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The Hague Roundtable on Climate & Security – 13th meeting **BREAKING THE CYCLE: Unlocking Climate Finance for Fragile States**

Organized with [Mercy Corps Netherlands](#)

Date: **Tuesday 7 March 2023**

Time: 14:00 – 17:00 followed by networking reception until 18:00

Venue: LIVE at [The Humanity Hub](#), Fluwelen Burgwal 58, 2511 CJ The Hague

[Click here to RSVP for the Roundtable](#) – with your input on the 5 points for discussion

Background

Many fragile and conflict-affected states (FCS) are highly vulnerable to climate change - yet the more fragile a country is, the less climate finance, such as funding for adaptation and climate resilience, it has historically received.

- Extremely fragile states averaged \$2.10 per person in adaptation financing compared to \$161.70 per person for not-fragile states (Reda and Wong 2021).
- Country-specific analyses also show a shortfall in how much FCS receive; for example, Niger received \$6.58 per person per year, Mali received \$4.27 per person per year, Zimbabwe received \$2.05 per person per year, and DRC has only received \$0.92 per capita per year (Alcayna 2020)

Challenges to accessing and using climate finance in fragile and conflict-affected areas include a low appetite and tolerance for risk, stringent funding requirements, inflexible operational protocols, and difficulties of monitoring progress and measuring outcomes.

In the midst of these funding barriers, communities living in vulnerable contexts are often at the forefront of climate change and are facing its most severe impacts. Recent droughts in Somalia to floods in Nigeria have demonstrated the devastating effects of increased unpredictability of weather patterns, and in particular the role of water. In this context of volatility, communities' resilience to adapt to increased and unpredictable hazards becomes paramount, and yet funding is often unable to reach those living in the most vulnerable areas.

Mercy Corps recently [published a study to identify innovative solutions to overcoming these barriers](#) to finance in fragile and conflict-affected areas.

Addressing this situation in the context is more urgent than ever, especially as climate experts and policy-makers are rethinking climate funding structures related to Loss and Damage, multilateral development banks and insurance mechanisms, such as the Global Shield.

This Roundtable

Bringing together a variety of stakeholders, this meeting of The Hague Roundtable will invite participants to share approaches and needs in how to ensure that climate finance better reaches those who most need it. In particular, the Roundtable aims to facilitate the exchange of experiences and identification of solutions to channel climate finance to fragile states.

Capitalizing on the scope of stakeholders in and near The Hague, the Roundtable will seek to advance ideas on:

- **Designing** solutions to deliver finance and enhance climate resilience in FCS
- **Funding** these solutions in FCS
- **Delivering** these solutions in FCS
- Furthermore, in the face of emerging climate finance structures, such as the Loss and Damage Fund, the meeting will seek to elaborate specific recommendations to enable channeling funding to vulnerable populations at forefront of climate change.

Participants:

The meeting aims to bring together an estimated 50+ participants from a variety of backgrounds, including civil society, government, research and private sector representatives.

About Mercy Corps

Mercy Corps is a global team of humanitarians, working together on the front lines of today's biggest crises to create a future of possibility, where everyone can prosper. In more than 40+ countries around the world, over 5,400+ team members work side-by-side with people living through poverty, disaster, violent conflict, and the acute impacts of climate change. Mercy Corps Netherlands was established in 2017 and focuses on supporting European-funded programs across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, building new partnerships with stakeholders in the Netherlands, and working closely with policy-makers to ensure that our research and programmatic evidence informs development cooperation and humanitarian policies and practices.

About The Hague Roundtable on Climate & Security

The Hague Roundtable is an independent initiative that supports global cooperation on climate risks to water and food security, disaster resilience, peace, sustainable development, and political stability. The Roundtable forum facilitates a dialogue among representatives of governments, NGOs, education institutions, development organizations, military, private sector, and donor organizations – which may be stakeholders who do not routinely exchange ideas and strategies on these topics. Participants are encouraged in a less-formal setting to voice their main challenges; potential solutions; what they can offer; and what they need.

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