**Tumerington Simulation Instructions**

*Task*

You are an **anticipatory action committee** in a specific role (more on that in a minute) focused on the Eucerus region.

The committee can benefit from the Early Action Protocol in Tumerington, by way of **access to funds** from the country-pooled funds.

Together with other committee members you will:

1. **Consider** what key challenges you can expect.
2. **Identify** what approaches should you take into consideration in this conflict, displaced person, and environmentally compromised setting.
3. **Determine actions** that are beneficial for the Eucerus region.

*Game steps:*

1. Groups choose a Committee Chair
2. Distribute the envelopes with all the roles
3. Discuss: what kind of actions and procedures will you prioritize in Eucerus?
4. [Capture the adapted plan in the EAP](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_dJkfvu58NkB5PSOafOLgQ5Y4wOymnp3DJsvehGfRl8/edit?usp=sharing)

*Roles in the Committee (blue are crucial roles, pink can be added depending on number of participants)*

1. **Committee Chair (elected)**

Community leaders have challenged you on why nothing is being done about the floods that have affected the district in recent years and the increasingly deteriorating security situation.

You have therefore assembled key representatives in your region to contribute to an Early Action Plan for increased resilience to flooding. You need to supervise a discussion (**40 minutes!)** to come up with an initial draft of your plan.

You are worried you will not be re-elected next year if no progress is made to better prepare the region for floods.

Even though focus on the region is not part of the anticipatory action system, you want to be the first one to submit an application for funding for Eucerus from the recently set up National Early Action Fund.

The other stakeholders at the meeting are:

* Tumerington Red Cross Head of Branch Eucerus
* A Civil Society Representative from one of the worst affected communities in Eucerus (F)
* Provincial Disaster Risk Manager (government)
* Civil Military Coordinator (from TAF)
* Representative of Farmer's Association (close to the EFF)
* "Aid and Faith Eucerus" NGO representative
* Head of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Service
* Advisor from Provincial Rural Development Department from the ministry of agriculture
* Officer of the Peace Building Committee
* United Nations Provincial Representative

1. Tumerington Red Cross Head of Branch Eucerus (M)

The Red Cross’ official auxiliary role is to provide humanitarian assistance to Tumerington’s government and support the most vulnerable.  Your team are responsible for helping communities affected by the flooding.

Last year, over 300 homes were destroyed by floods.  These left over 1,200 people in need of emergency assistance.

When you receive reports of floods, your team set up evacuation shelters to provide temporary housing for displaced families.  Unfortunately, some of the more remote communities often can’t be reached due to security concerns. The Red Cross, in line with its principle of neutrality and impartiality, tries to maintain a dialogue with all parties in order to ensure the implementation of its humanitarian mandate. Notwithstanding, field teams have been prevented from accessing certain areas and from time-to-time security incidents have occurred.

If shelters in remote areas could be set up in advance of the flooding, the population would be encouraged to evacuate, and you could support people more efficiently.  The shelters take about 2 days to construct, and it usually takes your team 1 ½ day to reach them. With support of the ICRC, you could also make some minor flood containment work in some communities.

Taking early action costs money and you can only take action if there is a strong likelihood of rain (e.g., over 70%). At the moment, the forecast you receive doesn’t provide that information so you’re reluctant to trigger action. It also doesn’t say how the rainfall will affect river levels.

In previous years, intense rainfall has caused the Tulusino and other rivers to flood surrounding areas and damaged nearby houses and flooded farmland. The shelters cost $500 and last year 150 were required. The shelters are equipped with clean drinking water, non-perishable food items, shelter and bedding so if any items aren’t used, they can be returned to the district warehouse. You have heard some of the shelters being taken by the EFF, but you have not been able to confirm this.

1. A Civil Society Representative from one of the worst affected communities in Eucerus (F)

Last year, your brother’s youngest son drowned in flood water before the evacuation process started. Your family barely could cover the expenses for the burial. Other people in the area where you live also lost loved ones or at least suffered important losses. You know from at least teen boys who after the flooding joined the EFF to lighten the load on the family and make some money. Your oldest son has made comments he might want to join too, but so far you have been able to talk him out of it. You are here because you want to make sure that there are provisions in the early action planning to reach and support the most vulnerable. You want people to understand how dangerous it is to live in rural areas. It has been over a year since the last big clash took place near your community, but the unexploded grenades are still there in your field, only now the mud has covered them up and you are no longer sure exactly where they are. Your community has been repeatedly displaced because of the conflict and each time new unexploded “bombs” are found afterwards in your fields. In 2012 the winter storm also flooded the area. People have difficulties accessing services because they lost their personal ID documents in previous floods. You want financial support and commitments to your community, but aid doesn’t reach here, and you are not sure if the EFF will allow your community to keep any aid or if they will take part of it. But you also don’t want the TAF there either, because people may be accused of being informants for the government.

