

## Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre Vision for Anticipatory Action

### The status of Anticipatory Action in 2021

We acknowledge that Forecast-based Financing has addressed the significant gaps that have limited Anticipatory Action in the past, by embedding understanding of risks in the decision making process, by enhancing early action planning to improve robustness and timeliness and by allocating funding for early action based on forecasts.

We believe that Anticipatory Action within the Red Cross Red Crescent has been most successful when it is co-designed with government, local disaster management agencies and national hydrometeorological services.

We recognise that global forecasts provide pragmatic sources of information for triggering anticipatory action as an interim solution while local forecasting capacity is under development, but this information can only be valuable and actionable when it has been evaluated in partnership with local experts and decision-makers.

### Vision

We want to promote a culture of Anticipatory Action which recognises it as an integral component of disaster risk management and climate adaptation. Within the humanitarian sector, anticipatory action should be the default expectation to support vulnerable communities to manage residual risks; this could be through contingency planning, adaptive social protection systems and access to forecast-based funding mechanisms.

We believe that the humanitarian sector could do better to recognise the anticipatory actions already being undertaken by communities without external support, and build on these within our own planning through engagement with communities (and the diversity of individuals within them) from the start, not just as a retrospective rubber stamp.

Mechanisms for Anticipatory Action should be flexible and scalable, with plans and protocols understood as imperfect yet organic documents which are revised as new knowledge is gained with sustained learning, monitoring and evaluation efforts through a critical lens.

### Role of the Climate Centre

The Climate Centre enables the Red Cross Red Crescent and partners to leverage technical support, bridge gaps and bring coherence to the implementation of humanitarian, development and climate strategies from the local to global level. To avoid duplication of effort the Climate Centre will bridge across all humanitarian organisations involved in Anticipatory Action as well as engaging fully in umbrella efforts such as the Anticipation Hub to support evidence-led learning and development.

Following our commitment to the [localisation agenda](#), the Climate Centre aims to strengthen and support links between National Societies and government agencies, supporting co-development of locally-owned robust impact-based forecasts which can directly feed into both contingency plans and protocols for access to DREF funding. In conflict and post-conflict settings where engagement and co-development with government agencies may be unrealistic the Climate Centre will support the development of adaptable plans for anticipatory action.

The Climate Centre will also deepen our engagement with strategic academic partners, both as an opportunity to shape interdisciplinary research agendas and bring through the latest scientific research, evidence and understanding into anticipatory action, but also to harness their higher education experience to support learning and development within the growing anticipatory action community.