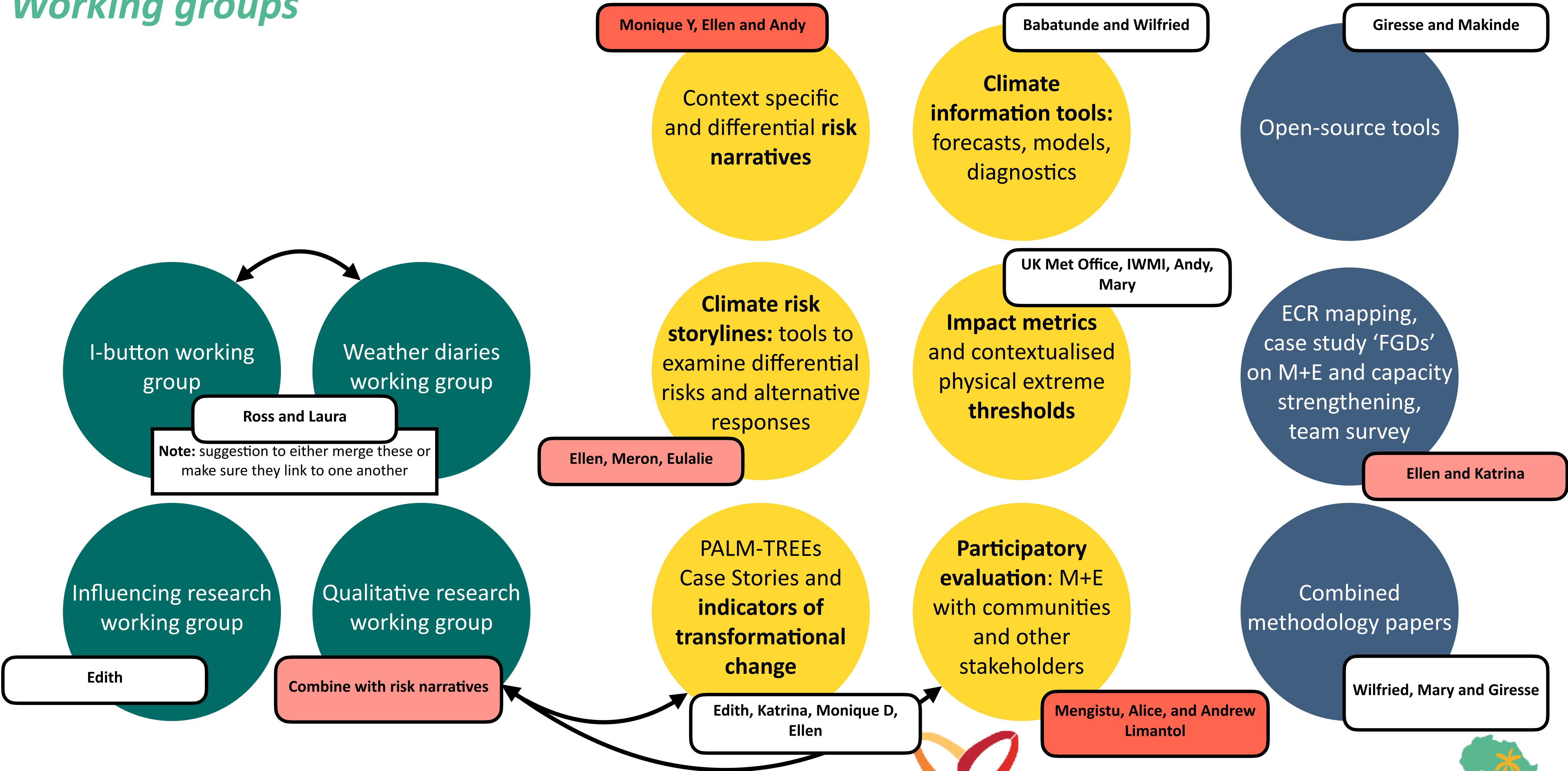


Working groups



# Working groups

- **Purpose:** to work towards specific PALM-TREES deliverables outlined in our proposal and log frame (post project inception)
  - **Create structure** to take us to our workshop in March 2026 and the final 6 months of the project so that work is concluded in time
  - **Share responsibility** across the team with most burden placed on those with a greater time allocation and those who have been included in the project team to facilitate collaboration and also mentorship

