Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP)

→ *How prepared is your Nutrition Cluster / sector to respond to the next emergency?*

→ *Why is it important to have an emergency response plan?*

→ *How would you evaluate your Nutrition Cluster current level of Nutrition emergency preparedness?*

Why is having an emergency preparedness plan necessary?

During the onset (first three to four weeks) of any emergency, *a plan must be in place* to ensure a timely, effective and efficient response. The aim of an Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) is to optimize the speed and volume of assistance delivery by focusing on the initial phase of an emergency and doing so in a coordinated manner.

The ERP approach and guide help countries to be prepared for and respond to emergencies. Embracing the ERP approach *will strengthen* Nutrition Clusters/sectors' capacities to implement and scale up a timely and coordinated response to prevent death and protect the nutritional status of the affected population during emergencies, or in contexts of fragility. It also contributes to resilience building and countries' wider Disaster Risk Reduction plans.

The GNC ERP step-by-step guide includes:

- Brief instructions
- When and whom to engage during each step of the planning process
- Guiding questions to support the thinking around each step
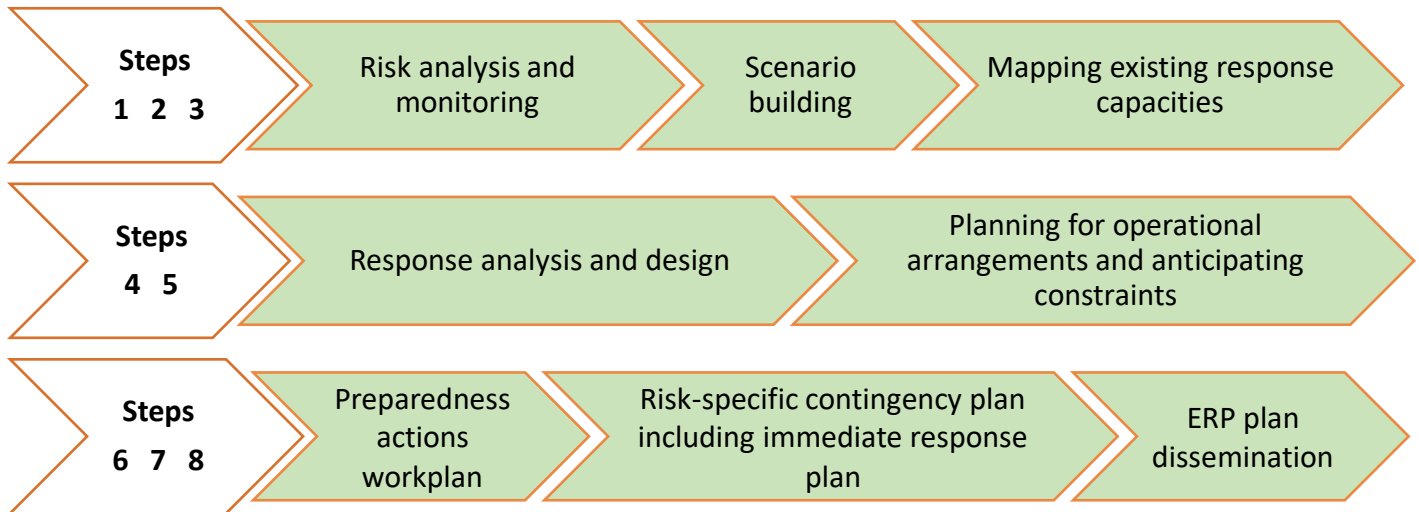- Tips and recommendations
- Examples of Preparedness actions

What is your current level of emergency preparedness and readiness?

The GNC Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) toolkit proposes the use of a simple evaluation tool to understand your current level of nutrition emergency preparedness. We encourage the use of the tool periodically to measure your progress toward reaching a higher level of nutrition emergency preparedness and readiness.

To support your countries' effort to include the ERP approach, the GNC ERP toolkit comprises of:

- An ERP step-by-step guide (see the diagram below)
- A multi-risk ERP plan template
- ERP online forms to support each step of the ERP planning process and build an ERP plan dashboard (see example dashboard below)
- List of pre-defined generic Preparedness actions and Preparedness actions workplan template
- Nutrition ERP workshop package – for a Country level workshop for Nutrition Clusters/sectors to facilitate their ERP process independently, with minimal external support
- ERP eLearning modules hosted on the GNC Learn platform

ERP step-by-step

| Steps 1 2 3 | Risk analysis and monitoring | Scenario building | Mapping existing response capacities |

| Steps 4 5 | Response analysis and design | Planning for operational arrangements and anticipating constraints |

| Steps 6 7 8 | Preparedness actions workplan | Risk-specific contingency plan including immediate response plan | ERP plan dissemination |

Example Dashboard

We look forward to supporting you in your ERP efforts to ensure you are prepared *before* the onset of any emergency.

Please visit our website to learn how the GNC can help strengthen your ERP efforts, and reach out to gnc@unicef.org for more information.