

Outcome Declaration of Inaugural Event Geneva, Switzerland, September 20th, 2018

Forum attendees declared that:

The South Asia Hydromet Forum is a platform for regional exchange, collaboration and fostering innovation.

The Forum aims at:

- Increasing the coverage, quality and access to hydromet services and ensuring their sustainability in the region
- Strengthening technical, institutional and human capacity at scale for service delivery
- Enhancing partnerships that translate priorities for regional cooperation into programs and investments, and
- Strategically positioning this agenda as the central piece for climate resilient development

Joint Statement made in Geneva, Switzerland on September 20th, 2018

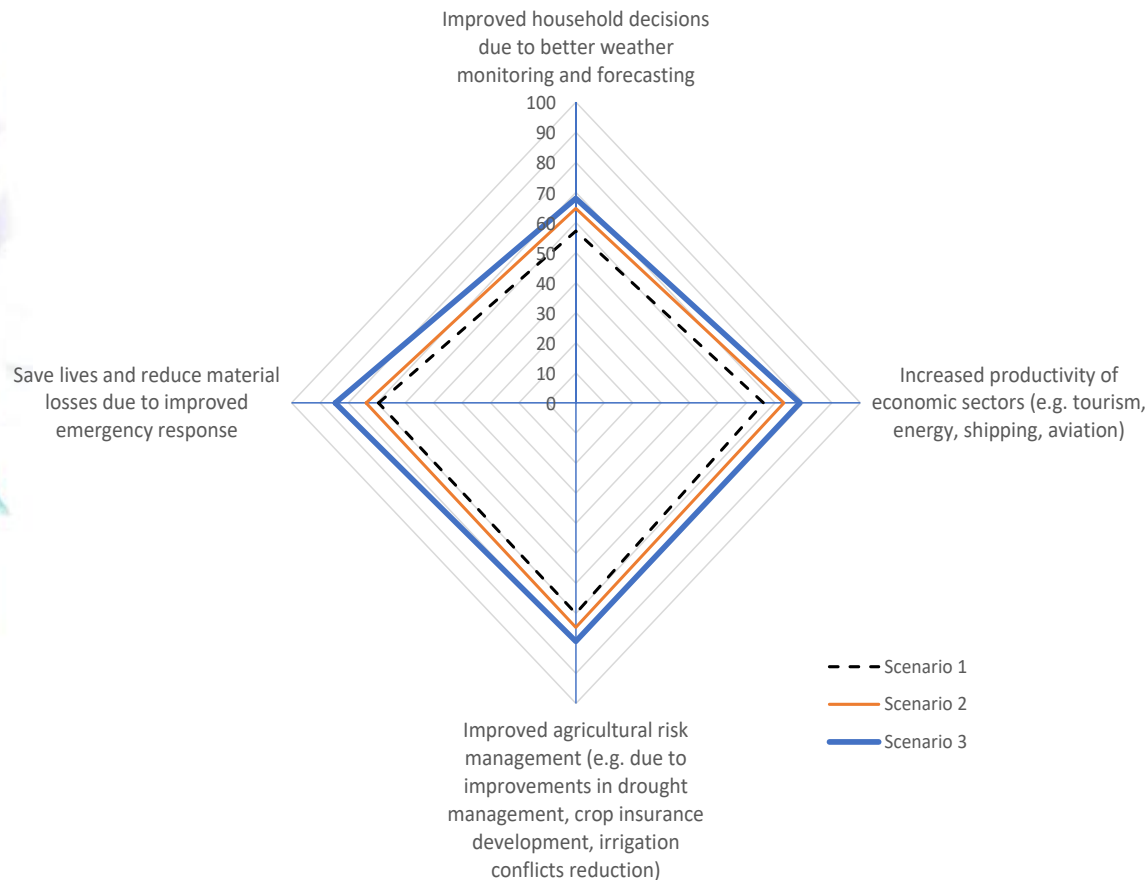


SAHF II PRIORITIES

- **SAHF Commitment to continuing Engagement and Dialogue**
- **Priority areas identified**
 - Numerical Weather Prediction
 - Impact Based Forecasting
 - Multi-hazard early warning
 - Operational support to forecasting (information sharing and real-time support)
 - Harmonization of approaches/standards, data sharing formats and technical specifications across partners (including effort to reduce procurement process burden)
 - Optimization of Observation system density (in country, regional)
 - Skill building and strategic staff planning
 - Communication to users and Public Weather Advisers including for key sectors (agriculture, disaster management, other)
 - Policy frameworks
- **SAHF Structures identified and initiated**
 - SAHF Executive Committee (EC)
 - SAHF Working Groups (technical teams)
 - RIMES – administrative and technical support

STAKEHOLDERS' PERCEPTION IS KEY FOR ACHIEVING VALUE

ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF SERVICES IS CRITICAL FOR GENERATING VALUE



• **Bangladesh end-users' perceptions on the effective implementation rate for 3 scenarios:**

- **Agency**
- **Country**
- **Regional**

SAHF Pillars

- **Regional Engagement - Deepening SAHF**
 - Annual SAHF Flagship event
 - Technical events - focus on knowledge and innovation
 - Further relationships between NMHSs, Users, Private Sector, Academia
- **Regional Hydromet and Climate Services Information (data and product exchange portal)**
- **Regional Capacity Building (Systematic training)**
- ❖ **Regional and aligned Country Investment**
- ❖ **Country commitments and regional actions**
- ✓ **Optimization – data, use, mechanism, investment**