



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Workshop for volunteers from the Branches of the Caribbean Region. Colombian Red Cross, 9-10 October 2025. Barranquilla, Atlántico.

EAP No: <b>sEAP2023CO01</b>	Operation No.: <b>MDRCO027</b>	Period covered by this annual report: <b>19/11/2024 to 30/11/2025</b>
EAP approval: <b>19/11/2024</b>	Term of the EAP: <b>2 years</b>	

**Year 1 Budget: CHF 99,186**  
**sEAP Budget: CHF 216,996**

# EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL SUMMARY

The IFRC Disaster Emergency Fund Response Emergency Fund (DREF) has allocated CHF 216,996 for the implementation of anticipatory actions to reduce and mitigate the impact of droughts in Colombia. This Early Action Protocol includes an allocation of CHF 99,186 for year 1 readiness and prepositioning of stock, CHF 3,669 for year 2 readiness and prepositioning of stock as well as an allocation of CHF 114,139 for the implementation of early actions, if and when the trigger is reached. The early actions to be taken have been previously agreed with the National Society and are described in the summary of the Early Action Protocol <https://go.ifrc.org/countries/48/ongoing-activities/emergencies>



Surveys of households and markets to identify the most common effects when droughts occur in the municipality of Natagaima, Tolima.

During the first year of implementation of the Simplified Early Action Protocol for Droughts in Colombia, various readiness and pre-positioning activities were carried out as established in the planned lines of operation, which are described in general terms below:

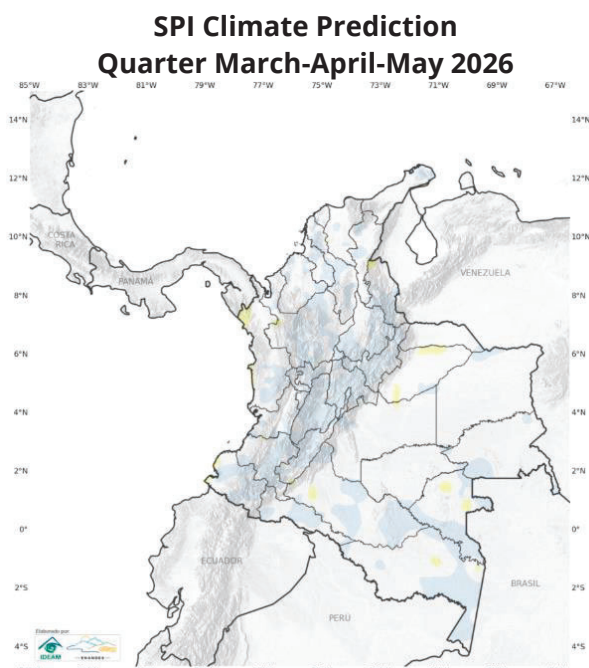
- The redesign of key messages was developed based on a consultative session with beneficiaries of previous similar operations.
- The purchase and prepositioning in the central warehouse of nutritional blocks and hydro-retainers was carried out.
- A mapping of financial providers and feasibility study was carried out in one of the branches of the Andean region, prioritized in the sEAP, as well as a CASH workshop for volunteers of each branch. In the same way, a National CASH Workshop was held, with the participation of 13 branches.
- A Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Workshop was held for 14 volunteers from the Caribbean Region branches, prioritized in the sEAP.

- Corrective maintenance was carried out on the ERU Drinking Water Treatment Plant, located in the National Directorate, taking into account that the plants pre-positioned in the branches of the prioritized regions had undergone recent maintenance.
- The purchase and repositioning of 300 family kits for water treatment and storage was carried out.
- The Drought sEAP was socialized with various instances ranging from the regional level, such as the Andean Community of Nations (CAN), to the Departmental Council for Disaster Risk Management of the Municipality of Natagaima, Tolima.
- A course on Anticipatory Actions was held for all 31 branch Directors of Disaster Risk Management, replacing the two previously established courses (one for branches of the Andean Region and the other for branches of the Caribbean Region), allowing the course to be given greater scope to the public.

In the same way, taking into account the monitoring that the Disaster Risk Management Team of the National Society has been carrying out on the prediction and forecast reports issued monthly by the Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies (IDEAM), with the purpose of identifying the possible compliance of the triggers of the sEAP, in the most recent Short-Term Climate Prediction Report, Medium and Long Term (November 19, 2025),<sup>1</sup> compliance with one of the two triggers (1/2) is evidenced. However, the second trigger corresponding to the forecast of the Standardized Precipitation Index is not being fulfilled so far. The information provided by the IDEAM report mentions the following:

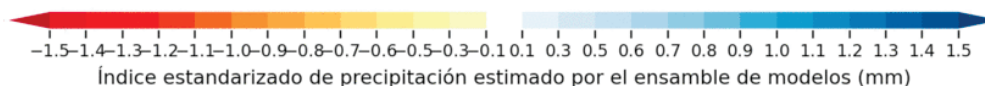
- By March 2026, Caribbean Region: Deficits in rainfall volumes between 30% and 70% are expected in large areas of the departments of Atlántico, La Guajira, Magdalena and Cesar.
- For May 2026, Caribbean Region: As a particular case, a rainfall deficit between 30% and 60% stands out in Alta Guajira.

