

Disaster Response Emergency Fund

Introduction to the DREF

24 November 2022



Agenda



Introduction



New Ceilings and loan process



One Fund, Two pillars



New DREF Application Process



Testing and feedback

What is the DREF?



200 Million people

Assisted since its establishment

The IFRC's goal is to raise a total of **300 million Swiss francs for 2022-2025** reaching to at least **100 million Swiss francs per year by 2025**



CHF 441 Million

Allocated since 1985

1985

The DREF was established by the IFRC

2018

IFRC launched the **Forecast-based Action by the DREF**

2021

Publication of the **2021-2025 DREF Strategic Ambition**

2022

Merge of the two funds "Response" 2 pillars

DREF operations and Early Action Protocols in 2021

136
Operations

supported through 151 allocations

88
countries

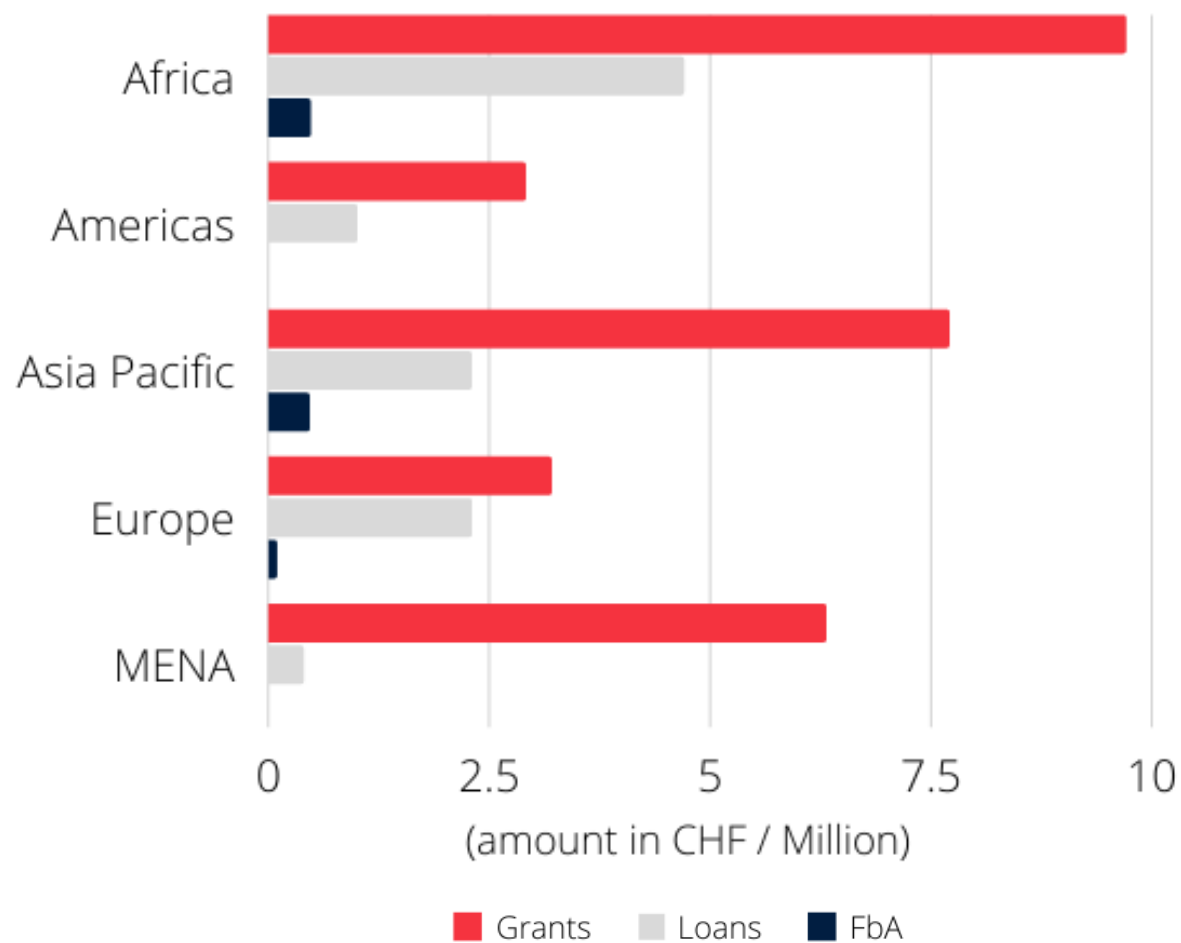
12 million
people assisted

31
loans

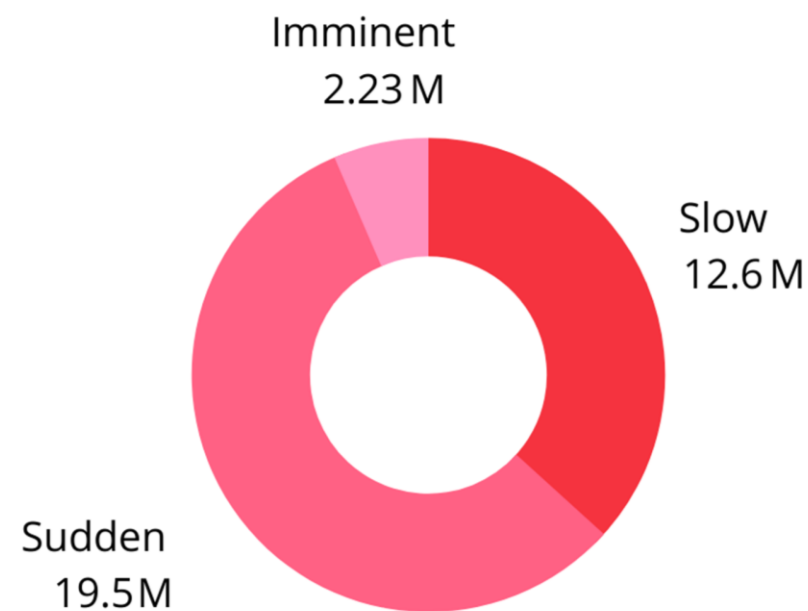
105
grants



DREF Allocations by region in 2021



DREF Allocations by onset in 2021



Our strategic ambition



The Key Elements of the DREF Strategic Ambition

Strategic Objective 1:

Enabling local action – enough funding as direct as possible

Enabler 1: A lean, efficient fund



Strategic Objective 2:

Saving more lives by anticipating crisis and acting earlier

Enabler 2: Increased support to National Societies



Strategic Objective 3:

Increase the value of DREF in protracted, slow onset and complex events

Enabler 3: National Society ownership and trust





New Ceilings and Loan process

Scaling up DREF funded operations

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New Ceilings

Preferred Option: Levelled ceiling increase per emergency scale ¹		