- **For each group:**
  - Define a deliverable or deliverables
  - Define team and roles (lead, co-lead, advisors etc.)
  - Create a timeline to March 2026
    - e.g. meetings with group leads, or meetings where wider researchers are needed
  - **Deadline:** Create a document to share with Edith in the **next 4 weeks (by Sept 26th)** with this information - these do need to be shared so that we can facilitate and keep track of progress pre workshop (happy to schedule zooms etc.)
    - *Will invite everyone involved to two working meetings - will contact to schedule*
    - *Edith will use these to prepare public facing CLARE comms outputs*

- **March 2026 in-person workshop:**
  - Meet in **1st week December** with group leads to outline workshop sessions needed and ECR helpers
  - Meet in **4th week Jan** to identify any changes to plans and clear plan towards workshop session and any technical or ECR support needed

- Will reach out to working groups who don't have a leadership team member in the group (open source tools, impact metrics, participatory evaluation) **otherwise those on leadership team take the lead**
  - *I will share the template for each working group with leads along with SharePoint folder by email Wednesday (so comment now)*



Context specific  
and differential **risk  
narratives**

## ● Risk Narratives:

### ● Define a deliverable or deliverables

- A compendium of climate risk narratives from across PALM-TREES
  - Based on qualitative research questions and researcher experience of 'what is extreme?' for different communities across the project and the norms and institutional context which currently contribute to risk and could be used to reduce it
  - Will cover themes: disability, gender, livelihoods, poverty and include intersection wrapper
- A document to be shared with local stakeholders at workshops and with IDRC
  - Will discuss use with PT team at March 2026 workshop

### ● Define team and roles (lead, co-lead, advisors etc.)

- Co-leads: Ellen Dyer and Monique Yigbedek (research and practice)
- Advisor: Andy Gibbs

