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RED CROSS/RED CRESCENT CLIMATE CENTRE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

*Improving Environmental Communication
and Adaptation Decision-Making in the
Humanitarian Sector*

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*Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre Intern and Volunteers
in Amuria District, Uganda. Photo: Arielle Tozier De La Poterie.*

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Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre Internship Program

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (RCRCCC) internship program targets improvements in environmental communication and adaptation decision-making as well as disaster prevention and preparedness in the humanitarian sector. It connects humanitarian practitioners from the Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre – an affiliate of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – with graduate student researchers at the University of Colorado who are interested in science-policy issues. Through this program we strive to accomplish three key objectives:

- to improve the capacity of humanitarian practitioners within International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies network at the interface of science, policy and practice
- to help meet needs as well as work as a research clearing house in environmental communication and adaptation decision-making in response to climate variability and change, as identified through Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre priorities and projects
- to benefit graduate students by complementing the classes and research that they undertake in their graduate program with real-world experience in climate applications and development work

This internship program places PhD and/or Master's degree students in an IFRC regional field office, a National Society branch office, or with a partner organization for a period of approximately 3 months in locations of eastern and southern Africa. Past project topics have included analysis of uses of regional climate forecasts to trigger anticipatory humanitarian action and examinations of ways to improve the linking of science-based forecasts with humanitarian decisions.

To learn more about the RC/RCCC internship program visit
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