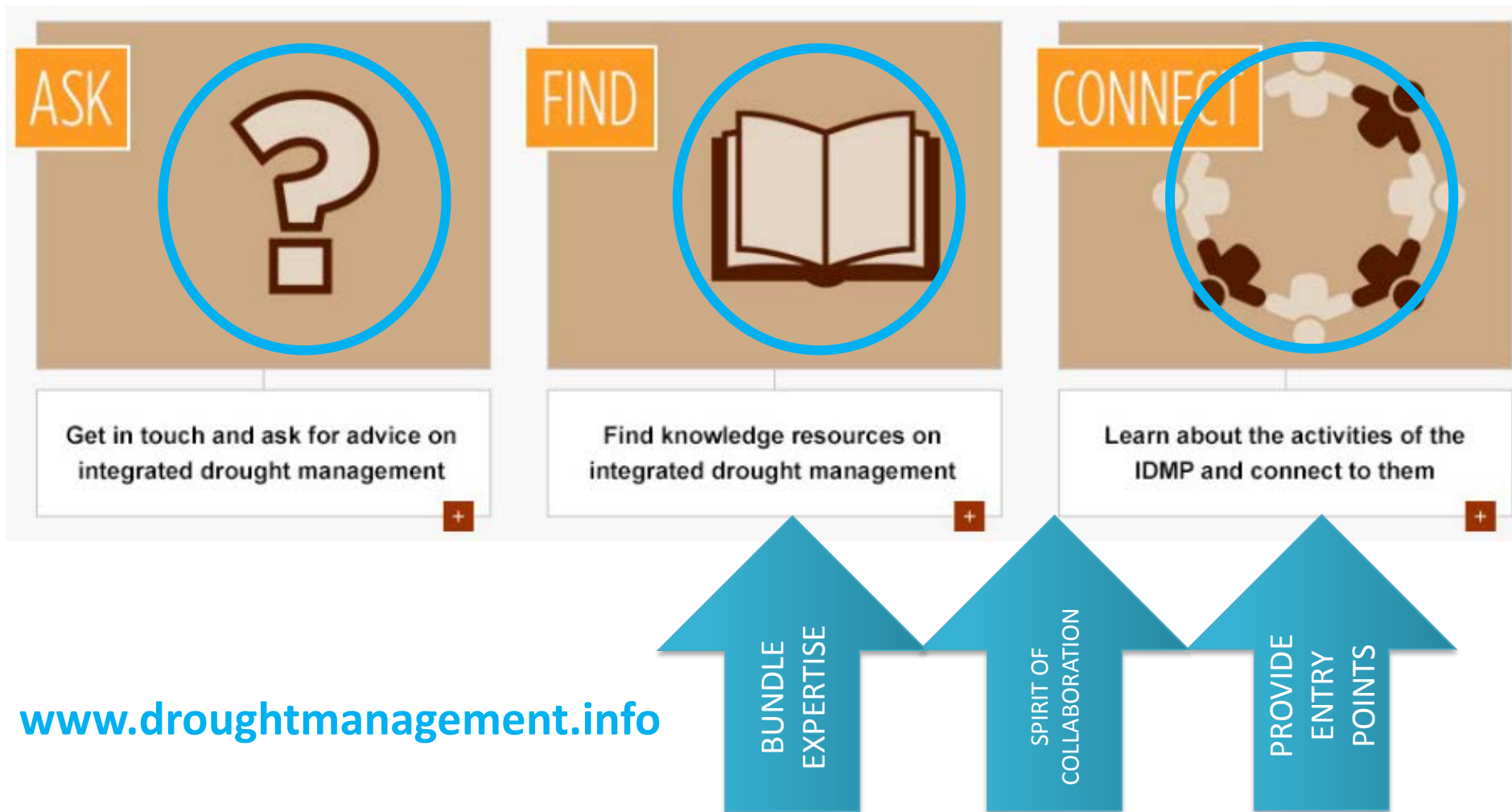


IDM HelpDesk current status, development and partner engagement

Integrated Drought Management Helpdesk

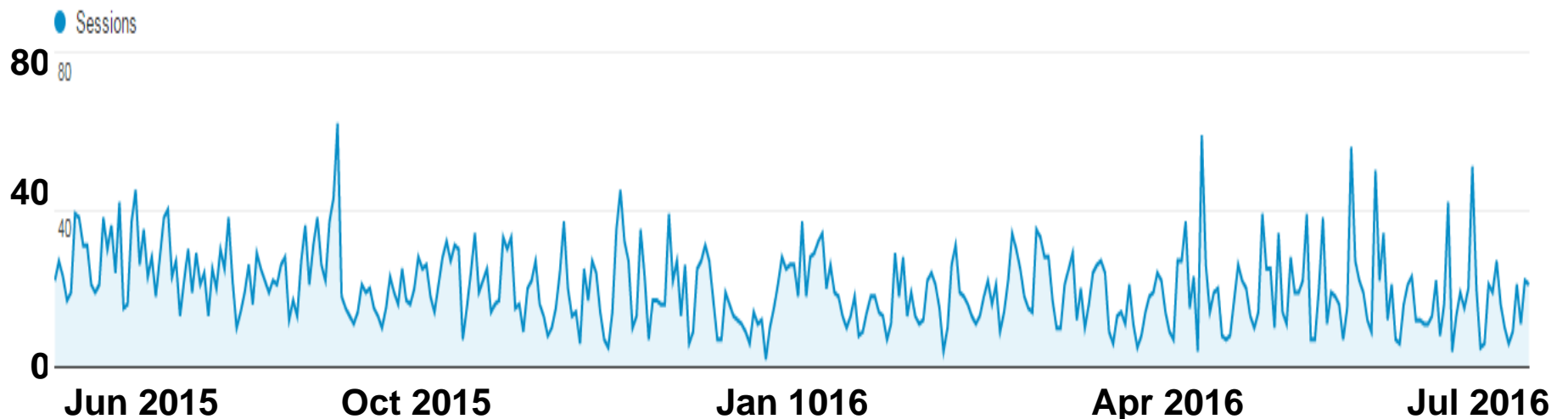


Outreach

Website

- Online Version of Handbook on Drought Indicators and Indices
- UN-Water Drought Workshop material online
- “Ask” section technically developed, but not yet live
- Library continuously updated (now 229 entries)

- From 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 –
 - **Registered 5,802 users (+3.1%)**
 - **7,437 sessions (+3.8%),**
 - **77.4% are by new visitors**





Partners

- AEMET Spanish Meteorological Agency
- Australian Bureau of Meteorology
- CONAGUA Mexico's National Water Commission
- FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- FEWS NET Famine Early Warning Systems Network
- UNCCD United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification UN CBD UN Convention on Biological Diversity
- George Mason University Global Environment and Natural Resources Institute
- ICARDA International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas
- ICID International Commission for Irrigation and Drainage
- IMTA Mexican Institute of Water Technology
- IWMI International Water Management Institute
- JRC Joint Research Centre
- SEI Stockholm Environment Institute
- NDMC U.S. National Drought Mitigation Center
- NIDIS U.S. National Integrated Drought Information System
- UNDP Cap-Net
- UNDP United Nations Development Programme
- UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNEP United Nations Environment Programme
- UNISDR United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- University of Nebraska Daugherty Water for Food Institute
- University of Southern Queensland
- UNU Flores
- World Bank

HelpDesk Objectives

- Provide quick access to relevant drought management information;
- Provide guidance on drought management policies, strategies and institutional arrangements;
- Connect initiatives aiming to implement proactive drought management measures
- Serve as a link between drought management practitioners and decision-makers and
- Provide scientific expertise and best practice in various fields such as hydrology, agricultural meteorology, institutional development, ecology, sociology and development economics.
- Provide a continuous and sustainable capacity development mechanism in support of IDM implementation

IDM HelpDesk functions by

- Technical Support Unit supported by the IDMP's co-sponsoring international organizations
- Support Base – a network of technical partners; and
- Financial Partners

HelpDesk Next Steps

- Initiate Pilot phase

- Need commitment of Support Base Partners

- Letters of Engagement?