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- ❖ Questions can be made through the chat function or orally after the presentations.
- ❖ The webinar takes about one hour.
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## The Swiss NGO DRR Platform



- Network of 17 Swiss-based NGOs
- Dedicated to increase resilience of women and men, communities and governments through an integrated approach to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
- 3 pillars: Capacity building, Technical advice and Advocacy
- Co-funded by SDC



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# Introduction

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## Structure of the webinar

- ❖ Introduction with poll
- ❖ Conceptual input on the nexus
- ❖ Case study: Helvetas Nepal
- ❖ Case study: SRC, Bangladesh
- ❖ Outlook, closure

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## Webinar Objectives

- ❖ An introduction to the nexus concept and trends
- ❖ Sharing of experience and challenges

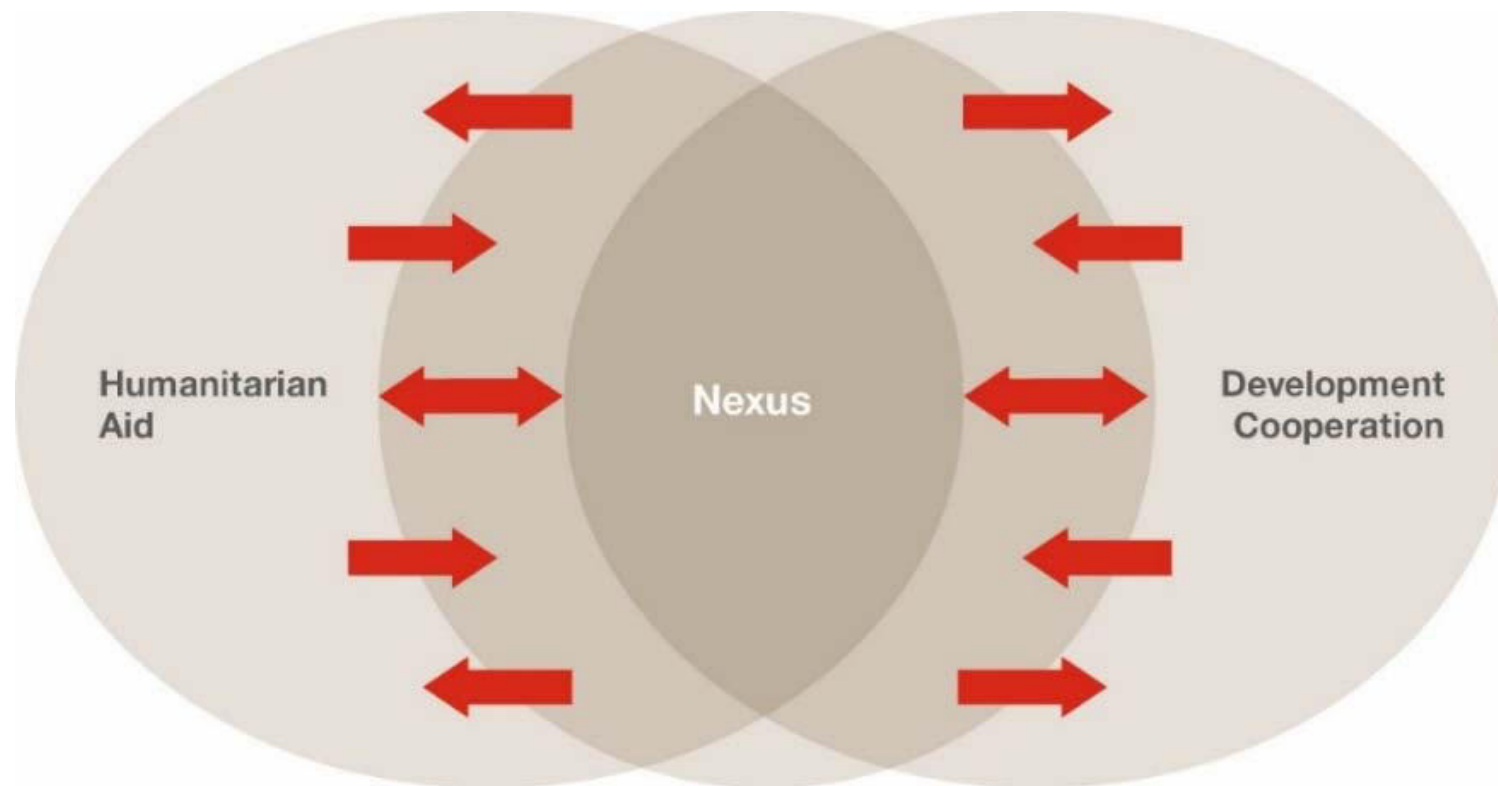




## Nexus Background of the Swiss NGO DRR Platform

- ❖ Member NGO's working in Development and Humanitarian Contexts
- ❖ Nexus as one of 6 activity lines
- ❖ Learning event 2019
- ❖ F2F event autumn 2020

## Short Poll on the Nexus



## Short Poll on the Nexus

### Q1: INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

Is your organisation rather working in Development or Humanitarian Aid?

Total responses: 13



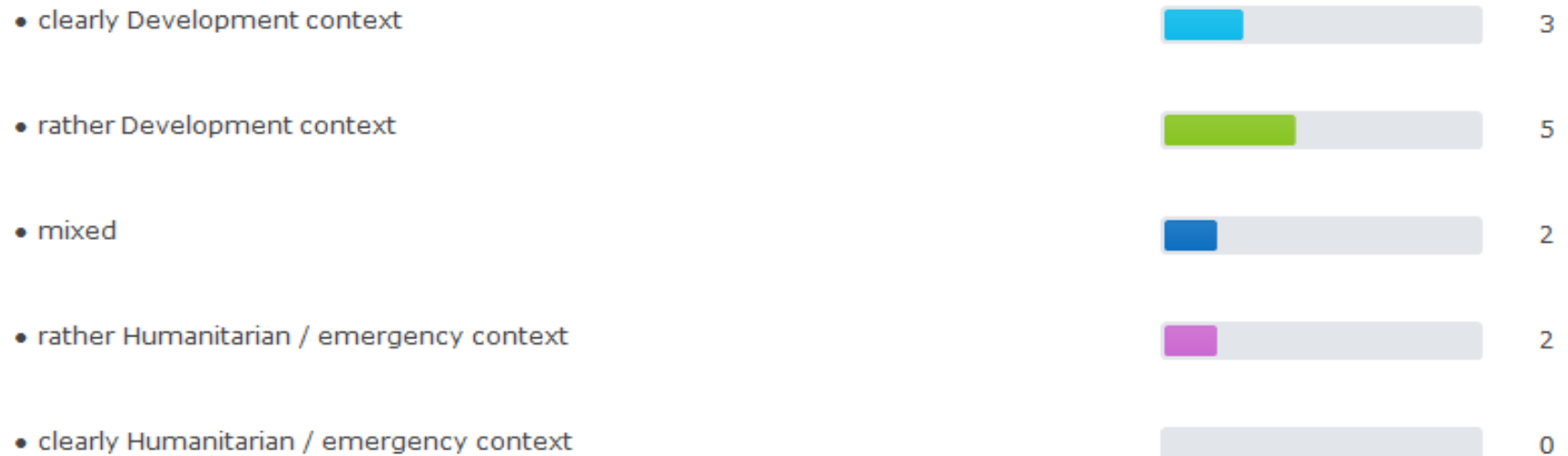


## Short Poll on the Nexus

### Q2) PERSONEL EXPERIENCE

Does your work experience in DRR rather refer to humanitarian or development contexts?

