



Technical Meeting on **Anticipatory Action (AA)** **and Impact-Based Forecasting** **(IBF)**

Report

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Introduction

On Thursday, 13th February 2025, a technical meeting on Anticipatory Action (AA) and Impact-Based Forecasting (IbF) was convened at Boma Hotel from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The meeting brought together key stakeholders, including representatives from government agencies and partner organizations such as UNICEF, IOM, UNDP and GNDR, with the primary objective of assessing progress in the implementation of the AA Roadmap and the integration of IbF into national disaster preparedness strategies.

The meeting commenced with an introduction of participants, followed by a review of the agenda which aimed to provide an update on previous AA workshops, review outcomes from recent engagements, and chart the way forward for further advancing anticipatory action and impact-based forecasting in Kenya.

Review of Previous National Anticipatory Action (AA) Workshops

On Thursday, 13th February 2025, a technical meeting on Anticipatory Action (AA) and The first session of the meeting was led by James Nyaga, Samuel Nyansiri, and Zachary Misiani, who provided an overview of the past AA workshops and the progress made to date.

Briefing New Members: New members were introduced to previous activities, including capacity-building efforts that have been instrumental in strengthening stakeholder engagement in AA. A recap of the development of Excel-based roadmaps per pillar was also done, highlighting priority actions, outcomes, outputs, responsible institutions, and timelines in implementing these actions. The session also covered the preparation of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) frameworks, thus far.

Additionally, the last workshop introduced a membership form to allocate members to specific pillars, and new members were encouraged to complete it for proper assignment.

Terms of Reference (ToRs)/ Allocation of Pillar Leads and Co-leads: The Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the NTWG-AA were reviewed. NDOC was assigned the responsibility of contacting the proposed pillar leads and co-leads to confirm their willingness to continue in their roles. It was emphasized that government agencies would take on the pillar lead roles, with partner organizations serving as co-leads for the respective pillars. The pillar leads will remain in position until the completion of the AA Roadmap term in 2029, while the co-leads may rotate based on the specific decisions of each pillar. The finalized list of pillar leads and co-leads is provided in the annex below.

A key recommendation was made to strengthen the National Technical Working Group on Anticipatory Action's (NTWG-AA) technical expertise through capacity building exercises and trainings.

Urgent completion of the ToR and development of key governance documents for the NTWGAA by the Policy and Advocacy Pillar (Pillar 5) was emphasized.



Review of Work Plan: During the session, pillar members also met to review their respective work plans. Presentations were made, and discussions highlighted the need for clarifications, particularly for members who were not present in previous meetings. Outstanding questions and emerging issues were noted by pillar members for clarification in future pillar-specific meetings.

It was noted that **Pillar 1: Early Warning -Data, Triggers and Thresholds** and **Pillar 2: Early Action**, need to work closely and collaboratively to streamline their efforts.

To enhance coordination, all pillar leads were instructed to provide regular updates, particularly on meetings, to the Secretariat (Kenya Red Cross Society, represented by Zachary Misiani) and the Chair (National Disaster Operations Centre, represented by Samuel Nyansiri).

Review of the National Impact-Based Forecasting (IbF) Workshop

The second session, led by Melody Lijoodi and James Nyaga, focused on the outcomes of the IbF workshop held in Garissa on January 30-31, 2025. Melody Lijoodi provided an overview of the workshop, while James Nyaga elaborated on the IbF process and the key findings from the Technical Working Group on IbF in AA.

Discussions revolved around the development of a standardized data collection template for IbF, which would be sector-specific. The session also addressed the custodianship and management of data, including collection, access, sharing, and dissemination.

NDOC will take the lead in overseeing the management of data, including its collection, access, sharing, and dissemination. This will be supported by key partners such as NDMA, KMD, UNDRR, and Pillar 1: Early Warning - Data, Triggers and Thresholds

Pillar 1 will play a pivotal role in implementing the Impact-based Forecasting (IbF) approach. Their tasks will include developing a structured, diagrammatic representation of IbF, as well as collaborating closely with Pillars 3 and 5, and NDOC to establish guidelines for data collection and sharing. This collaboration will aim to create a comprehensive data-sharing framework or strategy for IbF.

