

Locally-led Anticipatory Action and Anticipatory Cash – Case Examples and Ideas

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Criterion for locally-led AA	Explanation	Entry points for Anticipatory Cash	Example(s) of Anticipatory Cash Implemented / potential	Source / Link
Communities and local actors implementing their own anticipatory actions	Local communities, institutions or specific groups take independent initiative to anticipate and act on risks using their own knowledge, capacities, or resources. - Group-specific actions, e.g. by women, farmers or people with disabilities, within a community. - Community-wide actions, e.g. drainage-clearing or rehabilitation of water points, driven and implemented by communities. - Institutionally embedded action plans in local structures, e.g. municipal AAPs or integration into local social protection systems.	- Cash distributed by women's groups for protection and resilience - Community savings groups disbursing emergency funds before floods - Cash top-ups for social protection beneficiaries based on local flood forecasts - Support to municipality/local administration to develop their own AAPs and use own disaster funds to deliver anticipatory cash	- Community-led groups in Gaza distributed cash for protection and resilience activities, including via women's groups. - Cambodian community groups advocated for cash support to protect land and livelihoods before threats materialised. - Communities applied for grants from Malawi Red Cross. Result: the GCT program, implemented in 2 areas, aimed to empower community groups to implement their own AA before the occurrence of forecasted hazards (triggers). In one area, the program has a special focus on supporting people with disabilities, i.e. some communities used the cash for the proposed activities to drench river bank which significantly reduced the impact of flood following the forecasted event of floods induced by tropical cyclone CHIDO. Proposals evaluated based on: 1.) Alignment with AA – The proposed interventions needed to address disaster risks and preparedness. 2.) Inclusion of People with Disabilities, 3.) Impact on the Wider Community – Proposals had to demonstrate significant community benefits. - Potential. Supported by the Red Cross Honduras, El Salvador, Ecuador for drought, flood, volcanic ash (ECHO - FAO, GRC, HNS, 2023-25). Plans could be expanded to include CVA - Centroamerica: Anticipatory Cash interventions have been incorporated into municipal-level anticipatory action frameworks, particularly through experiences in Valle, Honduras; and Ahuachapán, El Salvador. These efforts have been made possible thanks to the collaboration of various stakeholders, including Municipal Governments, FAO, ECHO, National Societies in the two countries, and the German Red Cross.	Christian Aid & DCA/NCA – Gaza, Palestine (Mapping of GCT) DCA – Cambodia (Mapping of GCT) Malawi link Anticipatory Action Plan in Alianza, Valle

				Ground Truth Solutions presented something in last LLAA TWG (Anita asked for it)
Locally Led Early Warning Systems, trigger threshold setting	Early warning systems that are developed, maintained, and acted upon by local actors ensuring that local knowledge, monitoring systems and early warning signs feed into AA decision-making. - Local, Traditional and Indigenous early warning indicators and / or hybrid systems for decision-making. - Community monitoring networks, e.g. for rainfall or river levels. - Localized alert dissemination, e.g. community leaders, volunteer networks or radio co-develop actionable and contextualized early warning messages - to issue tailored and inclusive warnings for early action.	- Cash grants triggered by community-run rainfall monitoring systems - Community-based forecast triggers linked to pre-arranged cash top-ups	- Danish Red Cross worked with local authorities and livelihood groups in Ethiopia to act early on climate-smart risks.	Danish Red Cross – Ethiopia (Mapping of GCT)

Locally Led Planning and Coordination Mechanisms	Processes and platforms through which local actors take on a coordination or facilitation role, bringing together communities, agencies, and stakeholders to align anticipatory actions. Local platforms convening anticipatory action planning among actors. - Local input into and leadership of targeting and registration processes. - Local government units leading coordination of multi-actor efforts	- Pre-disaster cash distributions coordinated by local NGOs based on seasonal forecasts - Participatory vulnerability mapping used to determine cash recipient criteria - Local coordination of CVA actions, e.g. harmonizing transfer values, avoiding duplication and overlap.	- Mercy Corps pilots in Ethiopia enabled joint forecast-informed targeting for anticipatory cash during drought. - YMCA and Palestinian agricultural groups coordinated pre-crisis cash-based programming in Gaza.	Christian Aid – Gaza, Palestine (Mapping of GCT)
Flexible or Pre-agreed Financing for Autonomous, Locally Led AA	Funding mechanisms that allow local actors to access and control resources ahead of a shock. - The use of international pooled funds by local actors and / or communities. - Provision of (contingency) budgets within local government disaster funds. - Provision of funding for Anticipatory Action at the local level by international NGOs, e.g. through partnership	- International pooled funds used by communities to deliver anticipatory cash (e.g. DREF, CERF, START Ready, WAHAFA) - Local actors advocate for municipal contingency funds to include anticipatory cash	- Uganda Red Cross EAP - Start Network's DEPP pilots engaged local actors in Bangladesh and Kenya to advocate for early funding windows. - idea - a diaspora fundraising tool by Shaqodoon in Somaliland could be mobilised to finance locally led anticipatory cash based on a forecast	

	agreements with local NGOs. - private funding (e.g. diaspora or community fundraising).			
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