

Risk Monitoring

Amber alert: A status in ALERT which indicates increased risk of a potential disaster.

- In amber alert the ALERT Platform will prompt users to monitor risk indicators more frequently according to the frequency of monitoring stated for the amber trigger values.
- Amber alert is the recommended phase to make sure that all MPAs are completed and relevant scenario based response plans updated and approved.

Disaster scenario: A “story” that uses evidence from past events to estimate how a disaster may unfold

Green alert: A status in ALERT which indicates no imminent threat or potential emergency recognised; Normal day-to-day activities occur during this period, particularly completing MPAs and monitoring risk indicators.

Hazards: Threats such as storms, floods, diseases, political instability, economic crisis, food insecurity

Magnitude: Scale of impact of a possible hazard, e.g. a Category 1 cyclone, or a magnitude 6 earthquake

Monitoring: Observing risk indicators to pick up changes that may signify the onset of a potential emergency event

Rapid onset hazard: A hazard that occurs with little or no warning, e.g. earthquake, cyclones and floods

Red alert: A status in ALERT that indicates a high likelihood of an imminent disaster occurring or that a disaster has already occurred.

- In red alert the ALERT Platform activates the APAs that are associated with the specific hazard

Risk indicators: Factors that can indicate the onset of a potential hazard or a change in an existing situation, (e.g. rising dam water levels, rising malnutrition rates, increased food prices)

Trigger point: The point at which risk indicator changes indicate deterioration in the situation

Preparedness Actions

Advanced Preparedness Actions (APAs): First actions you undertake in anticipation of an imminent disaster to ensure an advanced state of readiness to respond and/or to limit impacts of the disaster.

Continuity MPAs: preparedness actions that maintain the capability of the agency to continue to deliver existing programmes and services at acceptable predefined levels following a disruptive event or disaster

Response plan-specific MPAs: preparedness actions that prepare the agency to undertake specific actions related to the scenario based response plans and specific hazard risk.

Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) Preparedness Actions: forty minimum preparedness actions derived from the nine core humanitarian standards that are built into the ALERT Platform.

- The actions are not a measure of CHS compliance, but are guidance actions for agencies to work towards delivering CHS compliant emergency response.
- Every agency that uses the CHS functionality in ALERT receives the same actions on their platform.
- During the trial period of ALERT we are seeking feedback on the CHS preparedness actions to improve their appropriateness and usefulness

Mandated Preparedness Actions: A set of actions that an agency requires all its offices to fulfil

Minimum Preparedness Actions (MPAs): Actions taken on a day to day basis which will ensure operational continuity and effective response when an emergency occurs.

Scenario based response plans

Scenario based response plans: Plans for emergency response based on: response planning based on an identified hazard event scenario.

- The ALERT Platform enables agencies to develop any number of scenario based response plans
- The scenario based response plans can be:
 - Edited
 - Viewed
 - Submitted for approval – where the plan is sent directly to Country Directors and any partners that are named in the plan for them to view and approve. When the plan is approved it will be marked green and will be included in the ‘number of response plans’ on the ALERT dashboard.
 - Downloaded to Start Fund template – this populates all the relevant data into the Start Fund template to be viewed and then downloaded into the excel spreadsheet format.
 - Download into Word format – this function is currently unavailable
 - Download into Excel format – this function is currently unavailable

Key performance indicator (KPI): A pre-set benchmark by which an intervention’s success can be measured