However, the most recent forecast of the Standardized Precipitation Index<sup>2</sup> shows the following for those periods:



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ideam.gov.co/sala-de-prensa/informes/Informe-de-predicci%C3%B3n-clim%C3%A1tica-a-corto,-mediano-y-largo-plazo>

<sup>2</sup> [ENSAMBLE PREC pred est SPI.gif \(2048x2048\)](#)



According to the SPI, to date, the lowest indices are forecast for the March-April-May quarter of 2026, in the order of -0.6 and -0.5, in some specific areas of the departments of Casanare, Chocó, Norte de Santander, Antioquia, Caquetá, Meta, Guaviare and Amazonas.

In accordance with the above, the National Society will continue to carry out the respective monitoring in the event that the two triggers are met, which would activate early actions in the territories that are prioritized.

## SUMMARY OF ANNUAL PROGRESS BY PLANNED OPERATION

 <b>Livelihoods</b>	<b>Prepositioning budget in CHF:</b>	<b>Current prepositioning in CHF:</b>
	19,249.05	10,571.98
	<b>Readiness budget in CHF:</b>	<b>Current Readiness in CHF:</b>
	356.46	0

### Readiness activities implemented:

- Key messages and didactic material were redesigned for the protection of agricultural livelihoods and the proper use of inputs to be delivered. This redesign was based on the brochures with key messages delivered to families, within the framework of a Response DREF operation for droughts associated with the El Niño Phenomenon (MDR0025), implemented by the National Society at the beginning of 2024. To this end, representatives of some families with an agricultural vocation, who were reached by the deliveries of hydro retainers and nutritional blocks in the aforementioned DREF operation, were contacted, and a virtual meeting was held to know their opinion and perception of the key messages delivered through the brochures, where they expressed the clarity and relevance of the messages. In accordance with the above, the redesign of the brochures included only some explanatory drawings that accompany the instructions.

### Prepositioning activities implemented:

- The purchase of 400 nutritional blocks for livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, horses, buffalo and others) was made, the items are currently prepositioned in the warehouse of the Headquarters of the National Society.
- The purchase of 600 hydro retainers for absorption, retention and subsequent release of water in the crops was made, the items are currently prepositioned in the warehouse of the Headquarters of the National Society.
- The brochures designed in the readiness activities are currently in the process of being printed and are expected to be delivered to the National Society on December 22, 2025. A script was also designed for two explanatory videos on drought preparedness and how to reduce the impact of drought on crops and production animals.



### Multipurpose Cash Transfers

Prepositioning budget in CHF:	Current prepositioning in CHF:
N/A	N/A
Readiness budget in CHF:	Current readiness in CHF:
4,265.67	2,242.85

#### Readiness activities implemented:

- A mapping of Financial Service Providers (FSPs) was carried out, identifying that the National Society currently has framework contracts with the providers Efecty and Supergiros.
- A National Intervention Team (ENI) was deployed to the Tolima branch to carry out a feasibility/market study in the municipality of Natagaima, which was prioritized due to its historical record of impacts associated with droughts, considering previous coordination meetings with the coordinator of the Departmental Council for Disaster Risk Management of Tolima. Within the framework of the deployment, surveys were carried out on households and markets to identify the most common effects when droughts occur in the municipality of Natagaima.
- A training day was held for volunteers from the Tolima branch, with the participation of 10 people on the Cash Transfer Program, the tools and the process to transfer the cash to the people to be reached. In the same way, a Workshop on CASH and the ACCES RC self-registration tool was held, with a duration of 4 days in the city of Bogotá, which had the participation of 22 volunteers from the Tolima, Huila, Cundinamarca and Bogotá, Sucre, Caquetá, Putumayo, Vichada, La Guajira, Chocó, Cauca, Caldas, Nariño and Santander branches.

#### Prepositioning activities implemented:

- Given that the financial providers (Efecty and Supergiros) do not handle pre-positioned funds (resources transferred to them awaiting distribution) and only receive the resource when the delivery of the transfers is going to be made in a period of no more than one month, the technical team of the National Society has made the decision that this activity will be carried out as an Early Action once the sEAP is activated.



### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Prepositioning budget in CHF:	Current prepositioning in CHF:
22,813.69	15,280.35
Readiness budget in CHF:	Current readiness in CHF:
7,210.46	3,008.70

#### Readiness activities implemented:

- A Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Workshop was held for volunteers in the city of Barranquilla, with the support of the Atlántico branch, with the participation of 14 volunteers from the Atlántico, Bolívar, Cesar, Córdoba, La Guajira, Magdalena and Sucre branches. Among the topics addressed in the workshop are basic components of water treatment at the community level, pumping equipment, hydraulic elements, operation of the Water Treatment Plant, parts and operation of plants, solid waste management, management and vector control.
- Corrective maintenance was carried out on the ERU Drinking Water Treatment Plant, located in the Headquarters of the National Society. This considers that some of the prepositioned plants in the Caribbean and Andean regions already had recent preventive maintenance, as they have been

deployed in some emergency operations or had routine inspections by the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene on referents of the branches.

**Prepositioning activities implemented:**

- The purchase of 300 family kits for water treatment and storage was made (1 clay filter, 1 50L tank, 2 drums capacity 20L, soft bristle hand brush and Cotton Cloth for pre-filtration 50 x 50 cm), which are currently prepositioned in the warehouse of the Headquarters of the National Society.

 <p><b>Community participation and accountability</b></p>	<b>Prepositioning budget in CHF:</b>	<b>Current prepositioning in CHF:</b>
	N/A	N/A
	<b>Readiness budget in CHF:</b>	<b>Current readiness in CHF:</b>
	273.29	0

**Readiness activities implemented:**

- As part of the context analysis and identification of key actors, the municipality of Natagaima (department of Tolima) was selected for the prioritization of actions related to the delivery of cash transfers, where key actors were identified for the subsequent process, in case of activation of the sEAP. This process is expected to be replicated in other prioritized territories during the first half of 2026.
- As mentioned above, community leaders were involved in the redesign of the brochures that were delivered in the DREF operation related to droughts associated with the El Niño phenomenon in early 2024.

**Pending readiness activities:**

Currently, there is an official mechanism for Community Participation and Accountability of the National Society called "Red Cross Listens to You". However, in order to complete the activity "Establishment of a mechanism for community participation and accountability", during the first half of 2026 the coordination team of the sEAP will determine how this mechanism will be articulated to the community activities of the sEAP in case of activation.

## Enabling Approaches

 <p><b>Coordination and partnerships</b></p>	<b>Prepositioning budget in CHF:</b>	<b>Current prepositioning in CHF:</b>
	N/A	N/A
	<b>Readiness budget in CHF:</b>	<b>Current readiness in CHF:</b>
	1,901.14	0

**Readiness Activities:**

Coordination activities at regional and national levels:

- The Drought sEAP was presented within the framework of the event "Dialogue among the Member Countries of the Andean Community for the Strengthening and Exchange of Experiences", related to reduction measures and anticipatory actions in the face of disaster risk scenarios.

- The Drought sEAP was presented and socialized during a working breakfast on anticipatory actions convened by the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management in which the Sub-Directorate of Knowledge, the Sub-Directorate of Risk Reduction and the Sub-Directorate for Disaster Management participated and in which United Nations agencies such as FAO, WFP and OCHA participated, and Regional SDCA was present.
- The Simplified Early Action Protocol was presented at a session of the National Committee for Disaster Management, in which it received generally good comments from the members of the Committee.
- The Drought sEAP was socialized with the Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies (IDEAM) and the Subdirectorate of Risk Knowledge of the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management (UNGRD).

Coordination activities at departmental and municipal level:

- The Simplified Early Action Protocol has been socialized with the Departmental Disaster Risk Management Councils of the departments of Santander and Córdoba.
- Within the framework of the deployment of the ENI in the Tolima branch, a coordination meeting was held with the Coordinator of the Departmental Council for Disaster Risk Management of Tolima, who provided background information on the historical impact of droughts in the department and the municipalities most susceptible to this phenomenon.
- A meeting was held with the Coordinator of the Municipal Council for Disaster Risk Management of the municipality of Natagaima (Tolima), who provided information on historical impacts and explained the warning mechanisms against the occurrence of droughts.

 <b>National Society Development</b>	<b>Prepositioning budget in CHF:</b>	<b>Current prepositioning in CHF:</b>
	4,752.85	3,892.07
	<b>Readiness budget in CHF:</b>	<b>Current Readiness in CHF:</b>
	22,873.34	9,263.08

**Readiness activities implemented:**

- An initial virtual meeting was held to socialize the Drought sEAP, with the branches of the Caribbean and Andean regions.
- Within the framework of the National Meeting of branch Directors of Disaster Risk Management 2025, a Workshop on Anticipatory Actions was held with the participation of the 31 branches of the Colombian Red Cross, in which topics such as: What is Anticipatory Action (AA) and Early Action Protocols; Importance of forecasts; activator and monitoring sources; Coordination of Anticipatory Action; Circular 070 on Anticipatory Actions issued by UNGRD and Simulation of activation of the sEAP for Drought.

