

Anticipatory action

Umbrella term for “actions taken to reduce the humanitarian impacts of a forecast hazard before it occurs or before its most acute impacts are felt; the decision to take action is based on a forecast or collective risk analysis of when, where and how an event will unfold” (IFRC). Many stakeholders agree that this works best when certain key elements, such as rules for decision-making (‘triggers’), actions and financing mechanisms are pre-agreed.

Forecast-based Financing is the Red Cross Red Crescent’s approach to anticipatory action. See also: Early Warning Early Action.