

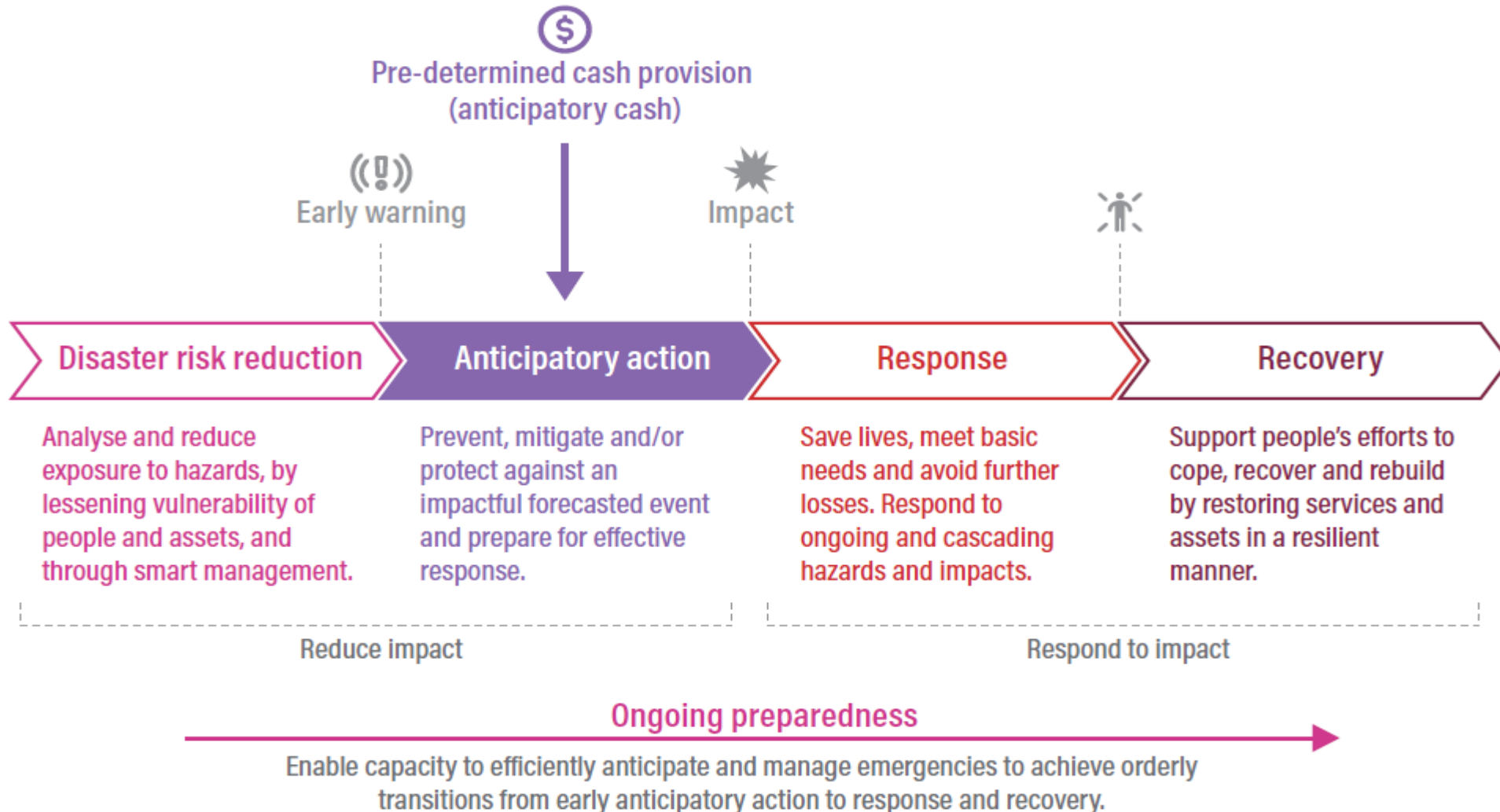


JUST IN TIME: Advancing Anticipatory Cash in Pakistan

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Anticipatory action



Anticipatory cash: Setting the scene

The case for anticipatory cash

Increasingly being considered by humanitarian actors due to a range of emerging benefits:

- Protects lives
- Safeguards assets
- Protects livelihoods
- Supports meeting basic needs
- Mitigates longer-term negative impacts and negative coping behaviours
- Increases agency and adaption capacity
- Strengthens the humanitarian-development-peace nexus



