Early Warning System!

Their feedback and the survey results are inspiring the next steps for the Early Warning System Database. After conducting surveys with 108 organizations, potential enhancements were identified in 2018 online and in person demonstrations of the Early Warning System Database. To better understand how the Early Warning System Database is used by partners and communities, a short survey was recently completed.

Who participated in the survey:

- Local organizations: 39%
- Regional organizations: 27%
- International organizations: 20%
- Academic institutions: 14%
- Other: 10%

Primarily, how were projects searched?

- By sector: 52%
- By keyword: 43%
- By development institutions: 32%
- By date: 23%
- By region: 19%

Which content was most useful?

- Information on accountability mechanisms: 90%
- Support advocacy campaigns: 84%
- Provide the contact information of private companies: 83%
- Include projects financed by major development banks and financiers: 81%
- Include information at different stages of implementation: 79%
- Include data visualizations: 73%
- Include projects in China and other relevant databases: 70%
- Include projects linked to similar projects: 67%
- Include information to the larger public: 59%
- Provide an explanation of project ratings: 54%
- Include more information about the national context: 53%
- Include additional documentation: 52%
- Include information if possible, ideally without relying on Google Translate: 49%
- Include a space for community and stakeholder research and involvement: 48%
- Include more information about the communities affected and the organizations supporting them: 47%
- Include more information about the major national development banks including Brazil and China: 46%

How would you use the Early Warning System Database?

- To increase the community's leverage to respond: 90%
- To learn about new projects: 88%
- To monitor projects: 87%
- To improve the impact of advocacy campaigns: 85%
- To increase the visibility of projects: 83%
- To disseminate project information: 82%
- To improve the design of advocacy campaigns: 80%
- To encourage more interest in projects: 79%
- To provide more information about the communities affected: 78%
- To improve the effectiveness of advocacy campaigns: 76%
- To encourage communities to take collective action: 75%
- To improve the impact of advocacy campaigns: 74%
- To encourage more interest in projects: 73%

Recommendations:

Functionality:

- Improve the search function for projects by keyword: 90%
- Improve the user interface of the Early Warning System Database: 88%
- Improve the search function for organizations: 87%
- Improve the search function for donors: 85%
- Improve the search function for sectors: 83%
- Improve the search function for countries: 81%

Process:

- Follow up to resolve issues: 90%
- Resolve issues within 24 hours: 88%
- Provide clear instructions for using the Early Warning System Database: 87%
- Provide detailed information about pending issues: 85%
- Provide a clear explanation for why certain issues could not be resolved: 83%
- Provide ongoing support for the user community: 81%
- Provide regular updates on the status of issues: 79%
- Provide a clear explanation for why certain issues could not be resolved: 77%

Advocacy:

- Provide more information about the effectiveness of advocacy campaigns: 90%
- Provide more information about the impact of advocacy campaigns: 88%
- Provide more information about the benefits of advocacy campaigns: 87%
- Provide more information about the obstacles to advocacy campaigns: 85%
- Provide more information about the strategies used in advocacy campaigns: 83%
- Provide more information about the risks of advocacy campaigns: 81%
- Provide more information about the challenges faced in advocacy campaigns: 79%
- Provide more information about the opportunities in advocacy campaigns: 77%

Tools:

- Create a way for users to add information to the project: 57%
- Include additional information if possible, ideally without relying on Google Translate: 56%
- Provide additional functionality: 55%
- Include a space for community and stakeholder research and involvement: 54%
- Include more information about the national context: 53%
- Include additional documentation: 52%
- Include information if possible, ideally without relying on Google Translate: 51%
- Provide a clear explanation for why certain issues could not be resolved: 50%