

The **Partners for Resilience** is an alliance of five Netherlands-based humanitarian, development and environmental organizations, and their local and national partners. It strives to bring lasting improvement in the lives of the most vulnerable in the society including **communities who are at risk of being affected by natural hazards, as well as those who live in conflict areas.**

Our Vision

Our vision is to strengthen the resilience and livelihood of many vulnerable communities by connecting them to government and private sector interventions and investments; and by supporting economic growth that is inclusive and sustainable.

PfR aims to strengthen the resilience of its partner communities through the integration of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), and Environmental Management and Restoration (EMR) interventions. This integration enables an innovative and holistic approach where disaster risk reduction is applied in a way that not only looks at current and immediate risks, but also future risks to which climate change is a defining factor. Furthermore, this approach addresses risks across landscapes by connecting all stakeholders involved, starting with the communities at risk. This **approach of integrating DRR, CCA and EMR is called Integrated Risk Management.**



Senior citizens and youth in Barangay Hanagdong, Malimono, participate in using tools to assess the risks faced by the community

Benefits of Integrated Risk Management

- Reduced loss of life and assets during a natural or human induced disaster
- Restored, improved and diversified livelihoods of vulnerable communities
- Responsible investment and sustainable development
- Healthier environments to sustain improved lives

Partners for Resilience in Surigao del Norte

The Partners for Resilience Phase II works in Surigao del Norte through the Philippine Red Cross with support from one of the PfR Alliance members - the Netherlands Red Cross.

It covers a total of twenty-five highly vulnerable barangays in four municipalities, namely, Alegria, Bacuag, Gicaquit, and Malimono, and in the city of Surigao.



During the PFR Learning Visit, the Chairman and volunteer in Barangay Jagobiao, Mandaue City, Cebu demonstrates the integration of waste management and urban gardening to the LGU participants

Between 2016 and 2020, PFR II sought to build the capacity of local governments in integrating Integrated Risk Management into plans, policies and programs. The following interventions were facilitated:

- Build awareness and understanding on DRR, CCA and EMR;
- Work with local government units and community members in collectively assessing the risks faced by their communities and in updating and strengthening their local Plans;
- Organize group of volunteers through the RC 143 to aid in disseminating information on IRM;
- Enhance the capacity of local stakeholders to craft, advocate and lobby for IRM-sensitive local investments through proposal writeshops;
- Collaborate with the communities to implement projects (e.g. reforestation, livelihood, etc) which will lead to the reduction of risks.



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