

## Step 2: Develop a communication protocol

During an EAP activation, it is crucial that everyone knows what to do and whom to inform. Especially for the fast onset hazards, information getting stuck or is slowed at any stage can undermine the timeliness of the entire activation . The communication plan or protocol indicates who should communicate to whom, what and when through the entire process of forecast monitoring, trigger activation, funding release, distributing warning messages, implementing early action(s), monitoring activation through to evaluating the intervention. This can also be part of the activation plan that is outlined in the next step.

The table below provides an example communication protocol that you can adjust according to your needs (e.g. add names and telephone numbers of the responsible parties). You can also find a simple template in the [toolbox](#) at the end.

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Person</b>	<b>Informs who?</b>	<b>Means of communication</b>	<b>Purpose of communication</b>
Phase 1: 8-24 hours after activation	Hydromet agency	Head of department	Head of DM	Email, phone	Inform about the hazard, trigger being reached and where
	HQ national society	Head of DM	Director General	Email, phone	Informing about the upcoming hazard in the respective region(s)
	HQ national society	Director General	All respective department managers	Emergency briefing	Taking decisions on initial steps and distribution of tasks
	HQ national society	Director General	IFRC	Email	Report on the activation of the EAP
	HQ national society	Head of DM	Provincial Branches	E-mail, phone, WhatsApp	Informing about the upcoming hazard in the respected region(s) and preparation of resource mobilization
Phase 2: 24-96 hours after activation	HQ national society	Head Finance and Logistics	Local suppliers and transport company	E-mail, phone	Preparing/packing of distribution items
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