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Before developing a long list of potential early actions, it is useful to review what types of early actions are already being implemented in your country or in comparable contexts to address the impacts you have prioritized in the previous step. In many countries today, anticipatory action initiatives already exist or have been piloted by governments, Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies, UN agencies, NGOs, or other communities themselves. In some contexts, governments or technical working groups have even defined or are working on standard catalogues of tested early actions as a “menu” to choose from. Reviewing these experiences and practices can help you understand what has worked well, what challenges have emerged, and how your National Society’s actions could meaningfully complement existing efforts.

This review does not need to be extensive, but it can provide valuable insights into:

- Early actions that have already been tested
- Operational challenges encountered during implementation
- Opportunities to align with or complement existing initiatives.

Sources for such a review may include discussions with government disaster management authorities, consultations with other humanitarian organizations and UN agencies, scoping existing anticipatory action plans, documentation from previous activations or pilot projects, or resources such as the Anticipation Hub. Insights from this review can inform the brainstorming of early actions described in the next step.