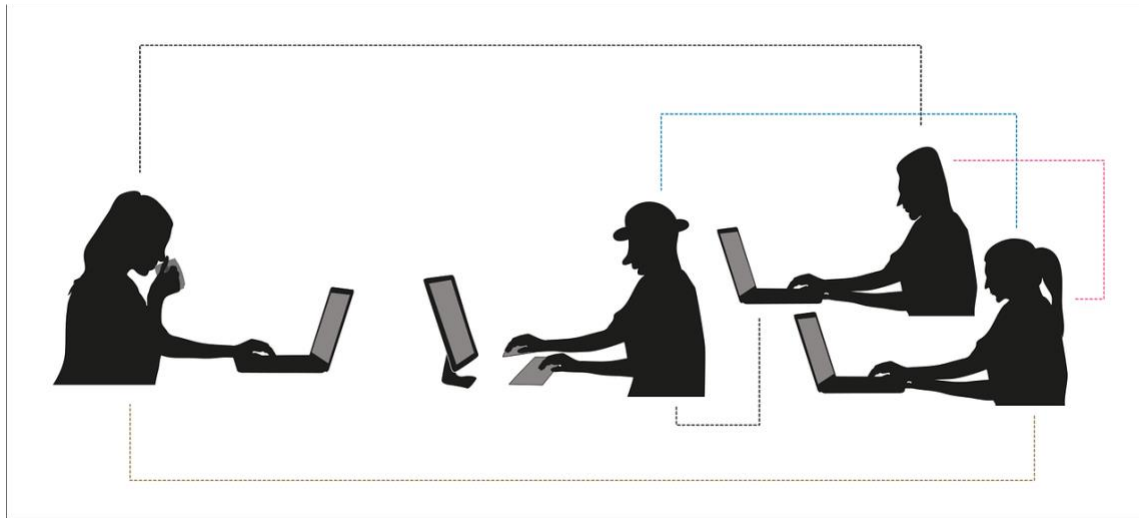


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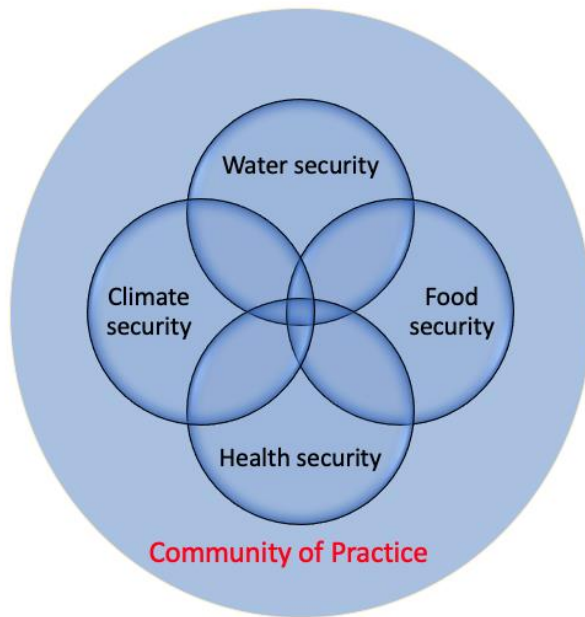
Initially many of us thought that COVID-19 is just a usual type of virus that will come and go. But this expectation has proved totally wrong. The virus has become the largest blow to the human society after WWII. While health is the first domain affected by the Pandemic, economic and social impacts are going to be even more devastating. Recovery to the Pandemic is not about going back to the old situation but to a new normal which we still don't know.



How the developing and emerging economies in Asia build back their economies determines the security, peace, and prosperity in the region and globally. Rebuilding after the Pandemic must also consider climate change – we cannot tackle multi-hazard crisis by acting in silos. As a small contribution towards strengthening recovery, IFSD has launched Community of Practice Initiatives (CPI) to targeting young, emerging and early career professionals. The four streams of CPI include: Health security, food security, water security, and climate security.

Themes and scope of learning and engagement

Resonating with the expertise and work coverage of IFSD, the CPI themes cover the areas of water security, good security and climate change. We have added health security as an additional but critically important thematic area for this Initiative.



Under each of these initiatives, we will aim to achieve the following learning and engagement outcomes for the interns as well as the larger community of practice participants:

| Theme | Knowledge outcomes | Engagement outcomes |
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| Water security | Impact of the pandemic on water systems; evolving responses by water actors; strategies that need to be added to manage the effects of the pandemic as well as the risks associated with climate and socioeconomic drivers of change. | Locate influencers; identify and review critical literature and reports; prepare and disseminate a policy report and blogposts; online sharing and dialogue. |
| Food security | Impact of the pandemic on food production and supply systems; evolving responses by agri-food actors; strategies that need to be added to manage the effects of the pandemic as well as the risks associated with climate and socioeconomic drivers of change. | Locate influencers; identify and review critical literature and reports; prepare and disseminate a policy report and blogposts; online sharing and dialogue. |
| Climate security | Impact of the Pandemic on climate risk management; strategies and tools to integrate climate risks management with pandemic recovery strategies. | Locate influencers; identify and review critical literature and reports; prepare and disseminate a policy report and blogposts; online sharing and dialogue. |

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| Health security | Environmental roots of the pandemic; ability to contain the health risks in the short run; connections between food, water, climate and health securities. | Locate influencers; identify and review critical literature and reports; prepare and disseminate a policy report and blogposts; online sharing and dialogue. |
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Learning objectives

At the end of the three month long internship, you will be able to:

- 1) Build your confidence in strategic analysis, planning, and policy communication in food, water, development, and COVID-19 response sectors.
- 2) Command important skills – review literature, writing policy content, communicating evidence based policy messages
- 3) Build and manage online networks using various platforms including Microsoft 365



Learning and engagement strategies

Your internship period will include guided readings, online research, fortnightly webinars, management and administrative experiences, coordinating with peers and seniors, writing policy reports and practice notes, managing online platforms for collaboration, and LinkedIn engagement. You will be working directly under an expert mentor and the management team of IFSD.

Time frame

These three month-long internships (October -December 2020). You will need to participate in fortnightly online activity for sharing the updates with mentors, peers, or stakeholders.

Who is this opportunity for?

This opportunity is open to early career professionals residing in, or working for, Australia, Asia, and the Pacific.

How to apply

If you are interested, please send your resume with a cover letter explaining why you are interested in this to this email address: info@ifsd.com.au

In your covering letter, please make sure to identify which of the four CPI streams you would like to participate in, including your motivation to engage in this sector.

Deadline for application: 25 Sept 2020

