the Royal Society and the British Geological Survey
- ICoE will host a conference at King’s College in January 2017

# Meeting participation and workshops

- **26-28 January 2016 – Five members attended the ISDR Science for Sendai conference: presented six posters, attended a press briefing with the new ISDR director and acted as co-reporter for one conference session**
- **KCIRRR meetings monthly, including external speakers (e.g. ODI) and collaborators**
- **The emBRACE Project Conference: *Framing Community Disaster Resilience: resources, capacities, learning and action*. Kings College London, Strand Campus.**
- **May 18<sup>th</sup> 2015: Learning Workshop hosted by King's CIRRR**
- **October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015: King's CIRRR Workshop - Learning: from theory to practice. Aimed at NGO's who are in the START/DEPP LPPR partnerships as well as BRACED.**

# Networking, conference papers & publications since January 2015

- >15 conference presentations
- >20 academic papers, policy reports and technical reports
- Policy briefs for the UNISDR meeting and for the World Economic Forum
- February 2016: Meeting with Stockholm Environment Institute to discuss future collaborations

# Research projects: RIA

Pelling M and Visman E with Christian Aid, *To develop transformational solutions to climate variability and disasters in Burkina*. DFID 2015-2017

Pelling M and Visman E with Christian Aid, *Building capacity in Ethiopia to find transformational solutions to climate variability and disasters*, DFID 2015-2017

Pelling M and Wolfe T with ARUP and UCL *Seasonal health and climate change resilience for ageing urban populations: the development of vulnerability indices for selected cities and priorities*, NERC 2015-2016

Pelling, M, Agboola, J., Birhmann, J, Grimmond, S., Solecki. W., Ramachandran, R., M Yamamuro. *Transformation and Resilience on Urban Coasts*, 2013-2016

Donovan, A. *Understanding volcanoes on international borders*, Leverhulme/RGS 2012-2016



# Research projects: FORIN

Pelling M, Johnson, C, Satterthwaite D Parnell S et al, ESRC Programme Grant, *Urban African Risk Knowledge*, 2014-2017.

Pelling, M (UK PI) PEARL: *Preparing for extreme and rare events in coastal regions*, EU FP7 Grant 2013-2017.



# Research projects: RIA + FORIN hybrid

Pelling M and Visman E with Christian Aid, *Linking preparedness, response and resilience in emergency contexts in Pakistan, Kenya, The Democratic Republic of Kenya, Bangladesh and The Philippines.* DFID START Network Disaster and Emergency Preparedness programme. 2015-2017





# Future plans

- Scoping exercise – identify key themes and strengths as we move through the inception phase
  - Position papers – DRR in the UK looking outwards and inwards
  - Develop web presence
  - Apply for funding
- Engage with wider UK DRR community via UKADR
- Conference in January 2017 – raise visibility of UKADR and ICoE
  - Bring together policymakers and practitioners (NGOs and private sector) with scientific actors