Key Specifications	DREF Grants	DREF Loans
Small-scale emergency		
Ceiling	500,000 CHF	
Suspension Threshold	N/A	N/A
Timeframe changes	N/A	N/A
Medium-scale emergency		
Ceiling	1,000,000	
Suspension Threshold	Less than 12,000,000 CHF in the pot	Less than 12,000,000 CHF in the pot
Timeframe changes	Up to 9 months*	Reimbursement after up to 6 months*
Large-scale emergency		
Ceiling	1,000,000	2,000,000
Suspension Threshold	Less than 12,000,000 CHF in the pot	Less than 12,000,000 CHF in the pot
Timeframe changes	Up to 9 months*	Reimbursement after up to 6 months*



Multi-country Appeal loan



Multi-country emergencies may allocate up to the maximum amount in the ceiling, for each country (as per each category), **according to needs**. This means, for example: *If an intense tropical cyclone is about to make landfall in a continental territory, forecasted to affect four different countries then, depending on forecasts and categorization, the initial allocation may look like this:*

- Country A – primary impact – large scale / red level
- Country B and C - secondary impact – medium scale / orange level
- Country D tertiary impact – small scale / yellow level

Country A: CHF 2,000,000 loan	Country A: CHF 700,000 loan
Country B: CHF 1,000,000 loan	Country B: CHF 500,000 loan
Country C: CHF 1,000,000 loan	Country C: CHF 500,000 loan
Country D: CHF 500,000 loan	Country D: CHF 300,000 loan
Total: CHF 4,500,000 loan	Total: CHF 2,000,000 loan

- This is the worst-case scenario in every country, and the **maximum possible allocation** for this worst-case scenario.
- Loan allocations are **always needs based**, to **kickstart the response of an Emergency Appeal**.

