

# Are the communities prepared to respond appropriately?



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# Where are we?

Disasters are on the increase in both numbers and magnitude of impact.

Given the ecological complexity of present day disasters, the community preparedness for disasters is also complex (development interventions, climate change etc.)

Are communities passive recipients of disaster interventions? (participants in disaster drills!)

# Current status in the Asian Region

(ADRRN- CRS Survey 2013)

People sought financial assistance from families and friends for overcoming everyday disasters.

Unaware of government assistance programs at reducing disasters.

Minimal involvement of persons with disability in decision making processes.

Investing in DRR will lead to reduction in losses.

# Current status in the Asian Region

(ADRRN- CRS Survey 2013)

Government action is restricted to relief assistance.

Private sector involvement is minimal or absent for DRR but some support through CSR is there.

Partnership between communities, private sector and he will work best towards DRR.

# Recommendations

**Citizen led volunteer groups** is a resource that can be generated locally to strengthen DRR.

**Training & Information** to deal with disaster can help minimize losses from disasters.



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**Awareness about government programs** aiming at reducing disaster risks can help reduce losses from disasters

**Clarity of roles of government officials** can help in availing support from the local government

**Investing in Disaster Risk Reduction** will lead to reduction of losses

# Recommendations

**The participation of women** in decision making process should be increased substantially..

**Partnership with community, government and private sector** will work best to contribute to DRR.



# An integrated approach DRR

## **Economy**

- Disaster resilient livelihoods
- Addressing total economic wellbeing with Economic development programs

## **Holistic Approach**

## **Consciousness**

- Developing a culture for DRR
- Information and knowledge

## **Power**

- Empowering communities to take decisions on DRR strategies through Community Based Organizations (CBOs)



Thank you!