Total responses: 12

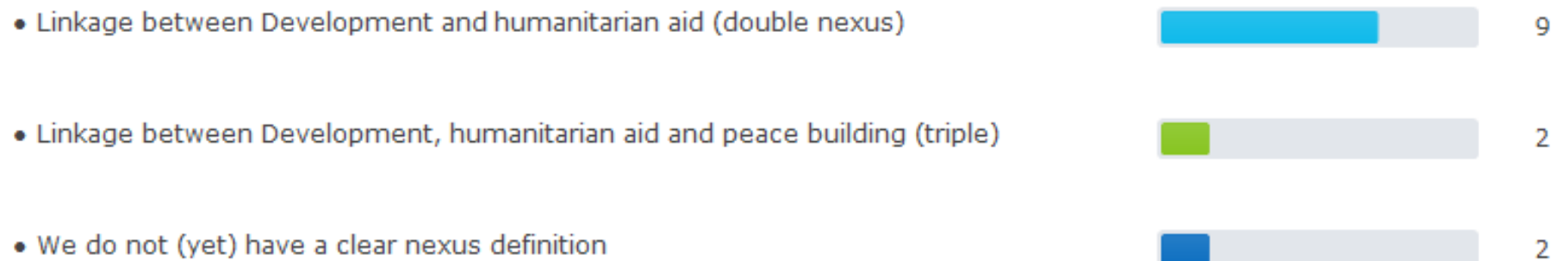


## Short Poll on the Nexus

### Q3) NEXUS DEFINITION

How does your organisation define the nexus?

Total responses: 13

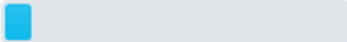
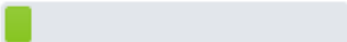



## Short Poll on the Nexus

### Q4) PRIORITY FOR NEXUS IMPROVEMENT

What should be the first to improve the nexus in practice?

Total responses: 13

- Practitioners of development contexts should prepare them self's and their projects (better) for humanitarian crisis.  1
- Practitioners of humanitarian/emergency contexts should reflect (earlier) about how to improve the transition from  1
- I don't see any priority, both aspects are important  11



A word cloud graphic in the shape of a speech bubble, tilted at an angle. The word 'nexus' is the largest and most central. Other words include 'humanitarian', 'partnership', 'cash', 'development', 'funding', 'Context-specific', 'NGOs', 'European Union', 'localisation', 'resilience', and 'Decentralisation'.

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**nexus** NGOs  
Decentralisation European Union  
humanitarian  
resilience partnership  
localisation

# Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD) / Humanitarian-Development Nexus

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## Conceptual introduction





# Case Studies

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## Nepal - Helvetas

## Bangladesh - SRC







# Outlook Platform Events







## Upcoming events

### **Nexus webinar 2: Focus on Latin America**

Two case studies from SRC, Helvetas, spring, Spanish

### **Nexus webinar 3: Focus on Africa**

Two case studies from Caritas, Tearfund, spring, in English.

### **Nexus F2F humanitarian Aid – Development**

Workshop, autumn 2020

### **Further events**

- GMO in Agriculture – Risks and Risk Reduction measures [Learning event, spring]
- DRR and CCA Basics [webinar]
- Working at scale through alliances [learning event]
- Urban DRR/CCA [webinar]

### **Recent webinars**

Effective Advocacy for DRR and CCA

Presentation of Platform products (guidance, tools)

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# Introduction – Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD) / Humanitarian-Development Nexus

Webinar of the Swiss NGO DRR Platform, 27 February 2020

## Outline

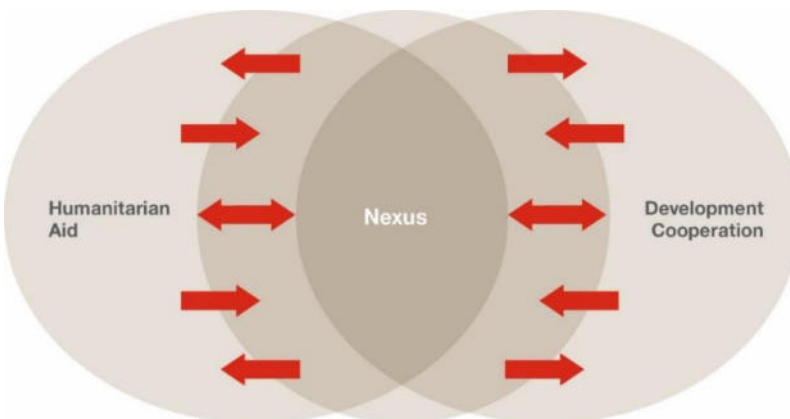
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- 2. What? Definition and Evolution**
- 3. How? Operationalizing the Nexus?**
- 4. Challenges of the Nexus**