Important: This is only possible if the DREF pot (response pillar) has at least 12 million Swiss francs. In the new DREF Procedures, it will be considered a *soft-cap*.



One Fund, Two pillars

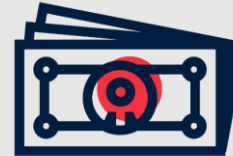
Scaling up the use and relevance of the DREF

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DREF Evolution: One fund, Two pillars



DREF



Anticipatory Pillar

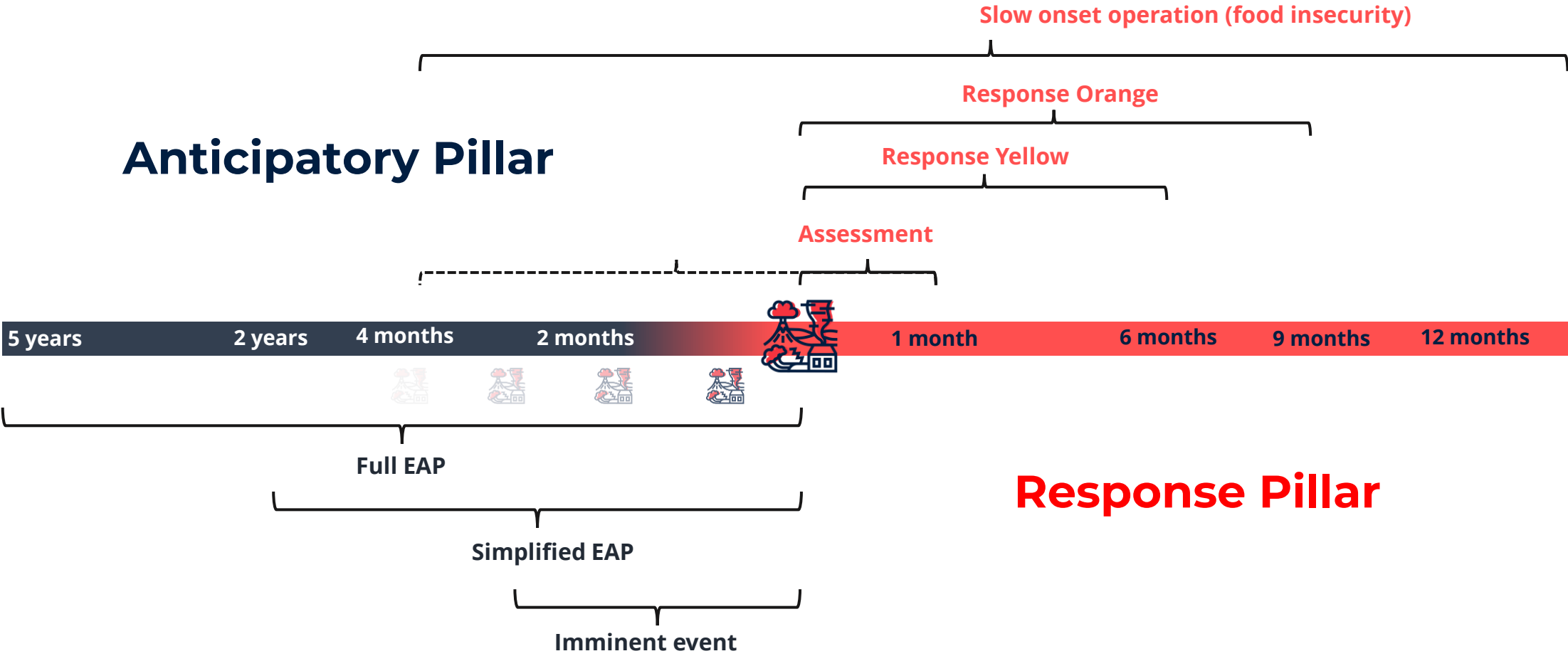
- **EAPs:** Readiness and early actions, higher ceilings (No events in the horizon).
- **Simplified EAPs:** readiness, early actions, lower ceilings (No events in the horizon).
- **Imminent modality:** readiness, early actions, early response (Events in the horizon).