1. Provincial Disaster Risk Manager (government) (F)

You are overworked, underpaid and somewhat frustrated of working in Eucerus as every year more and more emergencies occur, while your ability to operate is trumped by the security situation and limited budget allocations. Despite this, your team works hard and together with the Red Cross can provide immediate assistance to those who have been affected by floods.

The homes and livelihoods of those in low-lying areas are undoubtedly the most impacted.  However, humanitarian interventions led by the Red Cross (e.g., evacuations) mean those people tend to have access to clean drinking water in the weeks following the floods. However, only the most desperate families benefit as most are afraid to leave their homes.

Data analysis from the admissions to health clinics surrounding Momoal from the past 3 years shows that patients admitted for diarrhoea and dengue fever mainly come from 10 communities who live on higher ground.  Their water supply comes from a reservoir in the lowland area which is often flooded and therefore contaminated. The surveys carried out by some of the health clinic outreach actions paint a more dire situation in the deep rural areas.

This year, your priority is to ensure that these deep rural areas are educated in safe water for drinking, hygiene and sanitation. You can provide this training to the Red Cross and for them to replicate in the areas where it’s dangerous for government staff to go. The training of trainers, plus the time for them to spread these vital messages, takes around 2 months.

You would also ensure drinking water tanks are available at each of the 10 communities who are most affected around Momoal.  You would need 3 days’ notice to arrange this, and the tanks cost $50 each.

1. Civil Military Coordinator (from TAF) (M)

You are here to see how you can support the government service providers and, when possible, NGOs in their work. However, with stretched resources, the TAF can’t dedicate too much to humanitarian efforts, but is willing to do its best.

Your commander tasked you to engage primarily in those requests which would allow the TAF to gain “hearts and minds” of the population in the conflict area. You are willing to receive the aid that needs to reach hotspots and distribute it accordingly. Alternatively, the TAF could accompany civilians with the aim of aid distribution, but this requires more resources and logistics from the TAF and is not preferred (in addition, while the TAF provides security protection they can’t ensure safety of civilians during these operations). Convoy security can be arranged if really necessary but needs to be done with a week’s notice as this means shifting some of the fighting forces around to secure the roads.

You understand that the Red Cross works independent and you respect that, however all other civilians would need to travel with you in military vehicles, just to be safe.

In the past, the TAF has provided permanent security in displacement camps, but these operations only last a couple of weeks, during the height of the emergencies.

1. Representative of Farmer’s Association (close to the EFF) (M)

For over 10 years you have been the representative of the Farmers Association. This role, together with your good interpersonal skills, has helped you to maintain connections to government, civil society and the EFF alike. While you don’t openly support the EFF, you too would like to see a more prosperous Eucerus. You also know that in many rural areas nothing will happen without the EFF’s consent, and you have always been good in the art of balancing everyone’s’ interests, and not getting involved in conflicts. This has been appreciated by communities, who see in you the opportunity for real action and not just promises. You continuously advocate for the need of more security and the need to de-militarise Eucerus to achieve prosperity for the people. In your view, this is key to ensure more opportunities for farmers.

You would like for the Red Cross to set up offices in rural areas and facilitate government social protection services. Also, you want the government to subsidise seeds and food for cattle and transport costs of farmers to bring their harvest and animals to markets. You know that TAF presence in the communities would mean getting into long discussions with the EFF and is something you want to avoid. In particular, since the EFF would not miss an opportunity to clash with the TAF.

