

Step 2: Identify available forecasts

Once hazards have been selected, it must be verified whether they can be accurately predicted by the forecasts available. There might be hazards that cause significant impact for vulnerable populations but that cannot be forecasted with enough accuracy. Conversely forecasts with high accuracy might be available, but only with a lead-time of 12 or 24 hours, which does not leave much time for early action implementation, other than warning and evacuation. In those cases, it must be determined whether the forecasts can be improved.

The analysis of available forecasts and the establishment of an inventory of forecasts is explained in chapter 4.1 Set the trigger.