Response Pillar

- **Response modality:** Classic, with a 2M ceiling and 1M for medium disasters.
- **Assessment modality:** Smaller amount and simple request.
- **Slow Onset modality:** A duration of 12 or 18 months (Can start as imminent).

One Fund, Two pillars

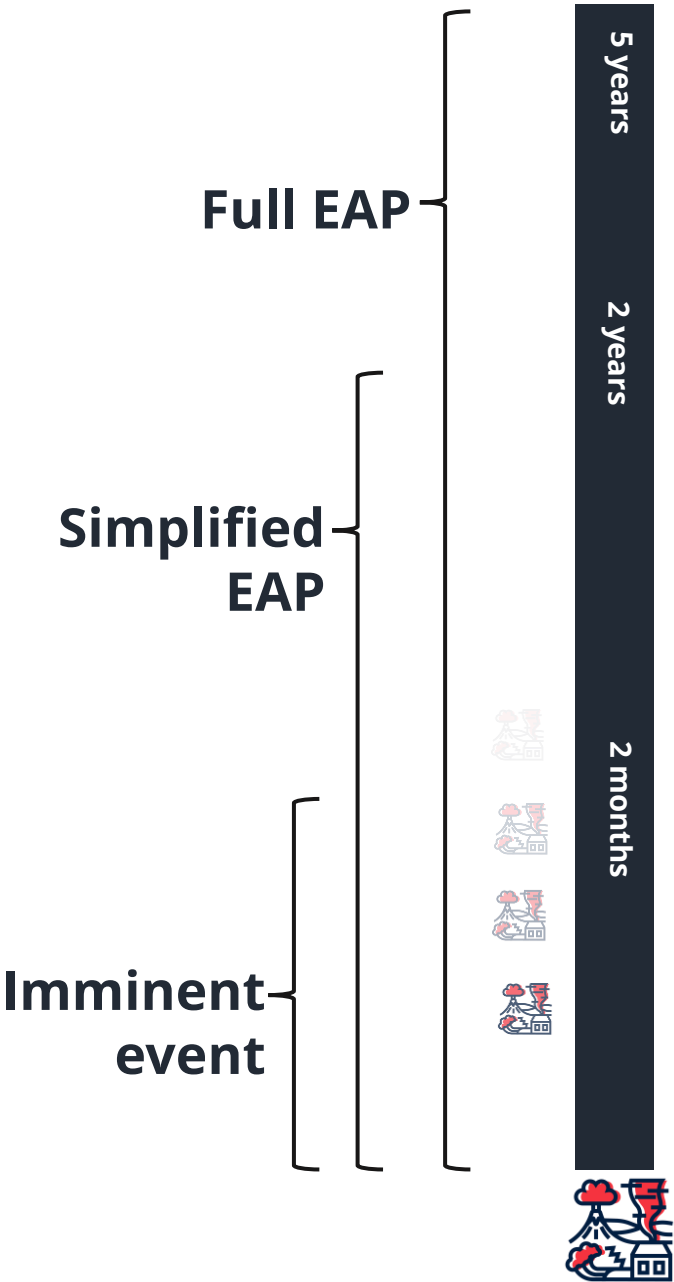
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One Fund, two pillars

