



EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL ANNUAL REPORT

Costa Rica | Volcanic Ash

30 April 2026



Incandescence activity at Poás Volcano during alert level 3 on 21 May 2025. Source: Photo courtesy of OVSICORI¹ for the Costa Rican Red Cross.

EAP №: EAP2022CR01	Operation №: MDRCR022	Period covered by this annual report: 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025
EAP approved: 21/06/2022	EAP timeframe: 5 Years	

Annual Budget: 194,335 CHF

EAP Budget: 383,103 CHF


¹ OVSICORI: Volcanological and Seismological Observatory of Costa Rica (National University of Costa Rica).

SUMMARY OF THE EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL

The IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) has allocated CHF 383,103 for the implementation anticipatory actions to reduce and mitigate the impact of Volcanic Ash in Costa Rica. This Early Action Protocol includes an allocation of CHF 254,568 to preposition stock and undertake annual readiness activities to implement early actions, if and when the trigger is reached. The early actions to be conducted have been pre-agreed with the National Society and are described in the [Early Action Protocol summary](#).

This report summarizes the annual readiness and prepositioning activities done in the reporting period. The report also includes any changes or updates done to the initially agreed plan.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL PROGRESS BY AREA OF FOCUS

 Livelihoods and basic needs	CHF budget:	CHF actual:
	161,804.44	33,806

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

In March 2025, the Costa Rican Red Cross conducted monitoring and follow up field visits and strengthened engagement with communities affected by the increased activity of Poás Volcano. Visits covered Sarchí, Bajos del Toro, Los Ángeles de Sarchí, San José de Trojas, Carbonal, Santa Gertrudis Norte and Sur, Los Ángeles de Grecia, Llano Bonito, Picada and Vara Blanca.

In April 2025, community censuses were conducted in communities vulnerable to volcanic ashfall from Poás Volcano, focusing on the locations monitored in March 2025.


In May 2025, a community session on Anticipatory Action and the volcanic threat was delivered in San José de Grecia, located on the slopes of Poás Volcano.

In June 2025, two Basic Anticipatory Action Courses were delivered for Costa Rican Red Cross Auxiliary Committees in the Alajuela region, covering management, governance and operational coordination roles linked to the Volcanic Ash EAP. In the same month, a session for Anticipatory Action decision makers was delivered for Costa Rican Red Cross Central Headquarters and National Directorate for Response (DINARE) staff linked to the Volcanic Ash EAP, and a virtual session on Anticipatory Action was delivered for National Intervention Teams.

In August 2025, an AccessRC application workshop was delivered by IFRC and the American Red Cross for key personnel involved in implementation of the application within the National Society.

In September 2025, a Basic Anticipatory Action Course was delivered for the Turrialba Auxiliary Committee linked to the Volcanic Ash EAP.


In December 2025, two Basic Anticipatory Action Courses were delivered for the Cartago region, covering management, governance and operational coordination roles linked to the Volcanic Ash EAP.

	CHF budget:	CHF actual:
 Health	40,171.62	50,796

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

During the reporting period, prepositioned health supplies, including KN95 masks and protective goggles, were maintained in strategic locations in Cartago, San Pedro de Poás, La Fortuna and DINARE.


Following the achievement of Trigger 1, defined as alert level 3 established by OVSICORI due to Poás Volcano activity, direct communication and education campaigns were disseminated through local and national media to support the prevention of respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses associated with volcanic ash exposure.

	CHF budget:	CHF actual:
 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	53,537.29	59,062

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

During the reporting period, prepositioned WaSH supplies, including water storage tanks and household cleaning materials, are maintained in strategic located warehouses in Cartago, San Pedro de Poás, La Fortuna and DINARE.

STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION


	CHF budget:	CHF actual:
 Effective, credible and accountable IFRC	54,289.33	26,797

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

During the reporting period, funding was allocated to partially cover the salaries of the Finance Officer and the Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PMER) Officer. Both have provided technical support and

strategic guidance in the review, implementation, and reporting of the Early Action Protocol (EAP), ensuring compliance with established operational and financial standards.

Additionally, the budget contributed to covering financial and communication expenses, as well as costs related to field monitoring visits. Travel expenses were also funded for participation in regional Anticipatory Action workshops, which have strengthened institutional capacities and facilitated the exchange of best practices at the regional level with other National Societies.

	CHF budget:	CHF actual:
 <p>Strengthening National Society</p>	73,300.09	85,408

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

During the reporting period, the National Society maintained ongoing monitoring of prepositioned supplies, staff knowledge, and opportunities for improvement to sustain readiness under the Volcanic Ash EAP.

CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED, PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS

During the reporting period, gaps were identified in the Volcanic Ash EAP since its drafting, particularly related to the triggers.

In addition, changes in community leadership and staff turnover within institutions of the National Risk Management System have affected established linkages with communities and system actors. As a result, the National Society identified the need to initiate a new information and socialization cycle on the Early Action Protocols within the communities.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of the 2025 reporting period, a total of CHF 255,869 has been expended for the implementation of readiness, pre-positioning, and early action activities. This represents approximately 66.78 per cent of the overall five-year budget of CHF 383,103.

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Reference



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FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2022/6-2025/12	Operation	PCR040
Budget Timeframe	2022/6-2027/6	Budget	APPROVED

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All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

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Early Actions Timeframe: 21 jun 2022 to 30 jun 2027

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	383.103
DREF Anticipatory Pillar	383.103
Expenditure	-255.869
Closing Balance	127.234

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction	16.263	219	16.044
AOF2 - Shelter			0
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs	125.892	33.587	92.304
AOF4 - Health	42.783	50.796	-8.013
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	57.017	59.062	-2.044
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration			0
Area of focus Total	241.954	143.664	98.291
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	70.754	85.408	-14.654
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management		10.477	-10.477
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners			0
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC	61.429	16.320	45.110
Strategy for implementation Total	132.183	112.205	19.978
Grand Total	374.138	255.869	118.269

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Personnel	18.834	9.417	9.417
International Staff	360	360	0
National Staff	18.474	9.057	9.417
Workshops & Training	20.451	8.451	12.000
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General Expenditure	20.281	21.205	-924
Travel	7.800	3.935	3.866
Communications	123	123	0
Financial Charges	1.678	11.807	-10.130
Shared Office and Services Costs	10.680	5.340	5.340
Contributions & Transfers	284.256	201.179	83.077
Cash Transfers National Societies	284.256	201.179	83.077
Indirect Costs	30.315	15.616	14.699
Programme & Services Support Recover	30.315	15.616	14.699
Grand Total	374.138	255.869	118.269