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ANTICIPATORY ACTION

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Umbrella term for “actions taken to reduce the humanitarian impacts of a forecast hazard before it occurs or before its most acute impacts are felt; the decision to take action is based on a forecast or collective risk analysis of when, where and how an event will unfold” ([IFRC](#)). Many stakeholders agree that this works best when certain key elements, such as rules for decision-making ('triggers'), actions and financing mechanisms are pre-agreed.

Forecast-based Financing is the Red Cross Red Crescent's approach to anticipatory action. See also: Early Warning Early Action.