

ANTICIPATORY ACTION HONDURAS 2026 ACTIVATION



- 4 SECTORS
- 4 AGENCIES
- US\$4M FROM CERF
- 2 DEPARTMENTS TARGETED - EL PARAÍSO (TEXIGUAT, VADO ANCHO) AND FRANCISCO MORAZÁN (CURARÉN, ALUBARÉN, REITOCA)
- UP TO 65,000 PEOPLE TO BE REACHED
- DROUGHT FORECAST WITH A 1-IN-3-YEAR RETURN PERIOD



OCHA's Center for Humanitarian Data monitoring trigger status and issuing automated monthly updates on the 5th of each month. Thresholds are calibrated to a combined annual return period of 1 in 3 years (1 in 2.92).3 years (1 in 2.92).

Getting ahead of drought in the Dry Corridor

The UN in Honduras, through FAO, PAHO, UNICEF and WFP, developed this anticipatory action framework for drought in Honduras's Dry Corridor together with the Government and with support from OCHA. Ranked among the world's most climate-vulnerable countries, Honduras faces recurrent drought driven by irregular rainfall and El Niño events, with severe impacts on food security, nutrition, water access and health — particularly for smallholder farmers and rural communities. The framework, approved by the Emergency Relief Coordinator in 2024 and renewed for 2026–2027, aims to protect up to 65,000 people in El Paraíso and Francisco Morazán through collective, cross-sector anticipatory actions triggered as soon as forecasts reach the activation threshold.

The Trigger Mechanism

The mechanism has two monitoring windows — Window A (Primera season) and Window B (Postrera season) — based on seasonal rainfall forecasts aggregated across the departments of El Paraíso and Francisco Morazán. Forecasts are sourced from the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF SEAS5), with

	Window A	Window B
Type	Based on forecasts	Based on forecasts
Indicator	Rainfall forecast	Rainfall forecast
Activation period	March, April, May	July, August, September

Monitoring period for each window												
	Monitoring period					Expected period of potential impact						
Window A	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Window B	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D

ANTICIPATORY ACTION FRAMEWORK

THE MODEL

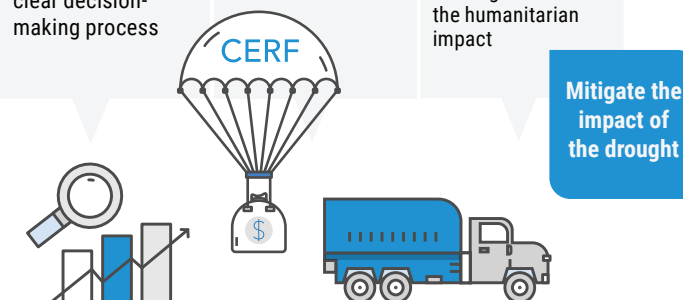
A robust forecasting embedded in a clear decision-making process

THE MONEY

Pre-arranged finance

THE DELIVERY

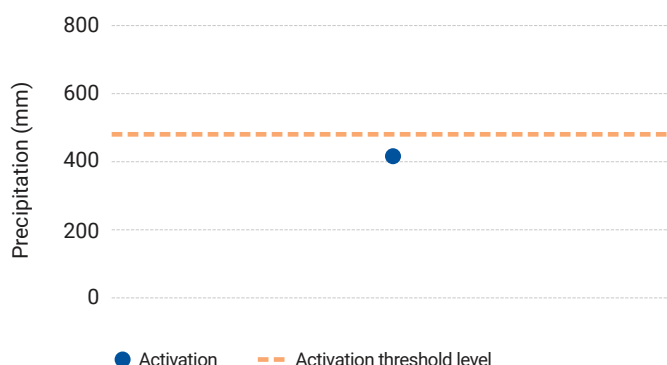
Pre-agreed action plan that can reduce or mitigate the humanitarian impact



Anticipatory Action Honduras' Dry Corridor

Primera Drought Monitoring 2026

MARCH 2026 ACTIVATION UPDATE - ACTIVATION STATUS: **ACTIVATED**



March 2026: First Activation of Collective Anticipatory Action Framework for Drought

On 5 March 2026, ECMW seasonal forecasts for May, June, July and August reached the pre-agreed threshold triggers, indicating a potential impact of severe drought. Anticipatory actions were activated, releasing US\$4 million in pre-arranged CERF funding to protect up to 65,000 people.