Additionally, Pillar 1 will work towards establishing a community of practice and develop best-practice guidelines for IbF. As part of their efforts, they will integrate capacity-building activities into the priority actions for IbF, ensuring that the process is paced gradually to support these initiatives.

Pillar 5 will focus on policy and advocacy, working to develop mechanisms that advocate for IbF and contributing to the NDOC bulletins.

The next steps involve NDOC initiating data collection on the impacts of IbF, ensuring that it aligns with the forecasts provided by KMD, while simultaneously refining the data collection template



Updates on the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Bill

An update was provided on the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Bill which is expected to be assented soon. The Bill is at the Second Reading stage in the Senate. This Bill is a critical milestone in strengthening disaster preparedness and risk reduction efforts across the country.

Planning for the Next AA/IbF Workshop & Next Steps

The following key action points and next steps were identified to ensure continued progress in the implementation of the AA Roadmap and the integration of Impact-based Forecasting (IbF) in disaster preparedness strategies:

Upcoming Meeting and Virtual Briefing:

- The next AA/IbF workshop will be held before the end of April 2025, with a tentative agenda that includes progress reports, discussions on IbF platforms, stakeholder mapping, forecasting mechanisms, and updates on the National Climate Outlook Forum (NCOF).
- A virtual briefing will be organized by the Secretariat for new members before the April 2025 AA/IbF meeting, ensuring they are fully integrated into the discussions

Pillar-Specific Meetings:

Each pillar will schedule and hold regular meetings, providing updates to the Secretariat and Chair as necessary. Proposed meeting schedules include:

- Pillar 3: Coordination and Governance: Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM
- Pillar 4: Research, Innovation and learning: Bi-monthly on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 11:00 A.M
- Pillar 5: Policy and Advocacy: Every first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m

Work Plan Completion:

It is proposed that all pillars are required to finalize their respective work plans by the following Wednesday, 26th February 2025 and submit them to the Secretariat for review and alignment with the overall AA objectives.

Continuity in the AA Roadmap Process:

- Onboard new participants systematically to maintain continuity in the AA process.
- Institutions and their representatives must prioritize building internal capacities to ensure the retention of institutional knowledge throughout the process.



Pillar 3 – Stakeholder Mapping and Coordination:

Pillar 3 is tasked with urgently completing the stakeholder map and coordination structure, as this is critical to executing other priority actions effectively.

Enhanced Communication in the NTWG-AA:

- The Secretariat, Chair, and Pillar 3 will establish more efficient communication channels, such as shared platforms, webinars, and online National Dialogue Platform meetings.
- Take advantage of the national platform for disaster risk reduction (DRR), which includes quarterly meetings. The first meeting has already occurred. NDOC will inform NTWG-AA members about upcoming meetings and actions to be taken to ensure smooth coordination and participation.

Resource Utilization and Mobilization:

- A collaborative effort to utilize shared resources will enhance the understanding of AA within the NTWG-AA.
- The Secretariat and Chair will assess existing resources, identify gaps, and explore potential funding opportunities to support the next steps of the AA process.

Prioritization of Roadmap Activities:

Efforts will be made to ensure that key activities within the AA Roadmap are implemented in a timely manner, aligning with the overall objectives and timelines outlined in the roadmap.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

Pillar leads and co-leads will coordinate with the M&E team to track the progress of AA and IbF activities. Regular updates will be provided to ensure accountability and alignment with the established M&E frameworks.

Pre-Meeting Briefs and Updates:

Continuous sensitization on past, present, and future activities of the National Technical Working Group (TWG) and Anticipatory Action (AA) will be shared prior to each meeting, ensuring that participants are well-prepared and informed of any developments.



