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The trigger will allow the National Society to know when and where to act, regardless of whether the hazard is meteorological, epidemiological or socio-political in nature. For the s/EAPs, please verify the quality criteria for the trigger and the s/EAP activation processes that are linked in the [toolbox](#) below. For most anticipatory action approaches, you need to include three components of an operational trigger system:

- A clear trigger statement: When are you going to act based on which forecast and with how much lead time? Please refer to [step 10: Develop a trigger statement](#).
- Intervention map: How will you select the communities in which early actions are implemented? Please refer to [step 11: Develop a mechanism that defines the intervention area](#). Note that this only applies when you don't work in a preselected area.
- A trigger monitoring and activation system: How are the forecasts monitored and how are relevant actors alerted? Please refer to [chapter 8: Develop EAP activation system](#).