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The imminent DREF is a funding modality specifically designed for situations where a National Society does not have a pre-approved protocol (s/EAP) but has the opportunity to implement early action in advance of a hazard.

This modality is intended exclusively for sudden-onset disasters where the risk of disaster is clear and imminent. It enables National Societies to implement critical early action and early response actions when:

- A disaster has not yet occurred, but is highly likely to happen in the near future based on reliable forecasts or early warnings; or
- A disaster has begun to unfold, but has not yet reached its peak impact, and there remains a short lead time to mitigate the worst effects.



Imminent DREF at a glance

- **Trigger:** When the event is on the horizon
- **Requested:** max 1 month and min 3 days before the anticipated impact, or peak of the impact
- **Budget:** CHF 75,000 for NS, potential to include Rapid Response Deployment (Surge personnel)
- **Allocation:** min 75% for early action and max 25% for early response
- **Submission:** Via GO Platform, decision within 24 hours
- **Operational Timeframe:** 45 days (from approval)
- **Scale up:** Yes, with an allocation from response DREF

Imminent DREF should not be a replacement for longer-term anticipatory planning. Rather, it serves as a critical stopgap in situations where the National Society has had no time or resources to formalize a pre-approved protocol. It is also an entry point for a National Society that has not done early action before or is still in the process of developing an s/EAPs or has an EAP in place which covers a higher scale of disaster.