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Following its publication, UKCDS was requested to provide a secretariat to implement the findings from the SHED report. This activity consists of three main elements:

**Identifying emerging international**

UKCDS provides the secretariat for a Risk and Horizon Scanning Expert Group (RHEG). This group meets on a quarterly basis and uses a system of horizon scanning to identify emerging natural hazard risks with the potential to cause international humanitarian disasters over a month timeframe.  Outputs from this group are published on the [Government Office for Science website](http://www.bis.gov.uk/go-science/science-in-government/global-issues/civil-contingencies/shed-report-2012).

**Responding to emergencies**

Arrangements have been put in place for a Humanitarian Emergency Expert Group (HEEG) to be convened during an international emergency to provide coordinated, timely scientific and technical advice to decision makers to support the UK response.

**Accessing the right experts**

To ensure that the HEEG has access to the best scientific advice available, UKCDS is working with Cabinet Office and the Government Office for Science to develop a list of experts who can be approached to provide advice on specific hazards and their impacts.

More information on this activity is available on the [Government Office for Science website](http://www.bis.gov.uk/go-science/science-in-government/global-issues/civil-contingencies/shed-report-2012)

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