Anticipatory pillar

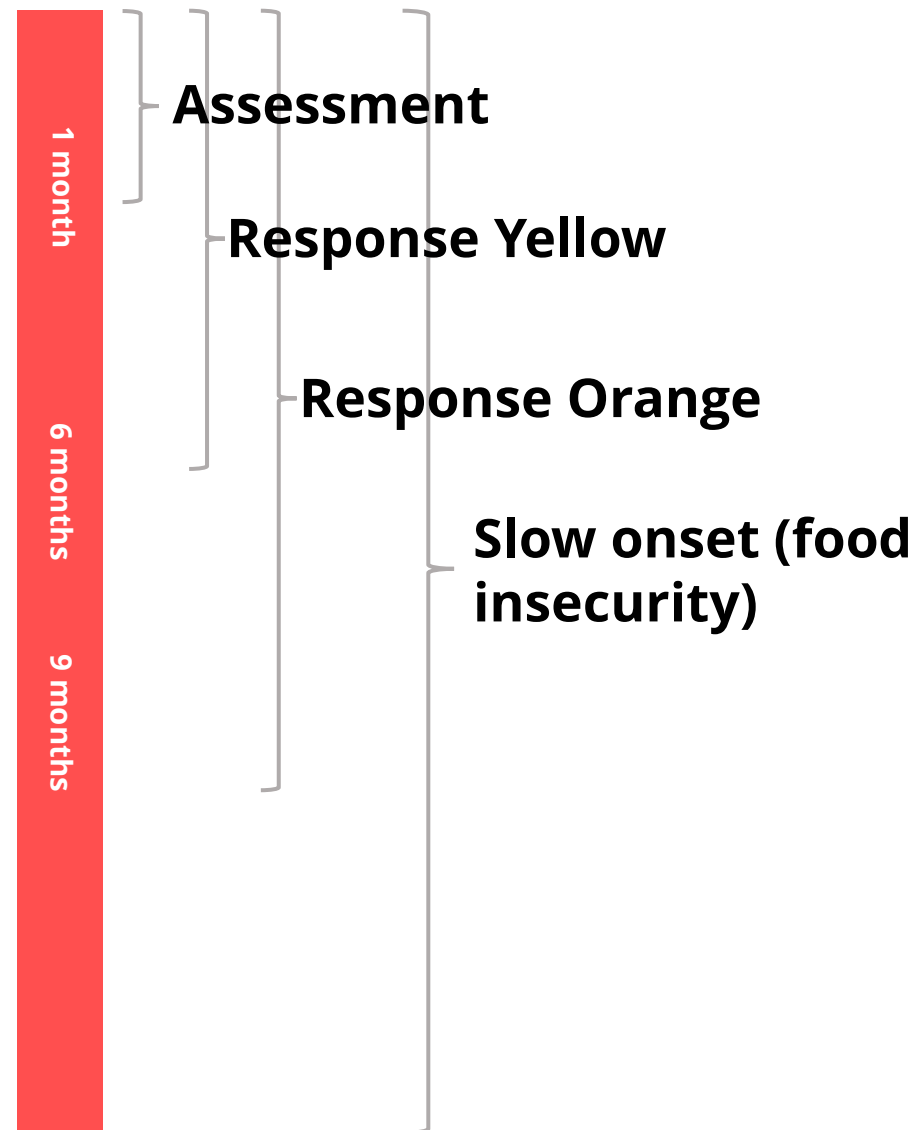
- for weather & non-weather
- 200,000 CHF sudden onset
- 2000 people targeted
- Simple application and DREF
- Simple basic readiness materials (linked to the early action)
- 2-5 year lifespan
- Not pre agreed funding
- Annual readiness & pre-positioning costs



Anticipatory Pillar



Response Pillar



One Fund, two pillars + C

Response Pillar

IFRC

for health & emergency weather

Traditional DREF
management support

Focused on provision of emergency

services, such as targeted distribution

services, such as targeted distribution

For deployment of teams to conduct

assessment

Minimum 100 hours support is

encouraged

Requires Ops update once assessment

Maximum 6 months, with up to 9 months

Broadening DREF Activity Scope for

smaller and food insecurity

DREF uses:

Anticipatory Action

Response

PREPAREDNESS

ANTICIPATORY ACTION

RESPONSE

RECOVERY

Annual readiness and one-off pre-positioning

Surge Deployments and Assessments are always a possibility, on needs basis.