Key Action Points:

Responsible Institution	Role
NDOC (Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with the Secretariat to facilitate communication, ensure meetings are scheduled, and oversee the implementation of the AA Roadmap. • Oversee data collection, access, sharing, and dissemination on IbF. • Initiate data collection on IbF impacts, ensuring alignment with KMD forecasts. • Refine the data collection template. • Notify NTWG-AA members of upcoming National Dialogue meetings and required actions. • Escalate the NTWGAA discussions nationally for wider engagement. • Expedite the launch of the DRM strategy and EW4ALL initiative.
Secretariat (Kenya Red Cross Society)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide regular updates and facilitate communication across all pillars. • Organize virtual briefing for new members.
NDMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support NDOC in data collection, access, sharing, and dissemination.
KMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide forecasts and support the alignment of data collection efforts with the impacts of IbF.
UNDRR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support NDOC in data collection, access, sharing, and dissemination.
Pillar 1: Early Warning -Data, Triggers and Thresholds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a structured diagram of IbF. • Collaborate with Pillars 3 and 5, and NDOC to establish data collection and sharing guidelines. • Create a data-sharing framework for IbF. • Establish a community of practice and best-practice guidelines. • Integrate capacity-building activities into IbF priority actions and ensure gradual pacing of the process.



Responsible Institution	Role
Pillar 3: Coordination and Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate to complete stakeholder map and the coordination structure urgently.
Pillar 5: Policy and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop policy and advocacy mechanisms for IbF and contribute to NDOC bulletins. • Urgently complete the ToR and develop key governance documents for the NTWG-AA. • Contribute to the monthly bulletins by NDOC
M&E Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with pillar leads and co-leads to track progress of activities and ensure alignment with M&E frameworks.
All Pillar Leads And Co -Leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map all resources required by their respective pillars • Consolidate budgets for each activity in their respective pillars • Jointly work on proposals in collaboration with development partners • Finalize AA-related documents to be included in these proposals • Leverage on the membership of the TWG for financial mobilization to support AA activities and the wider objectives.
NTWG-AA Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute resources and participate in the AA Roadmap process. Identify resource gaps and explore funding opportunities.



Closing Remarks

The meeting concluded with remarks from Zachary Misiyani and Samuel Nyansiri, who both expressed their appreciation for the collective efforts and progress made thus far in advancing the Anticipatory Action (AA) and Impact-based Forecasting (IbF) processes.

Zachary Misiyani highlighted the importance of continued collaboration and commitment among all stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of the AA Roadmap. He acknowledged the valuable contributions made by each pillar and stressed the need for timely execution of the outlined action points, particularly in strengthening the technical capacity of the National Technical Working Group on Anticipatory Action (NTWG-AA).

Samuel Nyansiri echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the critical role of coordination and communication in driving the success of the AA and IbF initiatives. He encouraged all participants to remain engaged and proactive, as their contributions will be key to achieving the long-term goals of disaster preparedness and risk reduction in Kenya.

In closing, they thanked all participants for their dedication and contributions, and urged them to actively participate in the next steps as outlined in the meeting, reinforcing the shared responsibility to strengthen disaster preparedness and response systems across the country.



Annex 1

Pillar	Pillar Lead(s)	Pillar Co-Lead(s)
Pillar 1: Early Warning -Data, Triggers and Thresholds	Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) National Drought Management Authority (NDMA)	International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Pillar 2: Early Action	Special Programs Ministry of Health (MoH)	Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction.
Pillar 3: Coordination and Governance	National Disaster Operations Centre (NDOC) Council of Governors (CoG)	International Organization for Migration
Pillar 4: Research, Innovation and learning	Masinde Muliro University Of Science & Technology (MMUST) Institute For Meteorological Training And Research (IMTR) Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)	Regional Centre For Mapping Of Resources For Development (RCMRD)
Pillar 5: Policy and Advocacy:	National Disaster Management Unit (NDMU).	International Centre for Humanitarian Affairs (ICHA)
Pillar 6: Financing of Anticipatory Action	National Treasury, Council of Governors (CoG)	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Pillar 7: Monitoring and Evaluation	Department of Economic Planning, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)	