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At the very least, your MEAL team should include people from the disaster risk management department, staff dedicated to anticipatory action, and one representative from your National Society's monitoring and evaluation department. Ideally, you should involve your National Society's MEAL or PMER department throughout the development of anticipatory action initiatives and protocols, including the development of s/EAPs where relevant. This will help them to better understand the concept of anticipatory action, what the anticipatory actions are trying to achieve, and how MEAL for AA may differ from MEAL for other programs or operations.

With this understanding, they will be able to better support you in designing and implementing appropriate methodologies and tools. If longer-term engagement is not possible, the MEAL department should at a minimum be involved in designing and writing the MEAL section of the EAP or other formalized anticipatory action plans to ensure that you have the expertise and resources necessary to execute your plans. It is also an opportunity for PMER staff to learn about anticipatory action in general and the sEAP in particular, and how MEAL for anticipatory action may differ from MEAL for response.