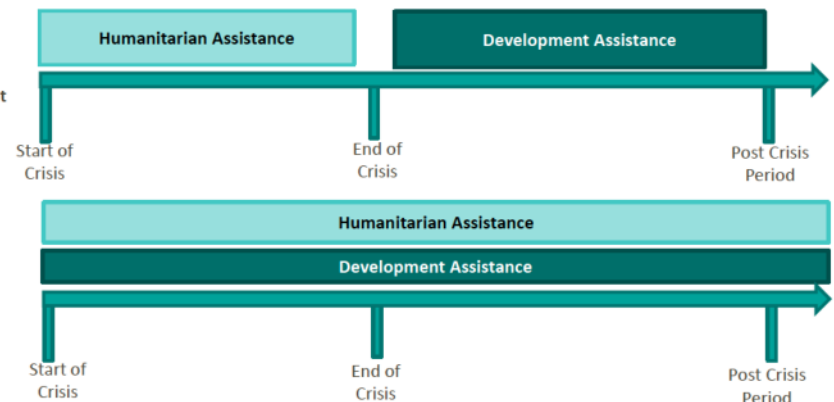
## 1. Why? Objectives

- Approach describes **relationship** between domains
- **Enhance collaboration** between domains humanitarian aid + development cooperation
- **Better linkages and synergies** between short-term relief + long-term development
- **Increase effectiveness:** coordination and streamlining between domains
- **Means to an end:** improve wellbeing, reduce vulnerability and risk, increase resilience



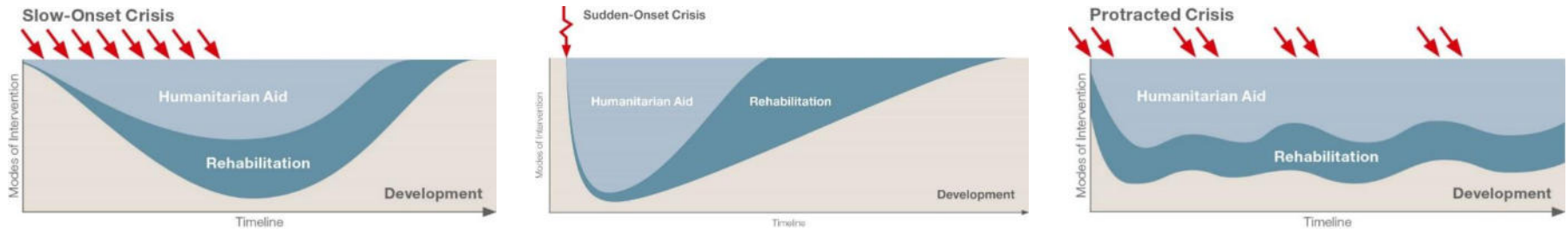
Moving from a humanitarian-development divide...

Towards a humanitarian-development nexus...

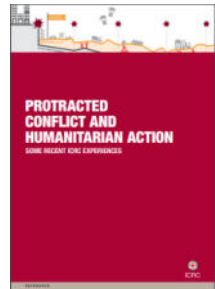




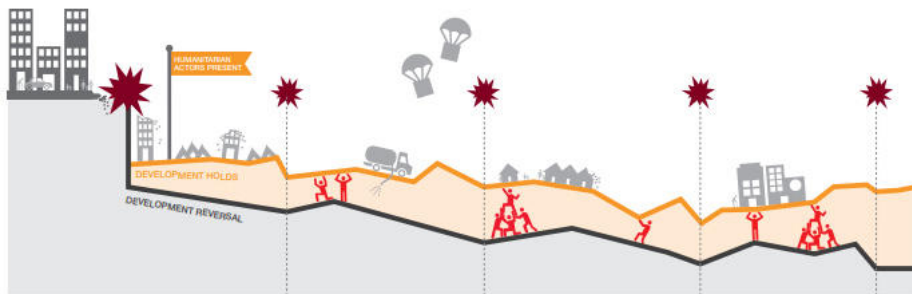
# 1. Why now? Protracted crisis as the norm