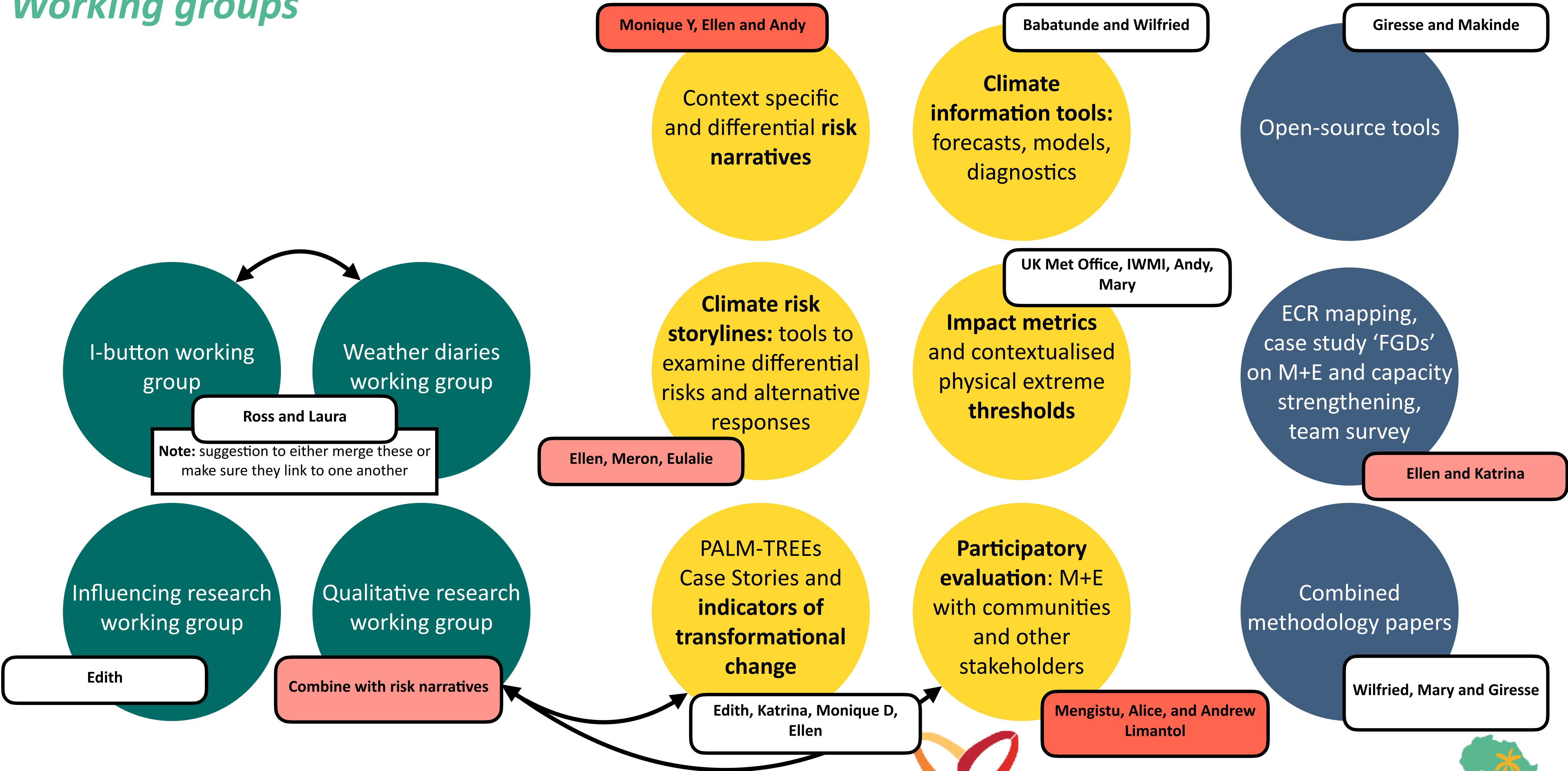
### ● Create a timeline to March 2026

- Have had initial meeting with Ellen and Monique to agree way forward (end of July 2025)
- Ellen to share risk narrative outline (to be used with researcher FGDs and write-up) with Monique for review (Sept 9th 2025)
- Andy to review outline and FGD plan (Sept 29th 2025)
- Identify researchers for FGDs week of Oct 6th
- FGDs with PT researchers using outline
  - Week of Oct 20th, 27th, Nov 3rd
  - Will group researchers by theme for these FGDs
- Send out compiled risk narratives (edited with ECR support) in 2nd week of January to researchers who contributed for comment and edits
- March 2026 workshop: Session to plan the use of risk narratives and how they can contribute to climate risk storyline outputs and engagement (contribute to exit plans R4I plans)

