

2.8 The RLU stock management

As detailed in their stock pre-positioning strategy, the IFRC currently holds stock in a number of different locations using Regional Logistics Units. The IFRC also allows PNSs to use warehouses they run to pre-position stocks.

The primary purpose of these warehouses is to store and manage standard non-food items (NFIs) to respond to Emergency Appeals (EA) and for use within BRC programmes and partnerships.

Stocks are also sometimes loaned to other NS. As part of this pre-positioning mechanism, and based on an annually reviewed agreement, the BRC currently holds stock in the following places, managed by the IFRC:

- Panama (Americas region)
- Kuala Lumpur (Asia region)
- Dubai (Middle East and North Africa region)
- Zimbabwe (East and Southern Africa region)

Each warehouse is managed by IFRC staff and follows internal standard operating procedures for its management, layout, access, staffing and procedures.

For more details about the procedures that apply to the maintenance, replenishment and deployment of the stock held in the RLUs, refer to the **RLU SOP** and to chapter 7 of the Manual.