

EAP No: EAP2021PH02	Period covered by this annual report: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
EAP approved: 01/04/2021	EAP timeframe: 5 Years

SUMMARY OF THE EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has approved the Early Action Protocol (EAP) for the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) / Flood with a timeframe of five years and a budget of CHF 234 809; consisting of CHF 79,215 for readiness and pre-positioning and CHF 157,751 for early action. The EAP is funded from the IFRC's Forecast based Action Fund (by the DREF) where allocations are drawn on annual basis to cover readiness and pre-positioning cost and as a one off upon trigger to implement early actions.

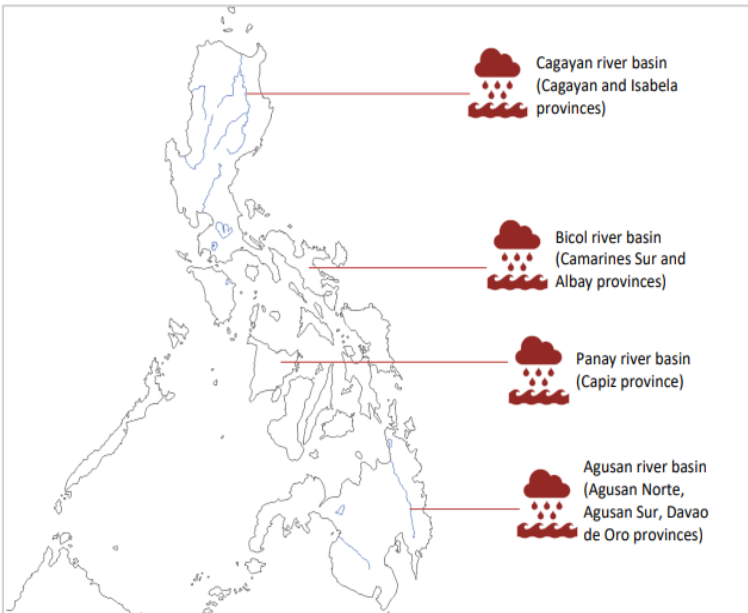


Figure 1: For selected river basins by the PRC Chapters (source: PRC)

The IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) has approved CHF 234,809 for the implementation of anticipatory actions to reduce and mitigate the impact of flooding in the Philippines. This EAP includes an allocation of CHF 79,215 to preposition stock and for undertaking annual readiness activities to implement early actions, if and when the trigger is reached. The total allocated budget is CHF 157,751 for early action. The early actions to be conducted have been pre-agreed with the National Society and are described in the Early Action Protocol.

The PRC is the lead for the development of this Flood EAP and is in charge of its implementation through the eight chapters trained on the Early Actions in the four main targeted river basins (see Figure 1) in four

regions (North Luzon, Bicol, East Visayas and East of Mindanao).

The German Red Cross is the main partner of PRC in the preparation and activation of this EAP, through its ongoing Forecast-based Financing (FbF) project. More specifically, the FbF project is supporting the readiness of the National Society, through the organization of simulation exercises as well as the training of the concerned

chapters on the Early Actions. With regards to the current version of the Flood EAP, the German Red Cross is responsible for tool kit procurement and prepositioning, as well as for provisioning IEC materials informing on the evacuation of livestock.

The IFRC Country Delegation is supervising the overall process of the EAP implementation in-country in coordination with the PRC and the German Red Cross, from designing the protocols and trigger statements up to monitoring and evaluation of the interventions.


The 510 Initiative - Their Flood statistical model is the basis for triggering the Early Actions proposed in the Flood EAP. The 510 team facilitated the Community Risk Assessment (CRA) and developed the triggers and model for Typhoon Protocol as well.

In 2021, the IFRC facilitated a funds transfer to the German Red Cross. Additionally, the PRC implemented various procurement activities that were in line with the specified terms detailed in the tripartite project agreement.

Moving on to the period between 2022 and 2023, no additional procurement activities took place. This pause was primarily due to the absence of requests from the National Society, influenced by several factors. In 2022, the Philippines was struck by Typhoon Odette, prompting a focus on emergency response and full recovery efforts. Furthermore, the launch of an emergency appeal kept the PRC engaged in operationally intense activities. In late 2023, the German Red Cross supported PRC to convene provincial meetings in all eight Flood EAP chapters to update beneficiary data and to implement readiness activities. German Red Cross funds were utilized for this purpose.

