

Climate Resilient Cities Theory of Change



Goal People, communities and systems in cities are more resilient to the adverse impacts of climate change.

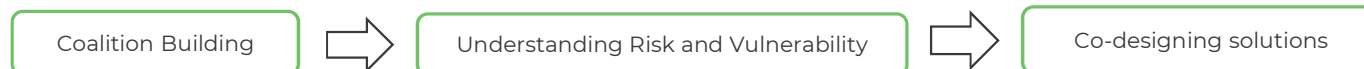
Long-term Outcome The Movement, people and communities in cities are connected, knowledgeable and empowered to adapt and mitigate climate risks especially extreme heat and coastal threats.

Intermediate Outcomes

Outcome 1: Disaster readiness capacity of communities, National Society branches and city stakeholders to understand climate risks at the community and city levels are increased through supporting local research, EW systems, knowledge sharing and city coalitions.

Outcome 2: The resilience of underserved urban communities and city systems are strengthened through developing/applying appropriate tools and channelizing local resources for taking action to adapt and mitigate climate risks at the community and city levels.

Achieve outcomes through key approach themes



Key interventions	Coalition Building/stakeholder engagement/partnerships at global to local levels	City wide climate risk Assessment/multi hazard resilience measurement	Urban climate adaptation, nature-based solutions and non-structural mitigation initiatives	Urban context adaptation of other climate initiatives e.g. youth, anticipatory action and DM	Using human centered design approaches to co-develop solutions and tools for people, communities and cities, recognizing needs of the most vulnerable
	Strengthening capacity of National Societies in acting as a convener and working in complex urban settings	Knowledge production and sharing, local research on urban climate risks and vulnerabilities	Strengthening climate resilience of micro, small and medium businesses	Influencing city and national policy, plans and regulations and solutions for climate resilient city systems	

Strategies to achieve the outcomes

- Focus on reducing risks across timescales ie. addressing imminent to long-term climate risks.
- Strengthen Local Action with contributions from local actors for sustainable impact in communities.
- Support building coalitions and engage a wide set of stakeholders local/city/national to enable and reach scale for lasting change
- Promote inclusive participatory approaches and codesigning local solutions with affected people and communities
- Support public Education on changing risks via volunteers, marketing, communications and media
- Incorporate actors from the health hunger and housing spheres into city coalitions

Key stakeholders:

- People, households and communities
- RCRC network
- Civic society
- City and national authorities including disaster management, climate change adaptation, health, hunger and housing agencies
- Academia
- Private sector including MSMEs
- Professional organizations inc. city planners
- Hydro-met agencies
- Global/local network and alliances
- Tech companies
- Multi-lateral Development Banks e.g. World Bank, ADB

Problem Statement: More frequent, intense and volatile extreme weather events impact the most vulnerable urban communities threatening their lives, wellbeing, and livelihoods.