

National Scale / Flexible Approach

In FbF 'national scale' refers to setting up the FbF system in a way that early actions should be appropriate and feasible to be carried out in all areas of a country that are potentially at risk of the respective hazard. Humanitarian emergency response acts in those areas where disaster impacts and resulting needs are highest, in the same vein, in FbF, early actions should be carried out in areas where the predicted impact is highest. Hence the system should never be set up only for some pre-selected communities, instead it should be set up in a way that the National Society can act early anywhere in the country where the forecasts indicate a high impact of the approaching extreme event. Sometimes, the term national scale is misunderstood, as meaning the early actions will be carried out in all areas at risk (i.e. to potentially millions of people), which goes beyond capacities. For this reason, the term "flexible approach" is preferred.