Early action to save lives, and reduce damage and losses caused by disasters on communities.

Slow Onset: Readiness, pre-positioning, early action, setting up response and early response.

Sudden Onset: Relief and immediate live-saving support.

DREF for Slow and Sudden Onset: Early Recovery and transition planning linked to National Society priorities

Continuous National Society Capacity Strengthening / Encouraging linkages with longer-term institutional funding based on operational learning.

Eligible activities

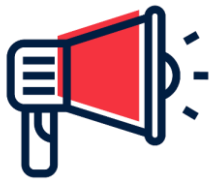


Assessment e.g. pre-disaster assessment of capacity to respond to imminent crisis; needs assessment, etc.)



Mobilising of Resources

e.g. mobilisation and training of volunteers, surge personnel, equipment, stock procurement, replenishment of stocks or funds used for cash, etc.



Communication e.g. attracting national and international media attention as early as possible, etc.



Monitoring, Evaluation and learning

beneficiary satisfaction surveys,, IFRC monitoring, visit to branches, lessons learned, etc



Response e.g. evacuations, search and rescue, distribution of relief items or cash or vouchers, etc

Eligible activities



- Psychological support for responders.
- NS and IFRC allocation of personnel dedicated to the implementation of the operation.
- NS capacity building for the specific operation.
- Volunteers' insurance coverage.
- National Society fixed-rate and overhead costs.

For imminent DREF:



- Mobilize and equip disaster response teams and volunteers.
- Carry out training or refresher training of volunteers.
- Mobile existing stocks.
- Early Warning and Early Actions (e.g. evacuations).
- Planning of assessments.

Non-eligible activities



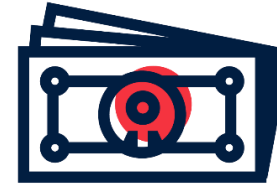
Assets and vehicles purchase



Nation-wide training
unless the operation covers the entire country



Capacity strengthening
of branches not involved in the response



NS salaries, running costs, utilities etc. not directly related to the operation.



Participation in international training (unless directly related to the response)



New DREF Application

A more efficient, leaner DREF Request

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New DREF Application Process

