

## PREPAREDNESS É EFFECTIVE RESPONSE

- 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).

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.

- Understanding, Ownership & Commitment
- 2 Evidence-Based Methodologies
- Holistic & System-Wide Perspectives
- Practical, Adaptable & Scalable Solutions
- (5) Participatory & Inclusive Planning
- 6 Coordination & Collaboration
- Optimisation & Alignment of Tools & Resources

National Societies and partners must understand and have genuine ownership and commitment to the approach.

The approach is based upon RCRC Movement standards for a National Society to objectively measure preparedness and response capacity over time.

The approach takes a cross-departmental and National Society-wide perspective to understand the entire preparedness and response system

The approach provides practical, adaptable and scalable solutions to accommodate various contexts and circumstances a National Society may face.

The approach promotes participatory and inclusive planning methods.

The approach supports coordination and collaboration within a National Society and across the RCRC Movement.

The approach optimises financial and technical resources through harmonisation of plans and tools.



- 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



Hazard, Context and Risk Analysis, Monitoring and **Early Warning** 



Scenario **Planning** 

Emergency

Response

**Procedures** 



Risk Management

Response

and Recovery

**Planning** 



Preparedness Plans and Budgets



Pre-Disaster Meetings and Agreements

#### COORDINATION



Coordination with Movement

Civil Military

Relations



with **Authorities** 



Coordination with Local Community Level Responders



Coordination with External Agencies and NGOs



Cooperation with Private Sector

## Continuity

OPERATIONAL CAPACITY

**Business** 



**NS-Specific Areas** of Intervention



Mapping of **NS** Capacities



Early Action Mechanisms



Cash Transfer Programming



**Emergency Needs** Assessment



Beneficiary Selection



Emergency **Operations Centre** 



Information Management

OPERATIONS SUPPORT



Testing and Learning



Activation of Regional and International Support

### POLICY, STRATEGY AND STANDARDS



**RC** Auxiliary Role, Mandate and Law



Disaster Risk Management Strategy



Disaster Risk Management **Policy** 



Security Management



Operations Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning



Finance and Admin. Policy and Emergency **Procedures** 



Information and Communication Technology



DRM Laws, Advocacy and Dissemination



Quality and Accountability



Logistics, Procurement and Supply Chain



Staff and Volunteer Management



Communication in Emergencies



Resource Mobilisation

#### Additional information

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