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Purpose: an imminent DREF enables rapid access to anticipatory funds for immediate early action in advance of a disaster as well as early response to a disaster with short lead time (e.g., within days or weeks).

Trigger mechanism: no pre-agreed trigger; decision is driven by high-confidence forecasts or expert judgement of an imminent event (e.g. a government or national/regional weather agency issues a severe weather alert for a specific area with high certainty)

Connection with s/EAP: an Imminent DREF cannot be requested if the National Society has a simplified Early Action Protocol (sEAP), whether active or already triggered for this hazard, for the same hazard and covering the same geographical area. It also may not be used to scale up or supplement early actions already triggered under an s/ EAP. However, an Imminent DREF can be requested if the National Society has an active EAP for the same hazard *with a higher threshold*, and a new, reliable alert indicates a hazard at a lower scale would have humanitarian impact, i.e. when the EAP trigger has not been reached but early action is still warranted.