

How this Manual works

The FbF Manual is a step-by-step guide for national societies and partners to implement Forecast-based Financing (FbF). It was developed for National Societies, government authorities who are engaged in disaster risk management, hydro-meteorological agencies, humanitarians, academics and the communities themselves to prepare for enhanced [Early Warning Early Action \(EWEA\)](#) .

For most national societies, the objective of developing a full or simplified Early Action Protocol (EAP) is to access funds from the IFRC's DREF and assist people in mitigating disaster impacts before a hazard strikes. The aim of this Manual is to guide national societies and their partners through the process. Please have the following in mind when developing your FbF programme :

- This Manual is not linear. Though it is organized in chapters and steps, activities will run in parallel, and you may need to revisit certain chapters at different points in the process.
- There is no standard on how long each individual step takes. This will depend on the context, the national society and the partners.
- The Manual addresses you as a reader, but “you” may be an FbF delegate, a project coordinator, a disaster risk management officer or an FbF project team.
- The Manual is based on experience with weather-related hazards (e.g. floods, tropical storms and heatwaves). However, the methodology is also applicable to non-weather-related hazards, such as epidemics and locusts.
- EAPs for FbF are one way to implement anticipatory action and access funds via the anticipatory pillar of the DREF. Additionally, the DREF for imminent crises can be accessed to provide the necessary assistance to people. This Manual will not cover DREF for imminent crises, however, further information can be found [here](#).

The most important EAP documents, which are discussed in detail in [chapter 4](#) , include the following:

- templates for the full EAP and simplified EAP
- EAP and simplified EAP criteria

These can be accessed in the [FbF Manual library](#) under Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF).

Toolbox

[ASEAN Framework \(ASEAN, 2022\)](#)

[G7 Statement \(German Federal Foreign Office, 2022\)](#)

[Practical info on FbF and the DREF \(IFRC, 2022\)](#)

[Operational Framework for Anticipatory Action 2021-2025 \(IFRC, 2022\)](#)

[Council of Delegates Resolution: Strengthening anticipatory action in the Movement: Our way forward – Resolution](#)

[Council of Delegates Resolution: Strengthening anticipatory action in the Movement: Our way forward – Background document](#)

[World Disaster Report \(IFRC, 2020\)](#)

[Anticipatory pillar of the DREF \(IFRC\)](#)

[A short overview of anticipatory action \(Anticipation Hub\)](#)