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Imminent DREFs are a low-threshold opportunity for National Societies to take proactive action for sudden onset disasters. It can be used in the context where a disaster has not yet unfolded or where impacts have not yet peaked, but where a formal EAP is not in place or, for whatever reason, cannot be activated. National Societies can hence request a DREF for early action and early response based on a forecast or other prediction of an imminent disaster. Imminent DREFs are therefore an excellent opportunity for a National Society to implement anticipatory action without an EAP or to test early actions for an EAP which is not finalized.



Top tip

You can have pre-filled imminent DREF request in the drawer to be used once a trigger is reached.

Activation and trigger	The imminent DREF can be requested at earliest one month before and latest three days before the expected disaster impact, or once a forecast or other prediction is issued, with evidence of a high likelihood of the event materialising. Hence, this limits the time for planning, approval and implementation of the anticipatory actions.
Funding	Funding is disbursed based on technical review on a case by case basis. These requests should be approved or declined within 24 hours. By applying for an imminent DREF, National Societies can access up to 75,000 CHF to implement early actions.
Selection of actions	Actions need to be planned and budgeted for in an Emergency Plan of Action. The National Society should rely on actions which they are already familiar with.
Intervention area	The intervention area is defined through the forecast but has not been preselected.
Risk assessment	No in-depth risk assessment is required or feasible in this short time frame.
Capacity	DREF for imminent event needs to be planned based on the existing capacity and experience of the National Society, due to the limited timeline.



Guidance and specific considerations on the use of the imminent DREF for anticipatory action can be found in the [later chapters of this Manual](#).