

Step 3: Submit your EAP

As is the case with DREF, only a National Society can submit a request to the IFRC to fund an Early Action Protocol, therefore it is important that the EAP has been first internally approved and endorsed by National Society leadership. The complete acceptance process can take up to 30 days, beginning with the submission to the IFRC Country Office or Country Cluster Office (CO/CCST). The EAP will then be checked for consistency with IFRC programming standards by the technical sectors in the CO/CCST and the IFRC Regional Office. The EAP budget is also reviewed by the IFRC finance department.

Following this regional review, the Early Action Protocol is sent to Geneva where it will be shared with the Validation Committee and IFRC's circle of extended reviewers (Ops Coordination, Risk and Vulnerability Unit, and other relevant sectors depending on the EAP content).



In cases where the National Society is receiving support from a Partner National Society (PNS), the submission of the Early Action Protocol can be done by a PNS delegate working with the National Society in-country, but in this case the submission will require an official endorsement/approval from the leadership of the National Society, since they are the main implementers.

Validation Committee

The Validation Committee assesses new EAPs that are submitted for acceptance against the quality criteria and supports decision-making around the approval of EAPs. It also ensures the coherence and integration of the FbA with other IFRC tools and approaches for early action, preparedness and response. The Validation committee is comprised by members of the IFRC, the Red Cross Climate Centre and National Societies active in FbF.