Online GO template

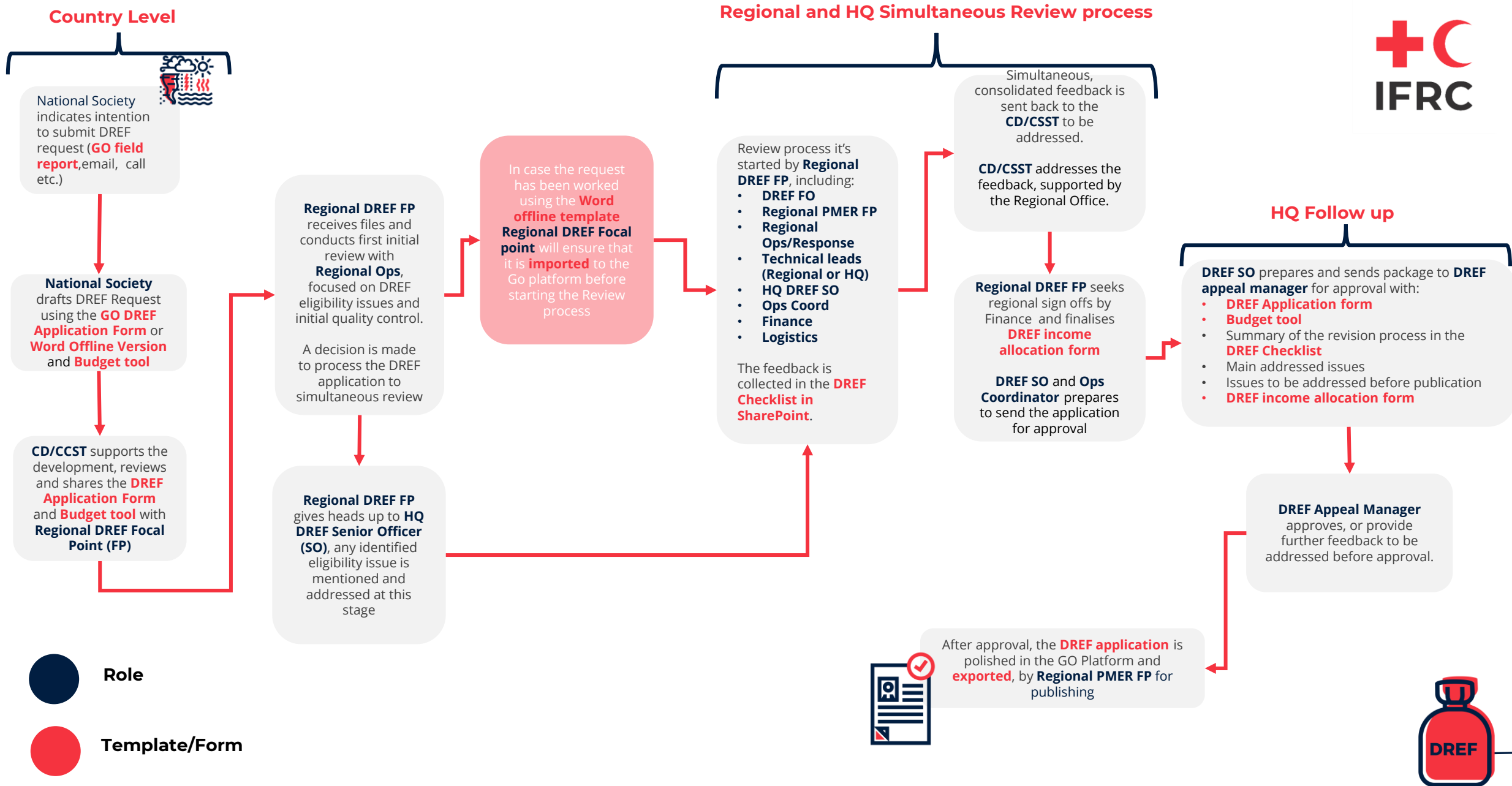
Available in the **GO Platform**, it would allow to take information from a Field Report to start the request, as well as to share with other users as the DREF request moves ahead

Publishable/Offline version

Ready to publish document, can be automatically generated by using the export function on a **GO platform DREF request**. It can also be used as the **offline template** when accessing the GO platform is not possible

DREF review Checklist

The new **DREF Checklist** will guide the review of DREF requests, with provision of the specific elements that need to be looked at, as well as space to **consolidate feedback** from the Region, Technical Leads and HQ



Filing the DREF Review Checklist

DREF review checklist

This checklist is to ensure that the DREF review process is systematized, it is aimed to be used by the DREF team and the GVA Ops Coordination team to standardize the review process. The checklist outlines the main components of the template that is used for requesting funding from DREF and provides guidance on the information to be looked at.

DREF Overview, Essential details and Timeframe

☐ Is the onset of the disaster properly categorized (slow or sudden onset, imminent crisis, or triggered early action)?

☐ Has a trigger or disaster start date been identified?

☐ Has the Emergency Response Framework category been added, and it is justified?

☐ Is the NS response date within one week of the identified trigger or disaster start date? Please note that if there is no NS response date identified, this plan is only eligible if it is a case of imminent crisis or triggered early action:

☐ Otherwise, if the NS is requesting the DREF for assessments, this needs to be explained in later sections?

Comments/Recommendations (please identify yourself when commenting, also add if your comment is a must or recommended or would be ideal to be included):

RO:

GVA:

Previous operations

☐ Has the NS clearly filled in the previous operations section?

☐ Are the areas affected well known risk prone areas for which other longer-term programmes (DRR, Preparedness, etc.) are being carried out (with IFRC or another actor's support)? Has this information been included in the plan?

