# Step 6: Implementation

Once the early action protocol and mechanism (FbA by DREF) is activated, implementation starts immediately. Your early action plan comes to life. These are the key considerations that shall be followed:

**Key Considerations**

- Reality Check: Check on suitability to current situation and geographical area (If it's a market-based (commodities, services, labour) intervention do markets still function and are able to deliver up to the requirements) and update your EAP logframe and Monitoring sheet accordingly
- Check on the adequacy of transfer value
- Ensure roles and responsibilities in the Team (Project Team, HQ and branch) are clear
- Check on roles and conditions of the Framework Agreement or MOU with FSP/Trader
- Activation of Cash Distribution, CEA Plan and track in M&E system



**Markets and vendors stock- up**

Important to know / check the lead time/notice for restocking or scale-up for traders/services mentioned at the assessment phase. Notifying markets and traders when the early action is activated is key to ensure they markets and traders are aware of the cash injection in the area so they can prepare ahead and have relevant stocks/services ready.



Explore opportunities to link up with IFRC regional card or any existing social protection targeting or delivery mechanisms.



**There are other funding streams than FbA by the DREF providing cash assistance:**

The Hunger Safety Net programme for example does provide cash assistance in times of drought, funded through the Kenyan government. Donors such as DG ECHO provides funds for EA in Malawi to enhance resilience of communities towards natural hazards through providing cash-based assistance.