

The characteristics of a safe and resilient community: Community based disaster risk reduction study

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A safe and resilient community...



...is knowledgeable and healthy. It has the ability to assess, manage and monitor its risks. It can learn new skills and build on past experiences.



...is organised. It has the capacity to identify problems, establish priorities and act.



... has economic opportunities. It has a diverse range of employment opportunities, income and financial services. It is flexible, resourceful and has the capacity to accept uncertainty and respond (proactively) to change.



...has infrastructure and services. It has strong housing, transport, power, water and sanitation systems. It has the ability to maintain, repair and renovate them.



...can manage its natural assets. It recognises their value and has the ability to protect, enhance and maintain them.



...is connected. It has relationships with external actors who provide a wider supportive environment, and supply goods and services when needed.

... and is therefore better able prepare, prevent, respond to and
recover from shocks and stresses.



1. Helping communities be more knowledgeable



HUMAN
CAPITAL

Individual

Knowledge
and health

Individuals must gain the knowledge to understand
and address their shocks and stresses.

Secondary
data to
identify
community
gaps

Baseline
survey to
identify
behaviors

Participatory
appraisals to
identify risks

Actions to
enhance
community
knowledge
and
change
risky
behaviors

Training to enhance
the knowledge of
proper hygiene
practices

Training to enhance the
knowledge of proper
household disaster
preparedness behaviors

Training to enhance the
knowledge of measures
that improve child and
maternal health

What other actions would you
include to build individual and
household knowledge to mitigate
and respond to shocks and
stresses?

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2. Helping communities
be more cohesive
and better organized

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Resilient communities have the capacity to identify problems, establish priorities and act.



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3. Helping communities connect



Resilient communities have relationships with external actors who provide a wider supportive environment, and supply goods and services when needed.

01

External stakeholder mapping (NGOs, Government agencies, Utilities, private sector, universities)

02

External stakeholder involvement and training

03

Dissemination of Community Action Plan to external stakeholders

Joint projects between communities and external partners

Partnerships with external stakeholders to address community needs

Advocacy to external decision makers

SOCIAL CAPITAL



Humanitarian diplomacy

What other actions would you include to build community connections to mitigate and respond to shocks and stresses?

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