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Once you have made the final selection of early actions to be included in your s/EAP, including developing and validating your theories of change, it is essential to document how and why you came to the selection you did. Section 5.2 of the EAP requires that you outline which methodologies and data sources you used to identify impacts and actions and to justify how you came to select the actions in your EAP (note that a Theory of Change is not required in an sEAP). This will allow the Validation Committee to understand why the early actions in your protocol are most likely to mitigate the impacts of the hazard in question on the target population. Being explicit about your rationale will also help those responsible for revisions of the EAP to understand why these actions were selected, to consider what may have changed since those actions were selected, and to decide if the rationale is still valid for future versions of the EAP. Even when working outside the s/EAP mechanism, documenting the rationale for selected early actions is good practice. It can support transparency, coordination with partners, future revisions, and learning across activation or anticipatory action pilots.