



PREPAREDNESS OR EFFECTIVE RESPONSE

Overview

- Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) is a cyclical approach for a National Society (NS) to systematically assess, measure, and analyse the strengths and weaknesses of its response system in order to take remedial actions.
- The PER approach puts the NS in the driver's seat to construct a work-plan that, when implemented, will strengthen its overall response capacity.
- PER is not a new approach, but rather an improved one, drawing on lessons from two decades of learning from the Well-Prepared National Society (WPNS) and Disaster Response Capacity Enhancement (DRCE) initiatives.
- The approach is based on foundational RCRC documents including the National Disaster Preparedness and Response Mechanism (NDPRM), the Principles and Rules for RCRC Humanitarian Assistance, and the IFRC NS Development Framework.
- The approach complements other major RCRC Movement tools including the Organisational Capacity Assessment and Certification (OCAC), Branch Organisational Capacity Assessment (BOCA), and Safer Access Framework (SAF).

Vision

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.

Principles

① Understanding, Ownership & Commitment	National Societies and partners must understand and have genuine ownership and commitment to the approach.
② Evidence-Based Methodologies	The approach is based upon RCRC Movement standards for a National Society to objectively measure preparedness and response capacity over time.
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

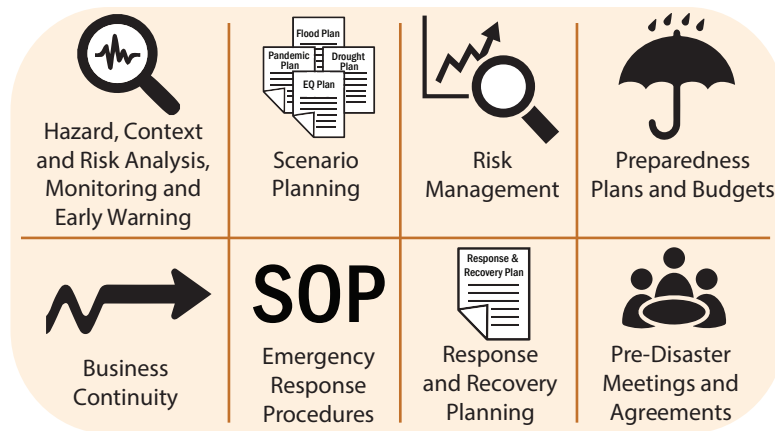


- The PER approach consists of five equally important phases. At its core, a NS establishing understanding, commitment and ownership of PER is critical for ensuring success.
- The **Orientation Phase** provides an overview of the PER approach for the NS before engaging in the process.
- The **Assessment 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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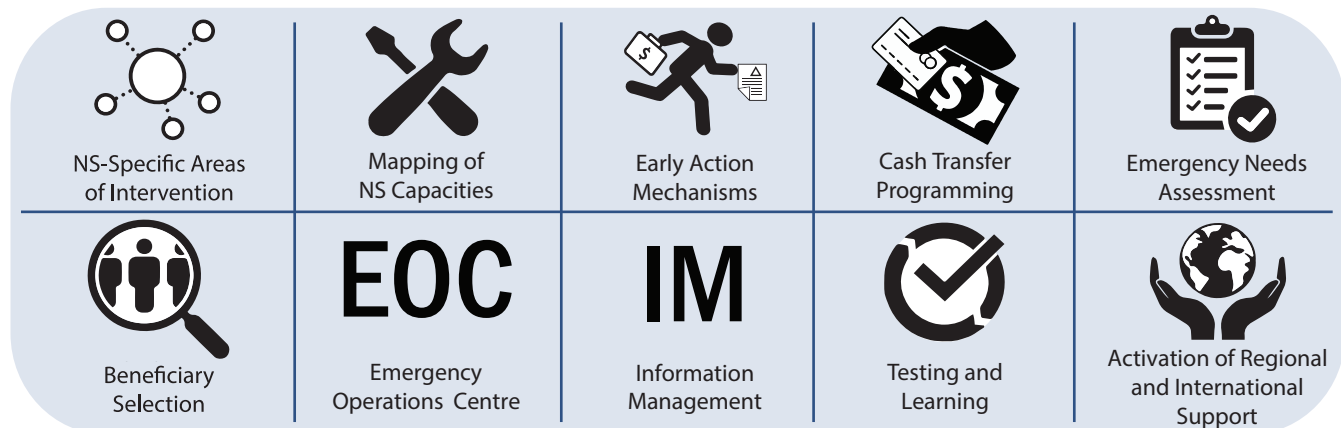
ANALYSIS AND PLANNING



COORDINATION



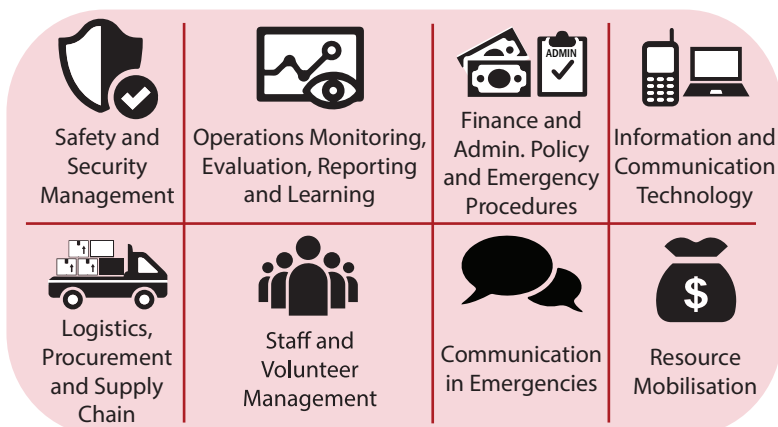
OPERATIONAL CAPACITY



POLICY, STRATEGY AND STANDARDS



OPERATIONS SUPPORT



Additional information

For more information on the Preparedness for Effective Response approach, please contact your IFRC's Disaster and Crisis (DCPRR) counterpart in country, regional offices or Marjorie Soto Franco marjorie.sotofranco@ifrc.org, Senior Officer, NS Preparedness at DCPRR department in Geneva.