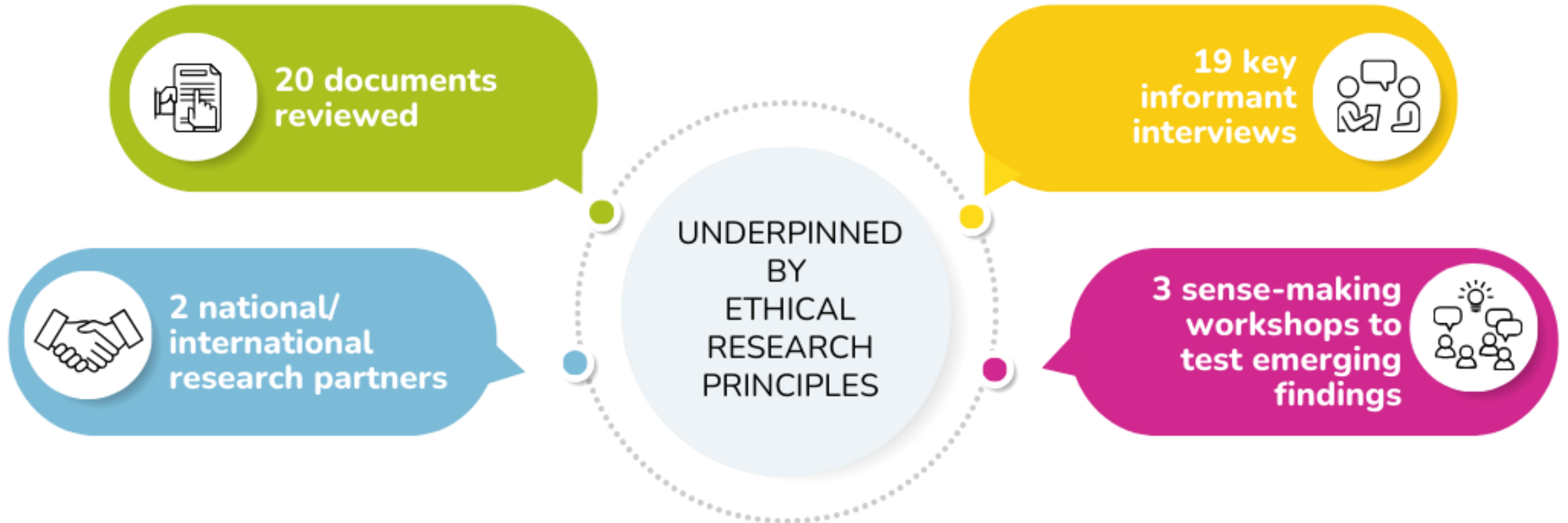
About the research

Research questions:

- What forms of assistance were provided as part of anticipatory action for the 2022 floods, to whom, and on what basis/trigger?
- To what extent was cash assistance provided as part of this anticipatory action? If cash assistance was not provided, why not? What barriers existed to providing anticipatory cash to at-risk communities and what lessons can be drawn from this?
- For research questions 1 & 2, to what extent did women benefit from this anticipatory action, including from cash assistance? What barriers existed to providing anticipatory cash to women, and what lessons can be drawn from this?



Study approach



Pakistan floods 2022



“Unfortunately, a missed opportunity transpired last year when many of the organisations failed to provide cash assistance to communities... There existed a 4 to 5-day window [prior to the onset of severe flooding] during which more strategic planning could have provided substantial support to the affected populations.”³¹ (National non-government actor)



Challenges and Opportunities

1

**Creating the enabling environment:
local leadership, systems and processes**



Develop a guiding framework that outlines key roles and responsibilities, targeting approach, triggers for different types of disasters and relevant conditions.



Challenges and Opportunities

2

**Building on momentum:
testing, piloting and scaling up anticipatory
cash initiatives**



Strengthen the awareness and evidence of anticipatory cash approaches and modalities; pilot and scale-up initiatives; invest in research and MEL processes to support decision-making, program design and testing.



Challenges and Opportunities

3

Leveraging and adapting learning from cash assistance in response



Work collaboratively to address specific access and modality issues including pre-agreed arrangements, with financial providers and methods to address inclusion issues.



Challenges and Opportunities

4

**Investing in the future:
shifting behaviours and practices**



Develop forecast-based financing mechanisms to support anticipatory cash through pre-agreed arrangements between donors and operational humanitarian actors.





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