Partners for Resilience : Strategic Partnership

Integrated Risk Management

Reducing disaster risks by strengthening community resilience

The Context

- Disaster risks are increasing – wipe out development gains
- Differentially affect communities, especially poor and marginalized communities
- Stretch response capacities to the limit

The Purpose

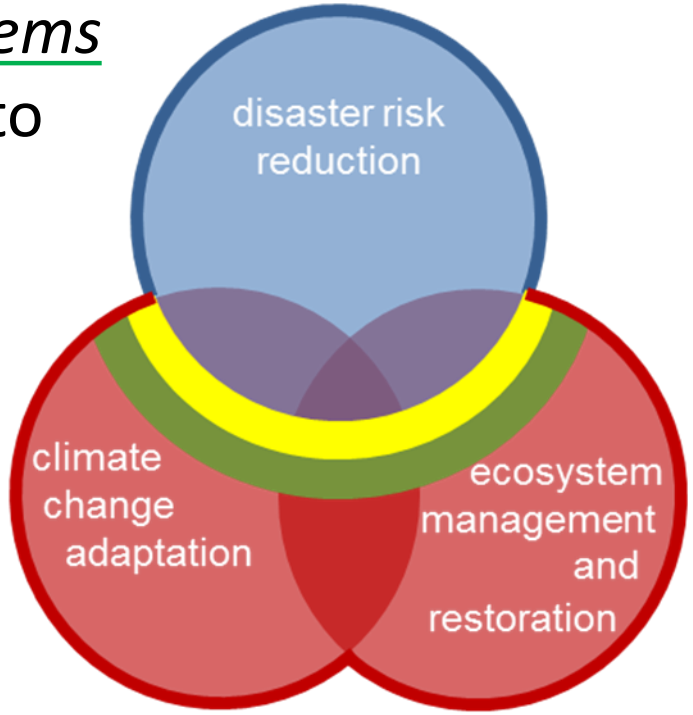
Make communities less dependent on external assistance to deal with disaster risks so that they are able:

- *to **anticipate** the risks they face by building on existing capacities*
- *to **respond** when disaster strikes while maintaining basic structures and functions*
- *to **adapt** to changing risks and to a changing location, situation and its livelihood options*
- *to **transform** themselves to address underlying factors and root causes of risk*

The Approach

The integration of *climate* and *ecosystems* into *disaster risk reduction* is referred to as ***Integrated Risk Management***

- Time scales
- Geographical scales



Key Principles

Local Ownership

Putting people at centre stage, building on local and traditional resources and knowledge to promote community self-management, boost empowerment and create local ownership

Livelihoods

Focus on protecting and strengthening livelihoods, both from a humanitarian and a development perspective.

Landscapes

Recognize the broader geographical scales (landscapes) on which the drivers of risk express themselves

Key Principles

Ecosystems

The role of ecosystems for community safety and resilience needs to be recognised

Timescales

Encompass different time scales in risk management

Global and local

Make global and regional policy frameworks and agreements risk informed by local realities

Key Principles

Integration

Integrating disciplines and approaches to encompass different risks

Partnerships

Collaboration of stakeholders – communities, government agencies, private sector, knowledge institutes and civil society – to complement expertise and resources

Steps to Adopt IRM

- **Working with communities**
  - Risks assessments add elements of climate and ecosystems
  - Activity plans developed on IRM approaches and implemented
  - Community organisations lead adoption of IRM in practise
  - Participatory monitoring, evaluation and learning systems
  - Upscaling

Steps to Adopt IRM

- **Strengthening civil society, collaborating with knowledge institutes**
  - Mapping relevant civil society organisations
  - Consolidating and strengthening the capacity of CSOs
  - Establishing CSO networks and platforms
  - Engaging with knowledge institutes

Steps to Adopt IRM

- **Engaging with governments and investors**
  - Determining key subjects and stakeholders to influence
  - Organising dialogues
  - Monitoring progress
  - Levels of dialogues linked

Tools

- HVCA/PDRA Tool
- Eco-criteria
- Climate minimum standards
- Climate Games
- IRM Manual
- IRM Screening tool

THANK YOU!