



Welthungerhilfe

Forecast-based Action in an NGO Setting

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Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning (MEAL)

Create an FbA Intervention MEAL

What and Why

In order to be able to track the progresses made in and through Forecast-based Action (FbA) there is a need for a common understanding and shared practices of MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning) for FbA initiatives.

This document intends to provide guidance for the design of Early Actions in FbA interventions by illustrating the problem analysis of drought-induced food insecurity and exemplifying the theory of change by means of an Early Cash intervention as selected Early Action¹.

Development of a **Problem Tree** and **Theory of Change (TOC)**

In order to identify and prioritize suitable Early Actions to take, it is inevitable to identify likely effects to be experienced by the vulnerable population of targeted hazard, and which actions can and should be taken to prevent or mitigate these impacts while keeping the probability, intensity and lead time of the event in mind.

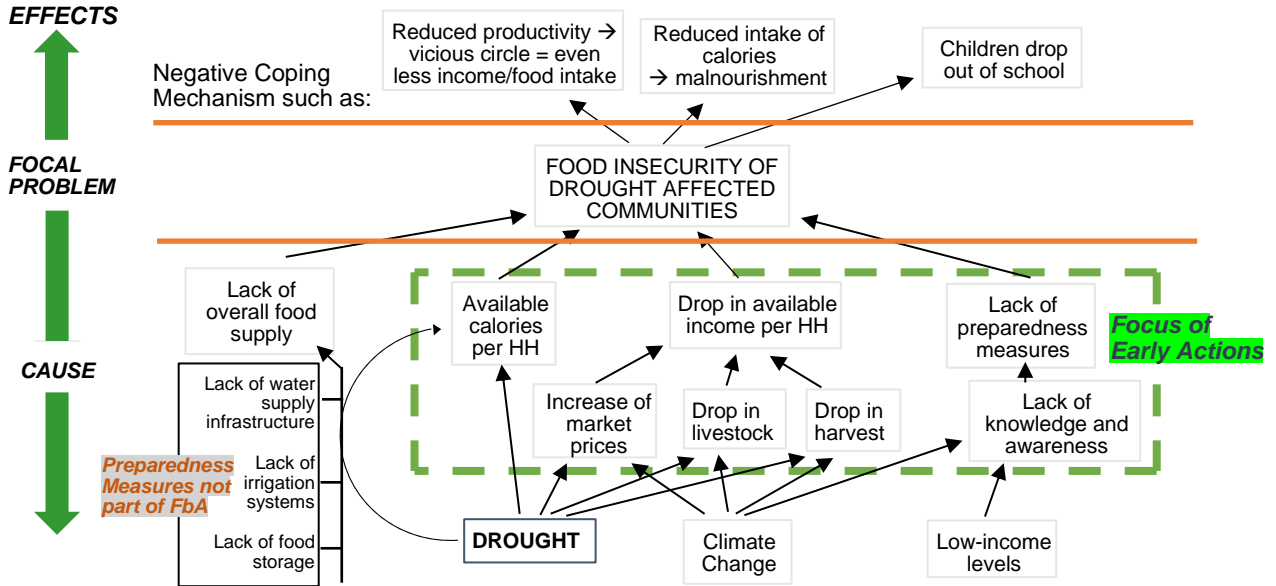
In the following a **problem tree** will be presented which serves as a template for WHH FbA Country Team's own development of a project and context-specific problem analysis. Evaluating the underlying direct and indirect problems driving the impact of a potential hazard forms the basis for a brainstorming for potential timely and appropriate Early Actions to take in the event of a hazard warning. This brainstorming can then be incorporated in a TOC, which seeks to illuminate how change is expected to be seen by taking certain Early Actions.

The following **two TOCs** follow the same purpose, whereas the first one is rather basic, suitable for a first brainstorming, the second is able to incorporate different Early Actions in one graphic while visually explaining "if... then..." relationships. Therefore, the second TOC is particularly suitable for a more in-depth analysis of expected change induced by different Early Actions integrated in one EAP and later monitoring purposes.

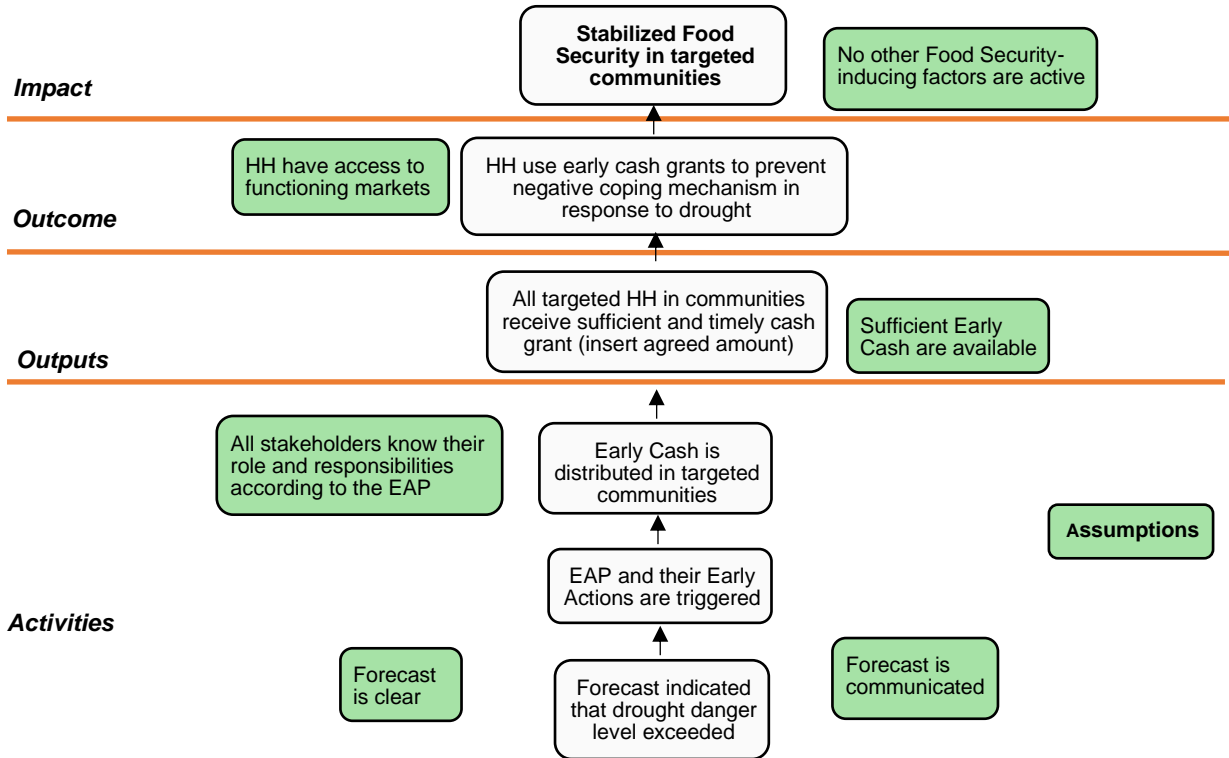
¹ The following graphs are based on the "Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of Forecast-based Financing (FbF) - A practical reference for country-level implementation" guide by the RCRC Climate Center.

FBA INTERVENTION MEAL

MEAL Early Action Protocol – Problem Analysis for Early Action



MEAL Early Action Protocol – Theory of Change for Early Action



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