

Resilience Based Programming

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Outline of presentation

- ▶ Concept of resilience
- ▶ Resilience based programming
- ▶ A voice from the field

Resilience - what does it actually mean?



Four capacities

- ▶ Absorvative
 - ▶ How well an individual or a group is able to minimize the exposure to potential shocks and stresses through preventative measures and thus avoid permanent negative impact.
- ▶ Adaptive
 - ▶ The ability to make conscious decisions to adapt to the changing situations and thus reduce the exposure and vulnerability to hazards.
- ▶ Transformative
 - ▶ Similar to adaptive capacity but more focused on the systems levels. More about the governance mechanisms, policies & regulations, networks and protection mechanisms that contribute into creating an enabling environment for systemic change
- ▶ Anticipatory
 - ▶ Being able to anticipate the potential disasters and stressors and to take preventive action

Situation?

- ▶ A static situation
- ▶ An ongoing process

Various levels

- ▶ Individual
- ▶ Group
- ▶ Systems

Resilience based programming



Resilience as a "lens"

- ▶ Not a sector
- ▶ Building back better
- ▶ A more reactive approach to development
- ▶ A bridge between humanitarian & development
- ▶ Done deliberately



Finding the capacities and vulnerabilities



Measuring resilience

- ▶ Develop characteristics that are believed to lead to resilience
- ▶ Focus on loss of system's functionality
- ▶ Include context specific indicators when planning for project



Case study - CWED II



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- ▶ Broader context analyses
- ▶ VCA
- ▶ Gender analyses

- ▶ Different hazards - droughts and animal diseases above floods
- ▶ A considerable knowledge, but no means to mitigate
 - ▶ Re-evaluate the requirements of the WAC's to benefit everyone
 - ▶ Diversify income sources
 - ▶ Make sure that there is an EPRP and that the links to the appropriate institutions work

Summary

- ▶ Concept of resilience needs to be clarified
- ▶ Resilience based programming should be as a lens through which everything is viewed
- ▶ Not only the vulnerabilities, but also the capacities, should be solved through a VCA and similar methods - the programming should address these gaps
- ▶ Resilience should be done in a systematical & context specific way and it should be measured.

Thank you!



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