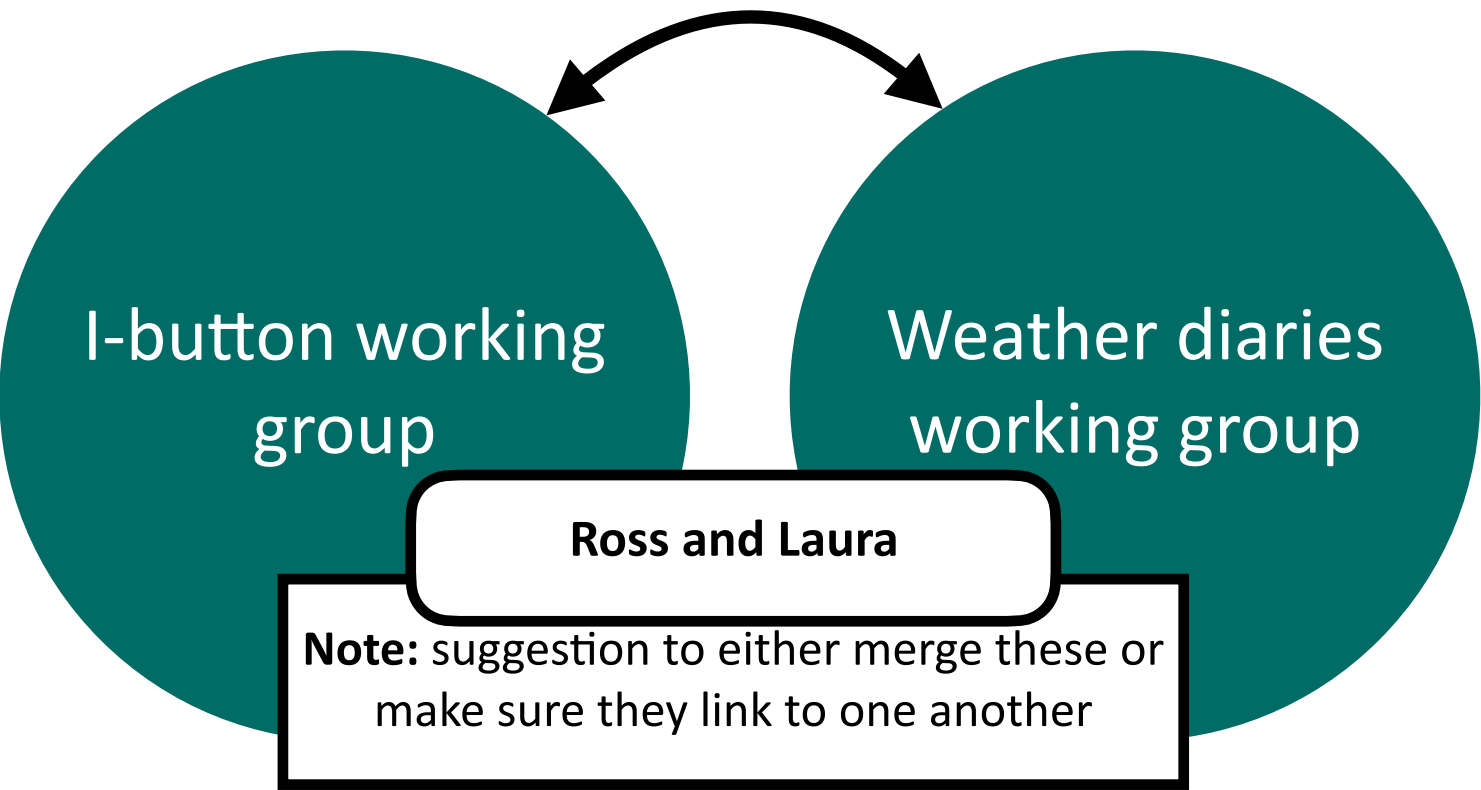
- Development of risk narratives based on experiences of those living on the margins across scales, capturing intersectional differences (gender, age, ethnicity, etc)
- Synthesis report that compares multi-scalar and -sectoral experiences of risk in Year 2



Working groups



# Working groups



- I-buttons: Development of impact metrics for multidimensional compound events.
- Weather diaries and i-buttons: Development of new methodology that can be used operationally to understand climate extremes and their impacts as multidimensional compound extremes.
- Capacity strengthening: Support for ECRs who are analysing voice notes as a qualitative research activity (for many, a new skill)

# Working groups

Influencing research  
working group

Edith

- Evidence of institutional change to support sustained impactful research.
- Evidence of development *or review* of feedback mechanisms between practitioners or policy makers and community members (*target of 1 per region*)
- Evidence of African researchers advancing to leadership roles in African and global climate resilience and adaptation areas, including influence on government and NGO policy, climate model development, and in the media.
- Documenting engagement with policies or practices that have changed to better consider gendered impacts of climate variability and/or are geared towards supporting climate resilience of marginalised groups (*target of 1 per region*)



# Working groups

**Climate risk storylines:** tools to examine differential risks and alternative responses

Ellen, Meron, Eulalie

- Number of extreme event storyline tools developed with stakeholders and communities, disaggregated by those that have an explicit focus on gender norms
- Mid-project brief that examines the success of storylines as a tool across project regions. To share with CLARE CS and R4I
  - *\*\*timeline is a bit different now as this activity appears at the end of the MDCE framework but we have tested the activity in Turkana*



