



## FEWS news: issue 1, 2021

Dear Delft-FEWS user,

In this winter edition of the Delft-FEWS newsletter, you'll find a summary of the latest news, highlights, and upcoming events, as published on the [Delft-FEWS portal](#).

### News

- The online Delft-FEWS International User Days were well-attended by old and new members of the Delft-FEWS community from countries near and far, like Italy, Brazil, South Africa, the USA, Portugal, Canada, Mexico, Serbia, Taiwan, Ireland, and Bangladesh. Presentations from the online events can be found on the [events page](#).
- The growing community of Latin American users held their second online “[encuentro](#)” in November and have started [a new section](#) on the Delft-FEWS forum to share and discuss topics related to Delft-FEWS in Spanish and Portuguese.
- [The effect of COVID-19 on flood forecasting](#) has increased the need for timely and accurate flood forecasts, states Arnejan van Loenen in his blog as he elaborates on health issues related to flood forecasting.

### Highlights

- The Delft-FEWS product management team reflects on 2020 in this [news message](#). A summary of the software developments, support and maintenance services and the organized online events are summarized in this [blog](#).
- [Community Water Watch](#) is a unique community-designed and -operated flood early warning service for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. In this [showcase](#) Patricia Trambauer describes how this real-time impact forecasting system was developed together with stakeholders and is already being used to support flood relief efforts.
- The [courses page](#) has been updated, and Martijn Kwant introduced [the Delft-FEWS eLearning platform](#) also providing some tips to improve the quality of your FEWS configuration.

### Did you know that...?

- There is a waiting list for future courses? Please send an email to [fews-courses@deltares.nl](mailto:fews-courses@deltares.nl), and you'll be the first to hear when new Delft-FEWS courses are added to the schedule.

We look forward to connecting with you on the portal!

**Contact:** [fews-moderators@deltares.nl](mailto:fews-moderators@deltares.nl) for all questions related to the Delft-FEWS portal.

Kind regards,

The Delft-FEWS moderators

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