# ICMIF Sustainability Summit 2023 Creating a Resilience Strategy

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## African Risk Capacity (ARC)



Climate risk assessment and expertise in Disaster Risk Management

Parametric Insurance and Reinsurance

Contingency planning and funding

Strategic partnerships for premium financing solutions

Capacity Building

What? Solutions to address liquidity gaps in public finance in case of disasters

Who? Governments, provinces, cities and development partners

Objectives: Food security and public Infrastructure

What? Solutions to reduce volatility in productivity

MESO

and build commercial resilience

Who? Aggregators such as agribusinesses and financial institutions

Objectives: De-risking value chains and resilience

What? Market driven solution to protect the revenue of individuals

MICRO

Who? Small holder farmers, producers and individuals through local insurance companies

**Objectives:** Business continuity and Income protection



## Why was ARC formed?

### What problems was ARC looking to help solve?



- Lack of disaster preparedness
- Ad-hoc post-disaster response
- Absence of pre-arranged financing tools

✓ Improve disaster preparedness and response by assisting countries to better prepare, plan and respond to disasters
 ✓ Shift from post-disaster response to pre-arranged financing

✓ Save lives and livelihoods through early action



## Theory of change



The business model was designed to support systems change: "vulnerable populations have built resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related disasters, disease outbreaks and epidemics"

#### **Activities**

Develop disaster risk modelling and financing products

Create awareness and understanding of DRM and financing in AU Member States

Develop AU Member States capacity in DRM and financing

Influence DRM on the continent

#### Intermediate outcomes

Member States use ARC risk modeling and early warning tools

Member States take up ARC risk financing products

Member States improve understanding and technical capacity in DRM

#### Long-term outcomes

Improved capacity of Member States to plan, prepare for and respond to extreme weather events, natural disasters, outbreaks and epidemics

Timely and cost-effective targeted responses to natural disasters, outbreaks and epidemics that protect the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable populations

#### **Impact**

Vulnerable populations have built resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related disasters, disease outbreaks and epidemics





## **Engagement with Countries: Prerequisites for Participation in Risk Pool**



Training, Knowledge & Experiential exchanges















#### **RISK MODELLING**

- Africa RiskView
   Training
- Technical Working Group
- Model validation

### CONTINGENCY PLANNING

- Contingency Planning development
- PRC (Peer Review Committee)

## RISK FINANCING & RISK TRANSFER

- Risk Layering
- Policy Dialogue for Risk Financing
- Risk Transfer training and Parameter selection

Certificate of Good Standing & best practices

M&E and Gender Mainstreaming in DRM
Partnership approach (ARC, Govts, NGOs, Humanitarian Actors, Dev Partners)

## Benefits of sovereign insurance to finance disasters



#### Direct welfare benefits

Late response can lead to decreased child nutrition and reduction in income per capita (GDP). Studies showed that the later the response, the more costly the impact on households.



#### Pre-empts negative coping strategies

Households tend to cope with disasters by selling livestock and productive assets, reducing food consumption, and taking children out of school for example. These responses often have long-term, irreversible and sometimes intergenerational effects.



#### Reduces the cost of response

According to recent studies, a late humanitarian response costs approximately 7 times that of an early response, and donors could save up to 30% on humanitarian aid spending if funding was provided earlier.



#### Macro-economic benefits

Reduces the need for governments to divert scarce resources away from basic public services therefore protecting development gains. Reduces leakages and improves fiscal discipline and limits budget volatility which contributes to national stability.

### Key design considerations in the sovereign macro product

#### **Satellite Rainfall Data/ NDVI**

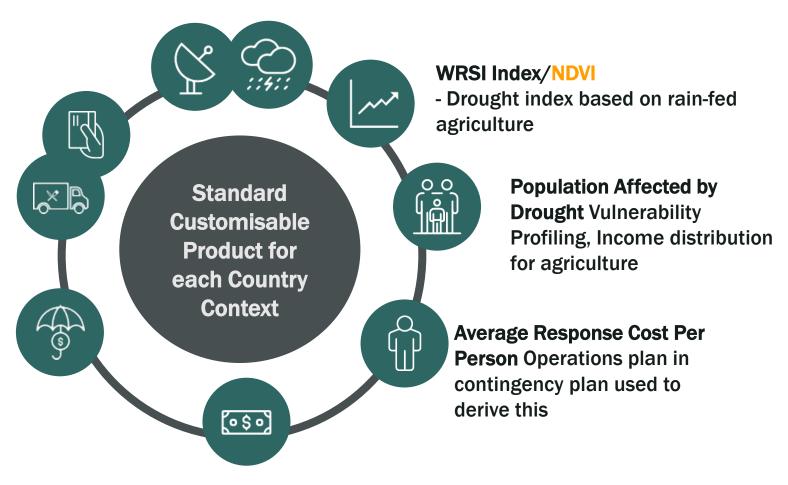
- RFE2, CHIRP, CHIRPS

#### **Contingency Planning**

- ARC payout to be used as per the Final Implementation Plan (FIP) to deploy operations

#### **Risk Transfer Parameters**

- Attachment
- Exhaustion
- Coverage Limit
- Ceding Percentage





**Modelled Drought Response Cost (MDRC)** – Monetary (USD) value for drought impact

## Risk reduction, product design and challenges

- No explicit incentives were incorporated as part of product design
- An indirect incentive to reduce risk exists due to lower premiums for lower risk
- Embedded/direct incentives required to drive investment in risk reduction

#### Challenges



- Lack of a holistic risk layering approach; no other tools to complement insurance
- Unavailability of reliable data for some model parameters
- Absence of enabling political, institutional, and regulatory frameworks





## Direct Mechanisms – ARC's Scorecard



## **Pricing**Variable pricing implied.





### Pre-requisites

Pre-approved contingency plan, certificate of good standing.





#### Investments

Investment guidelines under review









#### Awareness & Advice

Raise awareness of risks and information to assist with reducing hazards, exposure and vulnerability.

In country Technical Working Group





#### Social Capital

Build and share capacity for risk modelling, analysis and monitoring.







#### Modelling & Data

Build capacity for disaster response and risk reduction through a data and modelling led approach

Africa RiskView adoption as a public good





#### Collaboration

Engage with multiple stakeholders to attain sustainable development, risk reduction and risk sensitive investment that can contribute to the narrowing of the protection gap Smart premium subsidies, adaptive social safety nets, risk layering



#### Vision

The development partner of choice leading innovative Pan-African Disaster Risk Management solutions for climate resilience in Africa

#### **Mission**

To promote harmonised resilience solutions for protecting African lives and livelihoods vulnerable to natural disasters caused by climate change and other perils of importance to the continent

#### **Ambition**

ARC Member States and their partners provide timely and targeted responses to protect the lives and the livelihoods of vulnerable population against natural disasters





## Tatenda

## Thank You