# Working groups

## PALM-TREES Case Stories and indicators of transformational change

Edith, Katrina, Monique D,  
Ellen

- Changes in gendered norms or norms that impact people living on the margins
- Case story of change from each region of a project identified norm and its implications and how it has been influenced over the course of the project
- Sustainable change: Case story of partnerships built or strengthened during the project (one per region)
- Transformational change in policy and practice
  - Evidence of reduction in gendered or other discriminatory norms in practices that are geared to reducing climate related risks [target of 1 per region]
  - Localised changes practices that are scaled up or will be scaled up in future [target of 2 for project]





# Working groups

Babatunde and Wilfried

**Climate  
information tools:**  
forecasts, models,  
diagnostics

Giresse and Makinde

Open-source tools

- Development of process-based diagnostics that diagnose physical drivers of extreme events
- GitHub repository of openly accessible algorithms released in Year 4
- Development of new methodology that can be used operationally to understand climate extremes and their impacts as multidimensional compound extremes.



# Working groups

**Participatory  
evaluation:** M+E  
with communities  
and other  
stakeholders

Mengistu, Alice, and Andrew  
Limantol

- Measurement of key indicators of transformational change in stakeholder workshops [social/institutional norms and their relation to inclusive climate resilience]
- More equitable relationships between communities, practitioners, and researchers facilitating exchange of climate knowledge
- Narrative context for number of people impacted by research at the community level (how and why)
  - *\*\*this group is already formed and working on the cross-project methodology - they will bring in other PT researchers as they go along and aim to test start applying this in November 2025*



# Working groups

UK Met Office, IWMI, Andy,  
Mary

**Impact metrics  
and contextualised  
physical extreme  
thresholds**

- Development of impact metrics for multidimensional compound events
- Development of new methodology that can be used operationally to understand climate extremes and their impacts as multidimensional compound extremes
  - *\*\*This group was inspired by the ECR presentations at the March 2025 group workshop and the need to drive comparative work on some of the social indicators included in the PT surveys (e.g. Andy is going to start contacting groups about interpersonal violence question set)*
  - *Goal to bring together ECRs working on similar indicator themes to discuss merits, strengths and weaknesses of different approaches based on the physical and social setting*
  - *Will contribute to the GitHub as well*
  - *UK Met is already trying to work on extreme heat and health with social researchers (please support this effort)*



# Working groups

ECR mapping,  
case study 'FGDs'  
on M+E and capacity  
strengthening,  
team survey

Ellen and Katrina

- Institutions: Development and regular revisions to Capacity Strengthening Theory of Change (CSToC, see Capacity Strengthening section) by (a) project team and (b) through participatory stakeholder and community review
- Synthesised annual reviews of CS ToC; Academic paper on approach
- Improved understanding of the barriers to and solutions for supporting local and sustainable knowledge networks for researchers and practitioners developed through Capacity Strengthening workshops





# Working groups

Combined  
methodology papers

Wilfried, Mary and Giresse

- Transferable methodology to understand and respond to multidimensional compound extremes
  - Targeted dissemination of this approach to an expanded network of potential stakeholders including FCDO and IDRC country offices, and the Red Cross Climate Centre etc.
  - Academic paper synthesising the approach as an interdisciplinary framework for application

# Working groups

## ● Deliverables which aren't covered here:

- Policy briefs
- Papers and briefs shared in both English and French (target 30%)
- Workshops with regional stakeholders
- Proportion of online team workshop sessions led by (a) female researchers and practitioners [set target of 40%], and (b) ECRs [set target to increase over project to 40%] *(note in reference to suggestion of ECRs leading workshop session in 2026)*
- Institutions: Development of exit strategies for each institution to foster sustainability for the project and its impacts after completion
- Cumulative number of peer reviewed and grey-literature publications, with report on RQ+ metrics
- Proportion of papers published open-access through APCs, transformative and LMICs agreements. [set target of 100%]
  - Targeted dissemination to stakeholders including national FCDO offices and important regional organisations such as ICPAC/COMIFAC etc.
- **Synthesis report on functional changes influenced by the project research for impact approach at the end of the project**

*\*there are a few others but they are quantitative and very directly covered by current M+E reporting*