☐ Is information from lessons learnt from previous operations included and are the resulting mitigation measures described??

☐ If the areas targeted are the same as targeted by previous operations, has this been explained clearly in the proposal? And is there information to support how this can still be considered an extraordinary event?

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Internal

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Open the Checklist on your **desktop app** and not in the browser version so that functionality including dropdown menu remains available.

Reviewer must enter their name and role. They must equally indicate if the comment/recommendation is a **must for approval**, one which **can be addressed after approval** or one which would simply one which would be **nice to have**.

The comments should be **included in relevant section of the Checklist** i.e. Previous operations, Description of event, Actions by NS (Gaps) Operation, Budget, etc.

During the review process, the **addressed check** will be used once confirmed that the feedback has been added to the application form



Testing phase, and feedback collection

Scan this code to access the feedback form!



Link

forms.office.com/r/N9MkEb7gk6

- The testing period will run from **October 2022 to March 2023.**
- The feedback form will be available in **English, Arabic, Spanish and French** for **National Societies** and **IFRC personnel.**
- The form will be used to collect feedback on **all aspects of the DREF Evolution.**

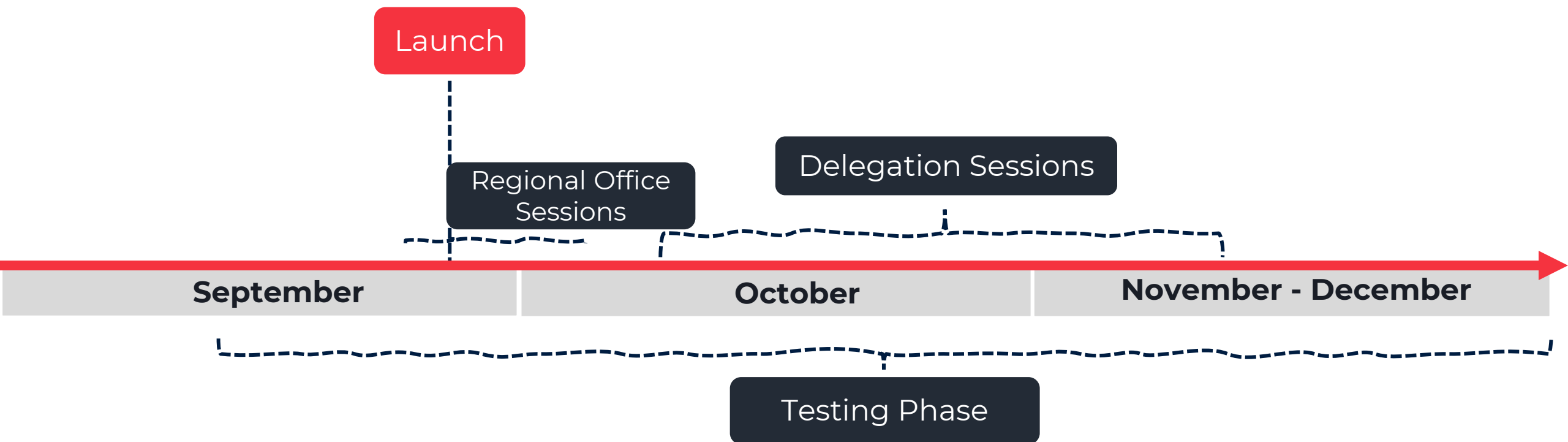


Dissemination timeline and testing phase

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Dissemination Timeline & Testing

Disseminating the DREF 2.0 Evolution in Africa



Useful information



- [New DREF application templates](#)
- [The excel version of the Budget](#)
- [DREF Application in GO.](#)
- [Checklist.](#)
- [Offline Version.](#)

To Note:

Translations : The offline template can be easily translated if needed, but the content is likely to change as we receive feedback on the process. If needed, delegations can do quick online translations to ease work with national Societies. **The online application will not be translated until after the testing phase is over next year.**

Operation Update and Final report: These are still being finalized, with the Operation Update in GO platform likely to be finalized before the Final report template. More info to come on this in due time.

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