Overview

All National Societies within the Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) Movement are able to objectively demonstrate an improved ability to respond effectively and efficiently with timely and appropriate actions that meet the needs of those most affected by disasters and crises.

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3. Holistic & System-Wide Perspectives
   The approach takes a cross-departmental and National Society-wide perspective to understand the entire preparedness and response system.

4. Practical, Adaptable & Scalable Solutions
   The approach provides practical, adaptable and scalable solutions to accommodate various contexts and circumstances a National Society may face.

5. Participatory & Inclusive Planning
   The approach promotes participatory and inclusive planning methods.

6. Coordination & Collaboration
   The approach supports coordination and collaboration within a National Society and across the RCRC Movement.

7. Optimisation & Alignment of Tools & Resources
   The approach optimises financial and technical resources through harmonisation of plans and tools.

Phases

- The PER approach consists of five equally important phases. At its core, a NS establishing understanding, commitment and ownership of PER is critical for ensuring success.
- The Orientation Phase provides an overview of the PER approach for the NS before engaging in the process.
- The Assessment Phase examines each component of the NS’s response system and assigns a rating based on pre-defined benchmarks.
- During the Prioritisation & Analysis Phase, the NS narrows down which components it needs to focus on and completes a root-cause analysis to determine the factors which are preventing improvement.
- The NS uses these identified root-causes in the Work-Plan Phase to develop a well-defined road-map for strengthening its response capacity, including outcomes, outputs, activities, timelines, targets and a clear accountability framework.
- During the Action & Accountability Phase the NS implements the work-plan and monitors and reports on progress.

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