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There are different options for selecting someone to conduct the study. Please find some considerations below:

- Experience has shown there are many benefits to selecting someone with knowledge of anticipatory action, the stakeholder landscape and forecasting science.
- Selecting someone from within your National Society, a partner agency – such as the hydrometeorological service – or even a local university has the added benefit of building knowledge, capacity and connections within the country (see Lebanon below).
- If no one with the above profiles is available, the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre has significant experience in conducting anticipatory action scoping studies and providing technical support to independent consultants.



The Lebanon scoping study, conducted in early 2022, pioneered a novel approach by integrating expertise and collaboration effectively. Key entities involved were the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), the National Council for Scientific Research Lebanon (CNRS), and the Disaster Risk Management Unit (DRMU) under the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, forming a cooperative triangle.

Responsibilities were strategically divided, with an independent Disaster Risk Management (DRM) consultant overseeing the study and CNRS experts handling technical aspects. This division enabled thorough technical analysis and comprehensive examination of data and structures at both national and local levels.

Local experts spearheaded both the study and its implementation, ensuring sustainable knowledge retention within the country. A working group comprising LRC, CNRS, and anticipatory action experts from German Red Cross collaborated on hazard prioritization and action plan development.

Key outcomes:

- Clear roadmap and action plan: The study provided a clear Anticipatory action implementation roadmap, aligning objectives with national and National Society strategies.
- Stakeholder engagement: Inclusive engagement garnered critical insights and promoted collaboration among stakeholders.
- Holistic analysis: The study delved into diverse disaster management aspects, with the aim of enhancing overall resilience and not only Anticipatory action.
- Community buy-In: Field visits secured community support, aligning anticipatory action with local needs.
- Identification of gaps: Identified gaps paved the way for future investigations and data collection.

The study's inclusive approach fostered capacity building and teamwork, resulting in tangible benefits for the LRC and its partners. It underscores the significance of expertise, collaboration, and tailored approaches in achieving impactful results.



FbF Kick-off workshop after the scoping study (Source: Lebanese Red Cross)