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Capturing the impact of community-level resilience-building interventions: a framework for resilience measurement, monitoring and evaluation

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Interventions Questionnaire filled out by implementing partners focused on capturing the content of programming than an evaluation ۲



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draining systems, raised roads, granaries, and market platforms

rehabilitation

Advocacy and

Facilitating links

authorities and

Improving EWS

by working with

authorities and

communities

communities

and linking

between

stakeholder engagement

Demonstration

resilience

technologies

projects of flood

#### So what...?

What are we doing and how/why?

- *What:* interventions categorization, resilience-building measurement method
- How/why: DM process

Do we continue to do what we do?

What do we infer from our evidence to further support substantive and enduring resilience-building interventions?





#### **Intervention measurement**

#### **Adaptation field**

- Large variation according to governance level
  - Sector-based, urban, LLA
- Climate impact-, risk-, vulnerability reduction measure based
- Institutional demand for streamlined inventories, toolkits
- *Referenced sources:* Global center on adaptation's LLA portal, CTCN, UK adaptation inventory, etc.

#### **Resilience field**

- Socio-ecology, DRR, systemic risk, development contexts
- Fewer empirical evidence and efforts to catalogue
- *Referenced sources:* FAO, OECD, USAID, Mercycorps, EU HORIZON projects, etc.

"In the context of climate adaptation challenges, resilience can be seen as a 'mobilizing metaphor' (Bene et al., 2018) or as a 'bridging concept' (Deppisch & Hasibovic, 2013)" (Angheloiu and Tennant, 2020)

- fosters transdisciplinary dialogue between traditionally disparate communities (i.e. DRR, emergency response, community development, ecology, engineering)
- *'actionable knowledge'; 'knowledge in practice'*
- A characteristic of adaptation outcomes (i.e. principles of LLA flexible, influence, etc.)



### Adaptation effectiveness, benefit frameworks

The adaptation benefits typology

#### Singh et al., 2022 https://doi.org/10.1080/17565529.2021.1964937



Figure 1. Frames to understand adaptation effectiveness range across a continuum of being process- or outcome-based. Source: authors, developed from the literature.

Description	Example Actions	
Reduces or modifies the exposure of people and activities to climate change impacts to limit negative impacts	Channelizing waterways Coastal protection Early warning systems Evacuation, retreat, or migration Flood and storm shelters	
Reduces or modifies the sensitivity of critical activities and assets to climate change impacts to limit negative impacts	Installation of irrigation Risk shifting tools like insurance Crop switching Erosion control Introducing GMOs	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.crm.2023.100479 Carr and Nalau (2023)
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### How are Alliance interventions designed?



• Community level data support and buy-in at different scales.

- Participatory practice built from FRMC process
- Multi-year approach fosters relationships and learning, trust
- Source of challenge and delays
- Limit to scaling

#### **Building blocks**

Long term funding	Earned trust
Good resilience building practice	Learning
Strong relationships	Built credibili

### **Resilience-building approaches**

Resilience is the result of absorptive, adaptive and transformative capacities (Frankenberger et al., 2013; Bene et al., 2015)





### **Resilience-building measurement considerations**



Household and community are the 'units' at which activities in humanitarian and food security interventions are conventionally designed and implemented. This is also the two levels at which resilience interventions are generally planned and carried out.

Cross-scale, process, indicator-based





Leverage points for sustainability transformation





By country Edu; Plan; EWS; Asset; NBS; Tech















#### Negative linear







120 15 100 21 Asset ownership ■ 6 80 4 Linking social capital **•**5 Aspiration and confidence to adapt 4 35 60 Livelihood diversity 3 Exposure to info<sup>2</sup> Access to services ■1 40 20 20 4 5 4 8 0 ΗH Indiv. Community Higher level gov Multi-level



Inverse linear,



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Scale dependent!



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Negative linear

### Targeted resilience capacity and leverage by DRM cycle



Spectrum...

- Adapt to Absorb vs.
- Physical adjustments to system dynamics leverage points





### Targeted resilience capacity and leverage by community cluster



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Table 1: Types of Resilience Capacities at Different Levels

Absorptive

# Framework for measuring resilience-building interventions



Adaptive

Transformative







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