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As the goal of early actions is to prevent or reduce the humanitarian impact of anticipated extreme events, it is of crucial importance to understand the impact that the hazard in question causes, how these impacts unfold and who is most affected. If you have not already done so through a scoping study, you should develop a comprehensive list of impacts for the hazard in question. This can be done using a combination of the following methods outlined in chapter 5 of this manual:

- Impact and risk databases
- Literature review
- Key informant interviews
- Focus groups discussions
- (Post-disaster) community visits
- (Participatory) stakeholder workshops.

These methods can be applied across different anticipatory action approaches. For example, community-based initiatives may place stronger emphasis on participatory consultations with communities, while government-supported anticipatory action systems may also draw on national risk assessments or sectoral studies.