The UN in Honduras, through FAO, PAHO, UNICEF and WFP, are immediately implementing interventions across food security, health, WASH and nutrition – before drought impacts reach their peak.



In-kind food assistance



Seeds, irrigation systems, animal health



Water systems improvement, water treatment and safe storage



Malnutrition prevention and treatment

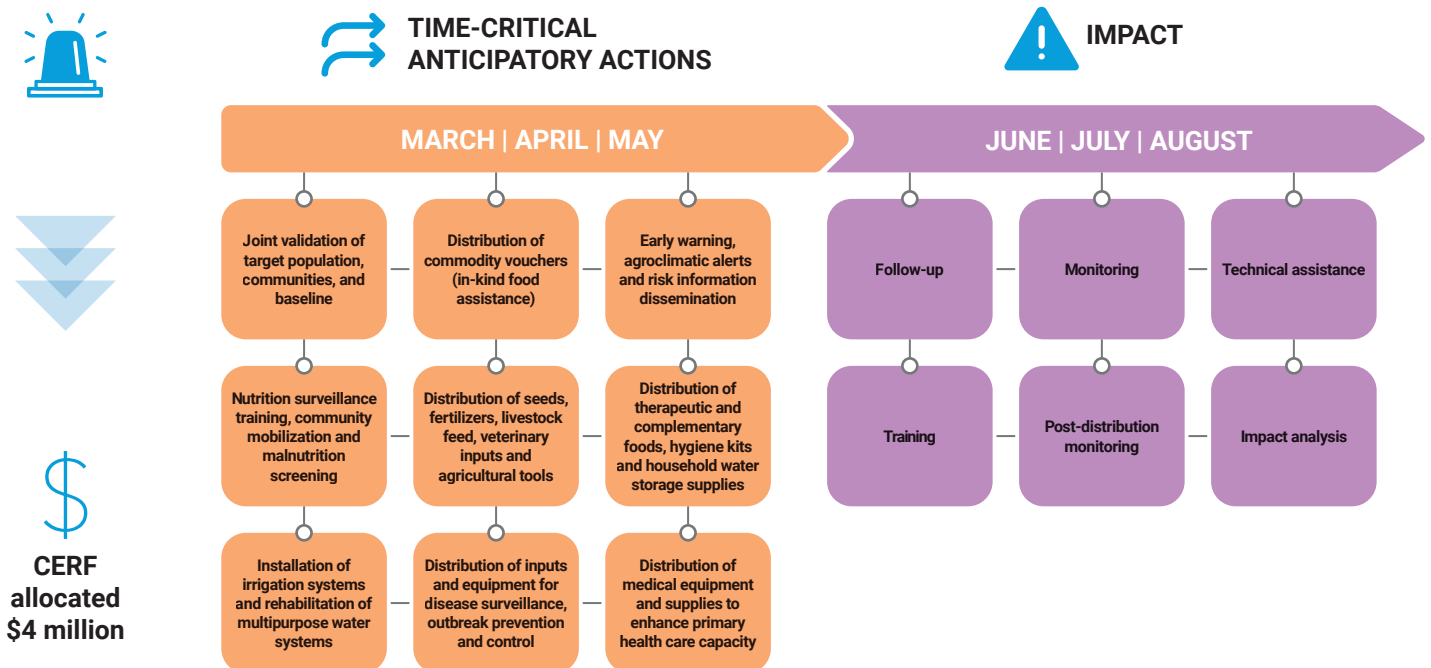


Early warning and risk communication



Health surveillance and disease outbreak prevention

Implementation



COORDINATION, ALIGNMENT WITH GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES, 345W MONITORING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED PEOPLE (AAP)