

CONTENT

HOW THIS MANUAL WORKS

Toolbox	2
---------	---

How this Manual works

The Anticipatory Action Manual is a step-by-step guide for National Societies and partners to implement anticipatory action. It was developed for National Societies, government authorities who are engaged in disaster risk management, hydro-meteorological agencies, humanitarians, academics and the communities themselves to prepare for enhanced [Early Warning Early Action \(EWEA\)](#).

There are different ways for National Societies to approach anticipatory action. Within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, these include the development of Early Action Protocols, the use of imminent DREFs, embedding anticipatory action within community-based disaster risk reduction, and leveraging the National Society's auxiliary role to support governments at national and local levels.

Currently, the most prominent is the development of full and simplified Early Action Protocols (EAPs) which allow guaranteed access to funds from the Anticipatory Pillar of the DREF. However, as outlined in the next chapter, there are other ways of doing anticipatory action and the aim of this Manual is to guide National Societies and their partners through the process. Please have the following in mind when using this Manual:

- The focus of this Manual is on the development of EAPs. However, many steps are also relevant when you choose another approach to anticipatory action. Hence, the first chapter gives you an overview of the different entry points, the main body of this manual consists of the 13 chapters that guide you step-by-step through the development of an s/EAP while flagging considerations for other approaches. The final chapters contain guidance and considerations for some of these specific approaches as well as reflections on non-weather-related hazards.
- This Manual is not linear. Though it is organized in chapters and steps, activities will run in parallel, and you may need to revisit certain chapters at different points in the process.
- There is no standard on how long each individual step takes. This will depend on the context, the National Society and the partners.
- The Manual addresses you as a reader, but "you" may be a delegate, a project coordinator, a disaster risk management officer or an anticipatory action project team.
- The Manual is based on experience with weather-related hazards (e.g. floods, tropical storms and heatwaves). However, the methodology is also applicable to non-weather-related hazards, such as epidemics and locust plagues as well as the impacts of population movement (see the final chapter).

Toolbox



Resolution 34IC/24/R5



Resolution 34IC/24/R5 Background Document



Council of Delegates Resolution: Strengthening anticipatory action in the Movement: Our way forward – Resolution



Council of Delegates Resolution: Strengthening anticipatory action in the Movement: Our way forward – Background document



Operational Framework for Anticipatory Action 2021-2025 (IFRC, 2022)



Grand Bargain Caucus on Scaling up Anticipatory Action - Outcome Document



A short overview of anticipatory action (Anticipation Hub)



Practical info on FbF and the DREF (IFRC, 2022)



Anticipatory pillar of the DREF (IFRC)



World Disaster Report (IFRC, 2020)



G7 Statement (German Federal Foreign Office, 2022)



ASEAN Framework (ASEAN, 2022)

