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**How can your National Society be better prepared to respond to disasters and crises?**

Learn about the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) approach with the new [e-learning course](#) now available in English on the IFRC Learning Platform. The seven training modules of this course take about 30 minutes each. Other language versions will be shared shortly.

[Watch the teaser video](#) and share it with your colleagues.
Floods in Europe: A catastrophe of historic proportions
The German, Belgium and the Netherlands Red Cross National Societies have mobilized hundreds of volunteers to assist with evacuations and help people made homeless by the floods. Gerda Hasselfeldt, German Red Cross President, said, “We must prepare ourselves for such disasters in all Germany in the future. The weather extremes that we experience now in the west and south will increase in the next few years.” Read more

Letters from Covid-19 frontlines in Europe
Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers share their first-hand experiences with human suffering, courage, and resilience. Read more

How to strengthen government preparedness through logistics development?
RCRC National Societies in Southeast Asia and beyond are strengthening their logistics capacity as key local actors to better support governments and work alongside the wider logistics community to ensure a fast and effective humanitarian response. This recording from the last HELiX meeting analyses concrete examples from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as other recent disasters.

Bangladesh - Surviving 15 floods in a lifetime
Recovering from major disasters takes years. Bangladesh Red Crescent and the IFRC have been working closely with two communities in Tangail and Sirajganj districts to support them to recover in the longer term after floods swamped their communities in 2019. Read more

Cameroon: Preparedness to respond effectively to multiple hazards
Preparedness is an ongoing process that doesn't stop, even as National Societies respond to the pandemic. Over the past months, the Cameroon Red Cross has actively engaged in the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) process, with remote technical support, to continue strengthening its response to ongoing crises, learning from past experiences, and identifying key preparedness priorities for the coming years. Read more

Kenya: One Health in action
Sixty per cent of known infectious diseases and 75 percent of emerging infectious diseases originate in domestic animals and wildlife. Epidemics begin and end in communities – enabling, empowering, and equipping communities to recognize and respond to public health threats is essential for a One Health approach. Check the Kenya Red Cross experience implementing the Community Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness Programme (CP3). Read more in English / French.

Strengthening response capacities using the PER approach
National Societies in Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina are in the process of strengthening their response capacities using the PER approach. Priorities identified are supported by the USAID funded project “Strengthening local capacities for effective preparedness and response including Health Emergencies in Europe Region”.

"Everything has to do with preparedness in emergency response," P. Muller.

Interview with Peter Muller, Global Lead for the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) mechanism in OCHA's Response Support Branch. Read more

The Annual Pre-Hurricane Season Conference

The conference, which for the second consecutive year took place virtually, reflected on the lessons learned in 2020 and collectively addressed some of the most urgent preparedness and response challenges that we could face in 2021. 640 people from different National Societies around the world participated in four Disaster Preparedness virtual sessions that were held during the conference. A special session on Alignment between NS Preparedness and NS Development can be watched here in Spanish.

NOAA predicts another active Atlantic hurricane season. Read the IFRC's Hurricane Season Key Messages here: Spanish / English.

Share your experience!

Contact us: ns.preparedness@ifrc.org
PER videos in French
Watch the first two videos from the "Preparedness for Effective Response" video series presented by Mia in French:
1. Préparation de Sociétés nationales - Introduction
2. Préparation de Sociétés nationales - Plans de contingence et plans de continuité des activités.

The report launched at the end of June examines how law and policy can support preparedness for and response to public health emergencies, and how public health laws relate to wider disaster risk management laws. Read more about "The Role of Law: Being Legally Prepared for Public Health Emergencies" by Jagan Chapagain, IFRC Secretary-General.

Online course: Strengthening the Auxiliary Role through Law and Policy
This course provides an introduction to the auxiliary role and explains how it can be strengthened by laws, policies, plans, and agreements. It is 30 minutes long and available in Arabic, English, French, Spanish, and Russian. Access here

DG ECHO guidance note - Disaster Preparedness
The purpose of this Disaster Preparedness (DP) Guidance Note is to present and explain DG ECHO's disaster preparedness and risk-informed approach. It aims to help humanitarian partners to implement the approach through interventions funded by DG ECHO and other forms of collaboration with DG ECHO. Read more

GAR Special Report on Drought 2021
The GAR Special Report on Drought 2021 explores the systemic nature of drought and its impacts on the achievement of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the SDGs and human and ecosystems health and wellbeing. Read more

IFRC COVID-19 Resource Compendium
This compendium offers a comprehensive, dynamic, and evolving list of resources, such as help desks, guidance documents, and frequently asked questions pages, to support Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Access here