



EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

Communities around the world face the key challenge of a lack of accessible and timely information on development projects and the processes affecting them.

The Early Warning System ensures local communities, and the organizations that support them, have verified information about proposed development bank-funded projects likely to cause human and environmental abuses, and clear strategies for advocacy – ideally before funding is decided.

The Early Warning System exchanges information, advice, tools and resources with communities, the local organizations supporting them and development actors. The information exchanged includes accessible information about projects at development finance institutions and critical data from community-led research.

The Early Warning System database organizes, summarizes and standardizes projects at 13 development finance institutions; however the Early Warning System is more than a database. Instead, the Early Warning System focuses on how information can inform local development priorities and campaigns, and change how development is done today.

The Early Warning System relies on a community response collective which contributes tactical support, as determined by local priorities. Methods of community response may include, accessing decision-makers, community-led surveys and research, understanding possible leverage points related to investments made by private actors, filing complaints, and determining local development priorities.

The Early Warning System is providing an early advantage and broader trends analysis for partners and communities to take action for the development, if any, that communities want and envision.

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