**Prepositioning activities implemented:**

- The purchase of 40 uniforms and visibility for volunteers and staff was made

## **CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED, PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS**

Within the framework of the implementation of activities of Year 1, the National Society has identified that the activities of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene are of great importance for the branches. In accordance with this interest and trying to include the branches that could not participate in the WASH workshop held in Year 1 (only branches from the Caribbean region were able to participate), the hope is to propose the implementation of a second workshop, reaching the other branches (Andean region) prioritized in this sEAP.

In the process of purchasing the 600 hydro retainers, a different supplier was quoted and selected from the supplier with whom the National Society had already worked in purchases of the same product in previous operations. Therefore, the prices offered by this new supplier corresponded to a lower value on which the purchase was initially budgeted, thus, of the item initially assigned for a total of COP 39,000,000 (CHF 7,589.52), COP 10,225,800 (CHF 1,989.97) was executed. In accordance with the above, the remainder totaling COP 28,774,200 (CHF 5,599.55) is intended to be reallocated as follows: COP 15,000,000 (CHF 2,919.04) to the National Administrator's payroll and the remaining COP 13,774,200 (CHF 2,680.5) to the implementation of the WASH Workshop mentioned in the previous paragraph.

For this sEAP, it was determined to preliminarily prioritize a wider area (two regions) instead of specific departments and municipalities, since in previous operations of the National Society the greatest impacts can occur in any territory of either of these two regions. However, this decision has made it difficult to generate coordination mechanisms with local governments and specific communities.

It is important to mention that monetization at the time of receiving the first disbursement has made it possible to have additional resources available. Such resources were used to cover additional expenses that strengthened the overall execution of this sEAP, such as hiring an administrative professional to support the administrative processes of the implementation of the sEAP, and the realization of the CASH Workshop, which had a greater scope to the branches and complemented the face-to-face training that had been carried out for the volunteers of the Tolima Branch within the framework of this sEAP.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

As of 30 November 2025, the financial execution amounts to **CHF 90,797**, which is equivalent to **42%** of the total budget of the sEAP. The main expenses executed include the Year 1 fund transfer to the National Society, financial charges, PSSR, monitoring visits by the IFRC and the payment of an Internship for Disaster Preparedness at the Colombia Delegation of the IFRC in the months of March and April 2025.

Regarding the Year 1 fund transfer allocated to the National Society, **CHF 79,982** were transferred to the Colombian Red Cross in April 2025. The execution of such funds corresponds to **CHF 51,932.89**. The latter reflects an execution of **65%** of the funds allocated to the National Society in the timeframe of this report.

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# FBAF Early Actions

## FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2024/11-2025/1	Operation	*
Budget Timeframe	2024/11-2026/1	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 15/Apr/2026  
All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

### MDRCO027 - Colombia - Drought sEAP / sEAP2023CO01

## I. Summary

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funds &amp; Other Income</b>	<b>216,996</b>
DREF Anticipatory Pillar	216,996
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>-90,797</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>126,199</b>

## II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction	13,244	80	<b>13,164</b>
AOF2 - Shelter			<b>0</b>
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	72,118	24,410	<b>47,708</b>
AOF4 - Health			<b>0</b>
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	55,316	30,624	<b>24,692</b>
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			<b>0</b>
AOF7 - Migration			<b>0</b>
<b>Area of focus Total</b>	<b>140,678</b>	<b>55,114</b>	<b>85,564</b>
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	57,616	33,322	<b>24,294</b>
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management	2,852	1,012	<b>1,839</b>
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners			<b>0</b>
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC	15,850	1,349	<b>14,501</b>
<b>Strategy for implementation Total</b>	<b>76,317</b>	<b>35,683</b>	<b>40,634</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>216,996</b>	<b>90,797</b>	<b>126,198</b>

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### III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>8,650</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>7,675</b>
National Staff	8,650	975	7,675
<b>General Expenditure</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>4,298</b>	<b>2,902</b>
Travel	4,000	264	3,736
Information & Public Relations	1,800		1,800
Financial Charges	1,400	4,035	-2,635
<b>Contributions &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>187,902</b>	<b>79,983</b>	<b>107,919</b>
Cash Transfers National Societies	187,902	79,983	107,919
<b>Indirect Costs</b>	<b>13,244</b>	<b>5,542</b>	<b>7,702</b>
Programme & Services Support Recover	13,244	5,542	7,702
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>216,996</b>	<b>90,797</b>	<b>126,198</b>