



You Can't Always Get What You Want

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Climate predictions at the seasonal scale do not have a "usable" skill everywhere, but sometimes they do respond to user needs.

The EU-FP7 project EUPORIAS has developed a prototype climate service aimed at enhancing an existing drought early warning system developed by WFP and owned by the Government of Ethiopia, which is based on a software platform (LEAP) for the computation of the needs for humanitarian assistance due to drought.

This prototype climate has involved a direct engagement with the end-users (WFP, GoE) in the design of the workflow and has integrated seasonal precipitation forecasts into the early assessment, in order to enhance the entire decision making process.

We discuss the potential add value add value and the corresponding limitations based on the of skill of the underlying seasonal forecasting system. We also present preliminary cost-bene[U+FB01]t scenario for an operational impact prediction system that is able to anticipate the occurrence of the most severe drought events.