1. “Aid and Faith Eucerus” NGO representative (F)

During displacement, women and girls have experience insecurity in temporary shelters, due to the lack of required provisions to ensure their safety and security; lack of separated latrines/toilet and shower places and lack of lightening were also another serious concern. Health and reproductive services were not available impacting on safe delivery, maternal and childcare. You have experienced this yourself, after being displaced following the killing of your husband by the EFF. You want to stress the specific needs of women and girls and make sure that adequate preventive measure is taken to ensure protection and access to services for women and girls and other groups with specific needs (e.g., separations of wash services in the temporary camps, reproductive and GBV services integrated in health emergency assistance, safe spaces for children in the camps). Through your NGO you and want to offer micro-finance opportunities to women-headed households so they can get back on your feed. You don’t mind if they go back to their communities or decide to move to Momoal or surrounding areas. So far you have helped 644 families. Your standards support is $500.- offered in 5 monthly instalments of $100.-

1. Head of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Service

You are the newly appointed Director of the NMHS and want to improve these services by ensuring weather and climate information is tailored to the needs of specific users.

Your team have recently improved their forecasting skills and you’re keen to ensure these are applied to help build the resilience of the nation to severe weather. However, unlike the rest of the country, it has not been possible to install newly acquired equipment in Eucerus due to the presence of the EFF.

You are starting to explore how you can provide impact-based forecasts. To do this, you need to develop a better understanding of the impacts of hazards in your country and how forecasts can support early action and enable better management of risks.

You are excited to be invited to this workshop in Eucerus – where you are for the first time. It is the first opportunity you’ve had to share your organisations improved capability and explore how it can be applied.

Your services currently include:

- Short-range forecasts:  Forecasts for next 3 days.  High confidence (However, due to insufficient live data, in Eucerus this forecast is low confidence)

- Medium range forecasts: Forecast for next 5-10 days Medium confidence

- Seasonal forecasts: Forecasts for next 3 months Low confidence

NB/ confidence means that there is good accuracy associated with the forecasts

You also manage a hydrological unit who are developing a model of the Tulusino river basin to improve information on expected water levels in the river linked to rainfall forecasts.

1. Advisor from Provincial Rural Development Department from the ministry of agriculture

Floods in recent years have destroyed or seriously damaged the corn and rice crops grown by the riverbanks.  You are encouraging farmers to plant these crops on slopes where possible.

Because fertile soil from the mountains is carried downstream in floodwater, the flat land bordering the river now provides excellent grazing for cattle for most of the year. You have observed that in recent years this land is now mostly used for livestock.

Last year the floods were so bad that local farmers reported up to 50% of their cattle drowned.  This had a profound impact on the livelihoods of the families affected and meant many had to take their children out of school so they could work on the family farm. In your experience those children have not returned to school.

You were not able to take any meaningful action when reports of animal deaths started coming through last year. If you had known in advance that flooding was likely you would have arranged for transportation of animals to government owned land higher in the hills on a temporary basis.

To organise the transport operation, you need a week’s notice and be aware this causes significant disruption to families. In addition, the risk of ambush by the EFF is always present, often making it difficult to find trucks and drivers willing to make the trip. Therefore, you expect security to be provided by the TAF during the various trips.

The cost of transporting 100 cows is around $100. Based on satellite data of land use, you estimate there are 5000 cows in the area which would be affected.

1. Officer of the Peace Building Committee (PBC)

The PBC intends to tackle inter-connecting conflict drivers and strengthens community-level, national, and cross-border peacebuilding. Members of the PBC, including women, youth, elders and religious leaders, are receiving training to increase their capacity to undertake peacebuilding initiatives that effectively manage existing and new conflicts. In your view, marginalization of Eucerians represent a persistent cause of conflict in Tumerington. You would like to see emergency aid delivered in a manner, so it also promotes development, peace, security, and human rights. In addition, the PBC recently concluded that building on factors that strengthen social cohesion in a conflict and displacement context can contribute to peacebuilding. You understand that social cohesion is about a sense of belonging, trust in persons and institutions, and mutual respect.

You want to ensure all actors act in a manner that is sensitive to the tensions between various groups, including aspects which divide and those that connect parties. Furthermore, you want to raise awareness on unintended tensions which might result from services provided by members of this meeting. However, your ability to monitor this due to your organisation’s movement restrictions in Eucerus is limited to the surrounding areas of Momoal, including the IDP camps around the regional capital.

1. United Nations Provincial Representative (F)

Reporting to the Resident Coordinator, your role is to ensure the coordination of all organizations of the United Nations dealing with operational activities for development in Eucerus. Your aim is to address regional needs, priorities and sustainable development challenges to advance the 2030 Agenda and to advocate for action and acceleration on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). You leads the UN reginal team, which includes IOM, UNICEF, WFP and UNHCR. Your aim is to coordinates UN system-wide support to Government in the implementation of an Anticipatory Action approach, committing the limited agency resources available in the country.