# The Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP)

Risk-informed early action saves lives and livelihoods, protects development and resilience gains, and is cost effective compared to post-disaster response. But, despite the mounting impacts of climate change, one in three people are still not covered by early warning systems, and when they are, warnings do not always translate into early action: either because no plans were developed, existing plans are not implemented, or funding falls short of what is required.

The consequences are potentially devastating. The number of people in need of humanitarian assistance due to climate-related disasters alone could double by 2050 to 200 million a year. However, with concerted action this figure could decrease by as much as 90%, to 10 million.

## What is REAP?

The Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP) brings together an unprecedented range of stakeholders across the climate, humanitarian, and development communities with the aim of making **1 billion people safer from disasters by 2025**. As of 2023, REAP counts over 70 Partners from governments, UN agencies, intergovernmental organisations, networks, civil society, academia, and the private sector.

REAP was launched at the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019, with four targets designed to drive a systemic shift towards acting earlier, to reduce the impacts of disasters. The targets aim to scale up: national comprehensive risk management, financing and delivery of early action plans, investment in early warning systems that reach the most vulnerable, and coverage by early warnings that support early action.

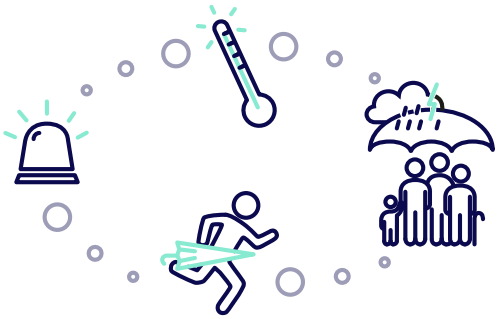
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**Target 1**



**National comprehensive risk management**

**Target 2**



**Financing and delivery of early action plans**

**Target 3**



**Investment in early warning systems for the most vulnerable**

**Target 4**



**Coverage by early warnings that support early action**

## REAP

- **brings together** diverse stakeholders around common interests that enable early action at scale.
- **provides a platform** to influence policy at a global scale.
- **takes a people-centred approach**, focusing on where the greatest needs are.
- **connects gaps** in capacity with offers of support through its marketplace function.
- **identifies critical actions and mobilises Partners** to scale-up risk-informed early action.
- **holds Partners to account** by systematically monitoring progress against the targets.
- enables Partners to **access broad-based expertise and knowledge** from across the full value chain of early warning and early action.
- is **Partner-led**.

## Key resources

### Early Action: The State of Play 2022

REAP's flagship report provides a snapshot of early warning and early action commitment, investment and activity over the previous year. It intends to give decision-makers top-line analysis that identifies gaps and opportunities in the delivery of early action.

### Anticipatory Action: The Enabling Environment

This summary report and in-depth case studies explore what constitutes an enabling environment for early action at the national level, in: Ethiopia, Fiji, Guatemala, Jamaica, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, and the Philippines. Coming soon: case studies for Burkina Faso, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Indonesia, Kenya, Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

### Early Action Glossary

Bringing together diverse stakeholders and engaging them in productive, action-orientated dialogue requires common understandings of key terminology and concepts. In October 2022 REAP launched the Glossary of Early Action terms to support better engagement across sectors and stakeholder groups.

### Financing for Early Action

For mobilising investment for early action, it is critical to understand what has been committed and programmed so far. However, there are no clear metrics on financing that enable measuring progress. In 2022 REAP published research to address this gap and provide recommendations on what is required to increase the quality, quantity, variety and flexibility of early action funding.

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