Step 4: Request government to assign focal points for FbF

Once you have made the case for FbF, request a focal point in the most relevant agencies. The creation of focal points within government agencies help to provide guidance, accountability and ownership in the development of the FbF system and the EAP.

Collaboration with government agencies when developing your EAP can come in many different forms. You can work with individual government officials as your focal points in the most relevant agencies, or create more formal structures like thematic Technical Working Groups (TWG) (e.g. for triggers, early actions and finance), or use existing coordination structures (e.g. existing EWS working groups). Ideally, FbF Focal Points at the government level should consist of counterpart representatives from relevant government agencies (e.g. DRR and NHMS agency), in order to align activities for cooperative action. In most cases, strong involvement of a NHMS counterpart is essential to ensure the long term sustainability of FbF trigger.