Flood Resilience Alliance

Ground advocacy asks in strong, quantitative evidence of resilience gaps and best practices

Decision-makers are drawn to quantitative evidence and more likely to take up policy recommendations that are backed by such evidence. Alliance teams have achieved uptake of Alliance knowledge in policy, spending, and practice where they have based policy recommendations on:

- Existing policy needs and opportunities;
- Strong quantitative evidence on resilience gaps; and
- Strong evidence of long-term success of community best practices.

Within the Alliance, we have leveraged evidence from both global research and the Flood Resilience Measurement for Communities (FRMC) to successfully influence decision-makers to act.

Invest in resilience learning to enable practitioners to truly address resilience gaps and needs

The Alliance FRMC framework and tool grows users' capacity for resilience work by functioning as:

- A decision-support tool connecting knowledge to gaps and challenges, enabling data generation and analysis, and supporting advocacy; and

- A capacity building tool providing a platform for relationship building, fostering systems thinking, and delivering a resilience education.

Application of the FRMC in Alliance programs is building the depth of practitioner and community knowledge needed to work towards resilience outcomes.

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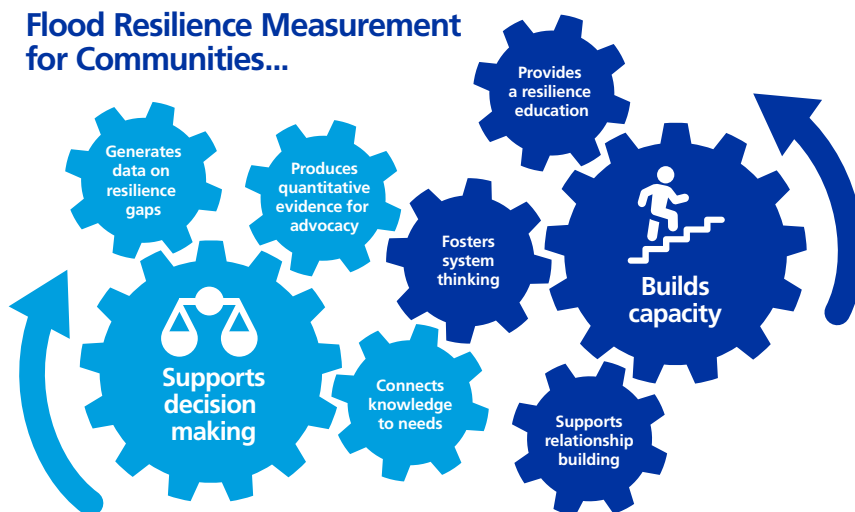
Invest in resilience actions that have co-benefits for other hazards

The Alliance's systems thinking and 'learning before doing' approach enabled Alliance teams to quickly pivot to address emergent needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our approach has:

- Enabled us to flexibly operate within the development, disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and resilience arenas. Our goal is to achieve climate-smart, risk-informed development, a concept that is inherently grounded in multi-hazard resilience.

- Helped us prioritize actions based on underlying vulnerabilities and community needs rather than pre-conceived and narrow notions of how flood risk should be addressed. This has helped communities better cope with COVID-19.

Climate Change Adaptation

Sustainable Development

Disaster Risk Reduction

Climate Smart, Risk Informed Development
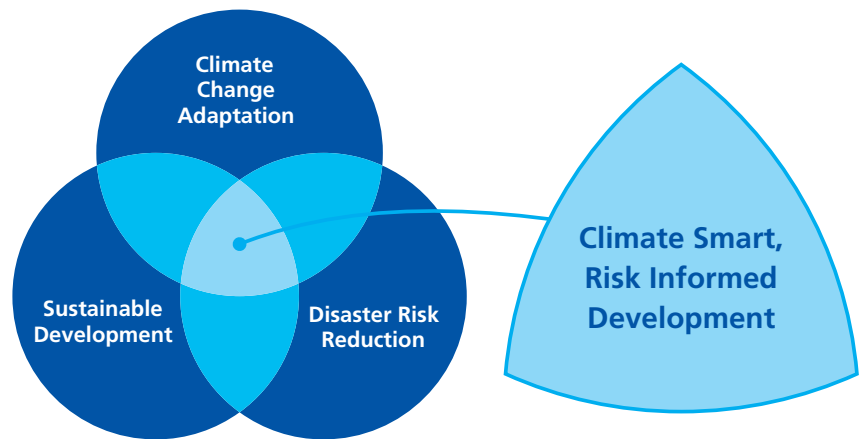
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Shift expectations for what program sustainability entails

A critical element of program sustainability is the establishment of strong local relationships. The COVID-19 pandemic has indicated that elements of our newest programs may already be sustainably embedded within Alliance communities. Community-based groups activated by Alliance teams have been able to take leadership and manage the COVID-19 crisis in their communities with relatively little Alliance input and support. This has been enabled by:

- Local ownership generated by the Alliance community programming approach; and

- Strong relationships between communities and local governments such that these groups are able to work collaboratively to address the emergent needs of the crisis.

For more information, please visit:

Lessons from Year 2:
i-s-e-t.org/zfra-ii-lessonfromy2

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