Forecast-based Financing
Anticipatory actions for food security
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What is Forecast-based Financing?

- An innovative approach that uses weather forecasts to trigger anticipatory actions and release humanitarian funds.
What does **traditional response** look like?

- Severe Crisis
- Assessing needs
- Planning and prioritizing
- Mobilizing & Allocating Funding
- Aid Delivery
What does **anticipatory action** look like?

- **Severe Crisis**
- A robust Forecasting & Decision-making Framework
- Established Action Plans
- Pre-arranged Financing
- Aid Delivery
Rapid onset: cyclone and flooding

Increasingly, we can use accurate predictions about a storm’s landfall or projected flood levels to trigger anticipatory actions days ahead of these shocks to protect the most exposed communities.
Examples of anticipatory action

- Alert communities and local governments
- Cash transfers / Protect assets
- Evacuations
FbF for drought builds on a well-planned phased approach, where anticipatory actions range from no-regret, low-cost measures to high-impact, resource-intensive operations.
Crisis communication & early warning

Integrated communication to allow people to make risk-informed decision

- agriculture
- livestock
- hygiene
- nutrition
- health
Where are we working on anticipatory action?

Rapid onset

Drought
Next Steps

Challenges for Anticipatory Action

• Evidence creation and common frameworks for measuring impacts
• Flexible funding to scale up anticipatory actions
• Coordination among multiple initiatives & partners at the local level

Our Vision: Sustainability, Scalability, Joint Action

• AA integrated within government-owned systems
• AA mainstreamed within WFP operations through corporate tools (CAS, AA account etc.)
• Strong partnerships at all levels (National TWGs, EA FtF group, REAP, IASC EWEAR)
• Strengthen integrated Early Warning-Early Action through corporate field support