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ANTICIPATORY HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN THE RCRC MOVEMENT

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Anticipatory action is increasingly recognized as a key solution to reducing the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events; anticipatory action helps people and organizations such as National Societies to build resilience to future shocks by better understanding risk and transforming this risk information into action before a disaster strikes.

Building on decades of experience in disaster preparedness, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and many National Societies have pioneered the development of anticipatory action approaches since 2014. In 2018, IFRC launched the Anticipatory Pillar of the Disaster Response Emergency Fund, a fund to provide reliable and predictable financing for National Societies to implement anticipatory action.

Even more, anticipatory action within the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is now sustainably anchored and committed to: In October 2024, the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent adopted Resolution 5, *Protecting people from the humanitarian impacts of extreme climate and weather events: Working together to strengthen anticipatory action* (34IC/24/R5). Adopted by States party to the Geneva Conventions together with the components of the Movement, this resolution is the central political and normative reference point for anticipatory action today: it sets out an agreed definition, recognizes the role of National Societies as auxiliaries to public authorities, and calls on States to integrate anticipatory action into their domestic disaster risk management, climate, social protection and health frameworks and financing systems.

The resolution directly on earlier commitments within the movement, such as 2022, the Council of delegates resolution with the title *Strengthening anticipatory action in the Movement: Our way forward*, adopted in 2022, and the *IFRC Operational Framework for Anticipatory Action 2021-2025* that aimed at operationalizing the scale-up ambition of the Council of delegates resolution into strategic priorities, measurable indicators and the means to achieve the targets.

Please find related documents in the toolbox.