In 2024, IFRC once again transferred funding to the Philippine Red Cross, amounting to CHF 25,298.80 with 1st and 2nd tranches.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL PROGRESS BY AREA OF FOCUS

	CHF readiness budget:	CHF readiness actual:
 <p>Strengthening National Society</p>	<p>Funds based on EAP2021PH02: Total approved allocation: CHF 234,809 direct cost from FBF Total allocation for readiness and preparedness: CHF 79,215 Total allocation for early action implementation: CHF 157,751</p>	<p>IFRC transferred funds to PRC as of February 2024</p>

Following the Flood EAP for the PRC, the total approved allocation, amounting is CHF 234,809 and funded directly through the Forecast-based Action (FbA) mechanism, serves as the financial cornerstone for proactive measures. The fund has been divided to serve two pivotal purposes:

1. An immediate allocation of CHF 79,215 is designated for readiness initiatives and pre-positioning activities.
2. A substantial portion of the approved amount, specifically CHF 157,751, is automatically allocated for the implementation of early actions once specific triggers outlined in the protocol are met.

Moreover, in support of procurement and readiness efforts, two significant fund transfers have taken place:

1. In 2021, the IFRC facilitated funds transfer to the German Red Cross to support procurement activities and readiness measures.

- Subsequently, in 2024, the IFRC facilitated another fund transfer, this time amounting to CHF 25,292, directed to the PRC. This underscores the ongoing commitment to enhancing procurement capabilities, fortifying readiness frameworks, and reinforcing resilience against flood-related challenges.

IFRC transferred funds to PRC under this EAP with 1st and 2nd tranche having been downloaded to PRC earlier this year (2024). No activities took place in 2022 and 2023 due to the absence of requests from the National Society, influenced by several factors. In 2022, the Philippines was struck by Typhoon Odette, prompting a focus on emergency response and full recovery efforts. Furthermore, the launch of an emergency appeal kept the PRC engaged in operationally intense activities.

However, the only activities carried out from this EAP so far are under the German Red Cross preposition from which IFRC Country Delegation has transferred CHF 11,648 in December 2021 as per the tripartite agreement:

a) Prepositioning of livestock evacuation IEC: The livestock evacuation guideline has been printed and pre-positioned in the chapters which have reached 1,000 people.

b) Prepositioning of activation toolbox: Below are the procured tool kits in 2021 prepositioned in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Bicol, Panay, Agusan del Sur, Agusan Norte, and Davao de Oro.

No	Materials	Units
1	Rain Coat	240 pcs
2	Flash Light	240 pcs
3	First Aid Belt Pouch	40 pcs
4	Gloves	240 pcs
5	High Top Water Boots	40 pcs
6	Big Light Stand	40 pcs
7	Water Proof Bag	240 pcs
8	Plastic Storage	8 pcs

The German Red Cross submitted the first payment request to cover the expenses for prepositioning under this PFA to IFRC Country Delegation in September 2021. The payment was finally received on 1 January 2022. The total budget for Prepositioning as per the PFA is CHF 11,648.00.

In 2024, these items were utilized for responding to PRC's ongoing emergency operation (Mindanao Floods DREF) in Agusan del Sur and Davao de Oro provinces.

CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED, PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS

A dedicated lesson-learned workshop for this specific EAP has not been conducted thus far. nevertheless, it is planned that challenges faced, and valuable lessons learned will be documented and integrated into the annual report 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No Flood EAP activities under IFRC's Forecast based Action Plan took place in 2023, therefore the financial report shows no expenditure for the reporting timeframe.

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Reference



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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2023/1-12	Operation	PPH073
Budget Timeframe	2021/4-2026/3	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 04/Jul/2024

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

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Early Actions Timeframe: 01 Apr 2021 to

I. Summary

Opening Balance	67,089
Expenditure	-1
Closing Balance	67,089

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction	38,731		38,731
AOF2 - Shelter			0
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	4,815		4,815
AOF4 - Health			0
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene			0
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration			0
Area of focus Total	43,545		43,545
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	67,006		67,006
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management			0
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners			0
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC		1	-1
Strategy for implementation Total	67,006	1	67,005
Grand Total	110,551	1	110,550

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	13,579		13,579
Shelter - Relief	9,058		9,058
Teaching Materials	4,521		4,521
Personnel	7,281		7,281
Volunteers	7,281		7,281
Workshops & Training	82,944		82,944
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General Expenditure		1	-1
Financial Charges		1	-1
Indirect Costs	6,747	0	6,747
Programme & Services Support Recover	6,747	0	6,747
Grand Total	110,551	1	110,550