

National Society Preparedness Global meeting 2024 - concept note

Background

The necessity for National Societies (NS) to be prepared for disasters and crises is crucial for delivering timely and quality emergency response services. At the 2013 Sydney General Assembly, RCRC National Societies emphasized the need for improved Disaster Risk Management capacity, leading to the adoption of revised [Principles and Rules for RCRC Humanitarian Assistance](#). These set minimum standards for preparedness and response, aiming to enhance NS capacities and align tools and processes with global standards. In 2019, the General Assembly approved a comprehensive [Disaster Risk Management Policy](#), promoting integrated approaches across all disaster contexts and replacing previous policies.

To strengthen the NS preparedness approach and bolster humanitarian capacity, the IFRC developed the [NS Preparedness Framework](#), providing theoretical and operational guidance for National Societies. This includes the [Preparedness for Effective Response \(PER\) approach](#), which consolidates two decades of learning to strengthen NS response capacity. The PER approach is built on the National Disaster Preparedness and Response Mechanism (NDPRM), covering policy, strategy, analysis, planning, operational capacity, coordination, and support. Success relies on leadership commitment, collective ownership, and a thorough understanding of the approach, emphasizing local capacities supported by international resources when necessary.

There is an established NS Preparedness Membership Coordination structure that includes two groups the Core Group and the Technical Working Group:

- The Core Group facilitates the operationalization and implementation of the DRM policy and NS Preparedness Framework and its PER approach, providing financial, technical support, [implements and monitor the collective agreed plan of action 2023 - 2025](#) in support to NS Preparedness agenda globally and holds monthly calls.
- The Technical Working Group first established in early 2017, is an informal group of experts and has been pivotal in achieving a unified approach to NS Response Preparedness and capacity strengthening. This TWG supports the Secretariat in assessing, planning, implementing, and monitoring disaster preparedness actions, ensuring a cohesive global approach. The TWG's first face-to-face meeting was held in May 2017 in Budapest, and since then, both virtual and in-person meetings have advanced the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) approach globally.

This year, the face-to-face meeting will take place in Kuala Lumpur, with the aim to facilitate a cross regional exchange of the NS preparedness and response capacities practices. The meeting will coincide with the Global IFRC-wide Preparedness and Readiness meeting which is aimed at agreeing and clearly articulating an aligned and coordinated FedWide approach and intention for preparedness and readiness.

NSP Meeting Objectives & Expected Results

Objectives:

1. **Review progress** of the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) approach highlighting key successes and identify challenges and areas for improvement.

2. **Capture and document National Societies' preparedness experiences** to support ongoing research on the impact of preparedness and response capacity strengthening actions on locally led responses, while **facilitating the exchange of best practices and lessons learned**
3. **Enhance Coordination** and harmonize disaster preparedness actions and linkages across teams and with other national, regional, and global levels.

Expected Results

1. **A Comprehensive Progress Report** outlining the progress of the PER approach, highlighting both successes and areas for improvement.
2. **Enhanced knowledge, evidence base** and comprehensive collection of documented case studies from National Societies' preparedness experiences, facilitating the exchange of best practices and lessons learned. This enriched knowledge base will support ongoing research and provide actionable insights to improve National Society disaster preparedness.
3. **Improved Coordination Mechanisms:** Strengthened coordination mechanisms at all levels, ensuring a more cohesive and harmonized approach to disaster preparedness.

NSP meeting Participants profile

National Societies: Representatives from National Societies that have expressed/ confirmed their willingness to participate in the NS Preparedness contribution to locally led response research will be prioritized to participate in this global meeting. Participants should have in depth knowledge about the National Society Preparedness and response capacities experiences, learnings from preparedness programmes and emergency operations, relationship with local preparedness and response authorities, partners, and different initiatives across thematic areas within the NS that can be showcased during the meeting. Participation of each NS will be dependent upon confirmation of resources to support travel costs. Below the list of National Societies as per ongoing consultation for the research:

- Africa: South Sudan, Zambia, Uganda, Mali, Ethiopia
- Americas: Panama, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Ecuador, Belize
- Asia Pacific: Philippines, Mongolia, Vanuatu,
- Europe: Bulgaria, Tajikistan, Moldova
- MENA: Yemen, Libya,

Partners National Societies: Global NS Preparedness/ institutional preparedness focal points and members of the Core Group are invited to attend the NS Preparedness meeting. 1-2 participants max per National Society are expected to attend and support the meeting preparations, sister NS participation and meeting objectives and deliverables.

IFRC Secretariat: NS preparedness regional and Global focal points and supporting team members, other technical teams to be invited according to agenda are expected to attend the meeting.

Reference Centres: **representatives from** CREPD, CADRIM; GDPC, other reference centres working and supporting institutional preparedness as appropriate

Meeting Language: English

National Society Preparedness Global Meeting

Kuala Lumpur, 27th – 29th November 2024

November 25 th – 26 th Federation wide Preparedness and Readiness	November 27 th (Wednesday) National Society preparedness	November 28 th (Thursday) National Society preparedness	November 29 th (Friday) National Society preparedness
		Video – testimonies recording	Video – testimonies recording
	Opening session (9:00-10:30)	Opening session (9:00-10:30)	Opening session (9:00-10:30)
	Opening and Introductions Key Takeaways from Federation-Wide Preparedness and Readiness Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss linkages with the broader strategic picture and implications for National Society (NS) preparedness. 	Locally led Preparedness for response - Experience exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing good practices, lessons, challenges, recommendations NS Preparedness Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country Pages, PER online tools, Catalogue of resources 	Regional PER results and Operational learnings Trends analysis Update on NSP linkages and complementarities with key topics/areas
Break (10:30-10:45)			
	NS Preparedness Journey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did we get here? What is next? 	Locally led Preparedness for response - Experience exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing good practices, lessons, challenges, recommendations 	Communication and advocacy strategy and plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What we have achieved and what are the new challenges Sharing good practices and recommendations (Newsletter, LinkedIn group, etc)
Lunch Break (12:00-13:00)			
	Update on localization resolution from International Conference Introduction to the localization research	Localization research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensus on preliminary findings and take aways for localization research 	Core group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSP tools development
Break (15:00-15:15)			

	<p>Locally led Preparedness for response - Experience exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing good practices, lessons, challenges, recommendations 	<p>National Society Preparedness complementarities with NSD/ OT, Branch Development, NS capacity assessment and development processes.</p>	<p>Core group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status Implementation of 2024 work plan; priorities for 2025 work plan • Core Group – structure, efficiency and accountability (including meeting modality)
	<p>Video – testimonies recording</p>	<p>Video – testimonies recording</p>	
<p>17:30 Wrap Up session -> key take aways</p>			