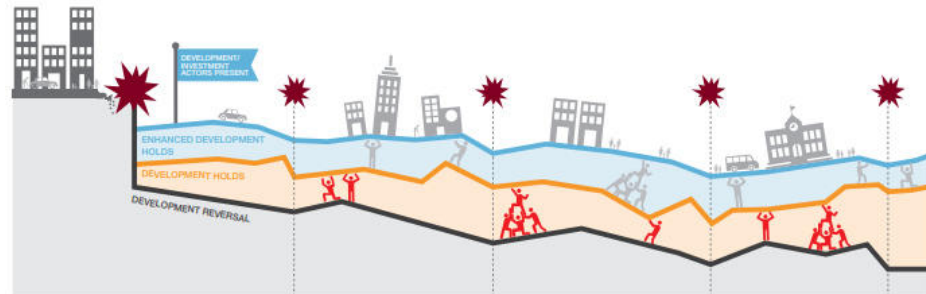
- Complex, resource-intensive protracted crises
- GHO 2019: Average length of Crisis: nearly 10 years
- Syria and Yemen Crises: since 2011/2012
- ICRC study Protracted Conflict: Combined efforts secure development holds



DEVELOPMENT HOLDS IN PROTRACTED CONFLICT  
WITH HUMANITARIAN ENGAGEMENT



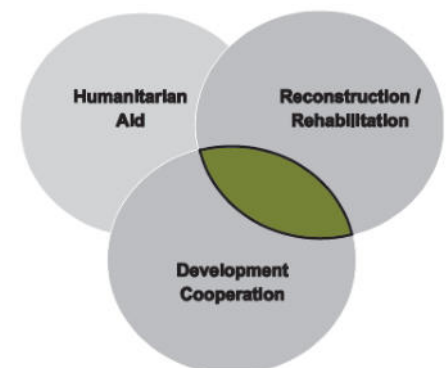
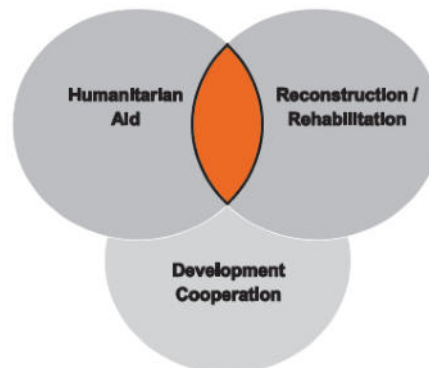
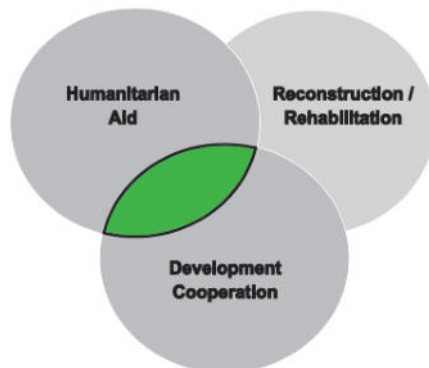
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## 2. What? Definition

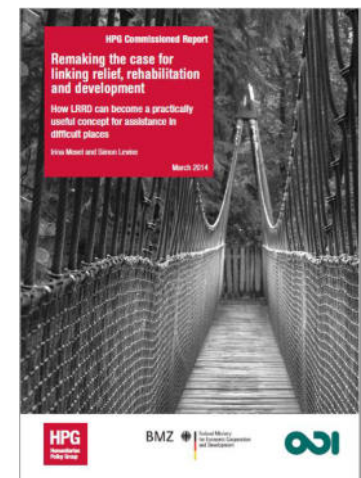
### 3 aspects:

1. the early application of development principles in emergency settings
2. the integration of prevention and DRR elements in development cooperation
3. a 'smooth transition' from emergency aid and sustainable interventions on the ground



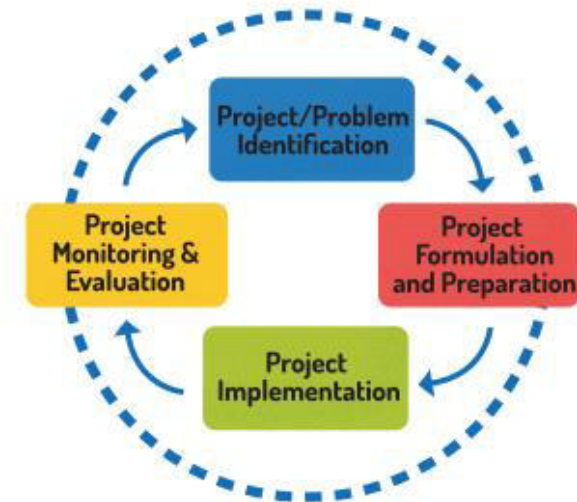
## 2. What? Evolution of approaches

- **1980s: relief-development-continuum**  
Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD) approach emerges, in the sense of a linear one-way transition
- **1990s and 2000s: from continuum to contiguuum**  
Shift to simultaneous application / working in different ways in different areas at the same time
- **2010s: from LRRD to Nexus, and a focus on resilience**  
SDGs, Agenda 2030: integrated cooperation approach, LRRD as groundwork for sustainable development during humanitarian interventions
- **However**, little substantial change in organisational structures, funding, and programming



### 3. How? Operationalizing the Nexus

- **Institutional structure**
  - Institutional setup: breaking down silo
  - Permeable structures, staff flexibility, staff learning
- **Programme/project planning**
  - Joint analysis and planning
  - Basically 3 Forms of Nexus projects:
    - a) sustainability in humanitarian aid projects,
    - b) preparedness in development projects,
    - c) integrated programmes
- **Implementation**
  - Shared resources, collaboration, coordination



Doing the right thing

## 5. Challenges

- **Institutional gap:** fundamental differences in priorities, cultures and mandates, all of them to cause challenges for operationalising LRRD/Nexus
  - *decentralising, joint analysis and planning, joint operational frameworks, joint offices*
- **Funding gap:** fragmented and compartmentalised financing, lack of flexibility in funding arrangements, gaps particularly for recovery activities
  - *multi-year funding options, strategic partnerships instead of project grants, pooling resources*
- **Partnerships and coordination:** lack of expertise, specialisation either in humanitarian aid or development cooperation
  - *strong local engagement and local partnerships on the ground*



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# RESPONDING TO THE NEPAL 2015 EARTHQUAKE:

## THE HUMANITARIAN- DEVELOPMENT NEXUS & DRR AS THE LINKING ELEMENT

Jane Carter and Niraj Acharya

Kathmandu, 28 February 2020



# Post-emergency program components

## **Skills training (50 days) in earthquake resilient construction (SDC, DFID)**

- Skills for a future livelihood, Certificate Level 1 (Nepal Gov.)

## **Shelter - with Solidar Swiss (Swiss Solidarity)**

- Disaster resilient but affordable using local & salvaged materials

## **WASH (Swiss Solidarity)**

- Improved water supply schemes with resilient components
- Private taps, user committees, hygiene & sanitation awareness

## **Support for agricultural livelihoods (Swiss Solidarity)**

- Rehabilitated, disaster resilient small irrigation schemes (bio-engineering, cover from rock-falls) with user committees
- Agricultural extension, credit through cooperatives
- Water mills

## **WASH component of Schools with Caritas**

## **Rehabilitation of coffee processing centres (donations)**

## Three key lessons:

- Target judiciously: Reaching the most disadvantaged and vulnerable requires contextual knowledge and additional resources
- Use opportunities for positive social change at community level
- Work with local institutions fosters sustainability



# Appropriate targeting

- Clear criteria in targeting
  - Understanding the pre-disaster social context is important
  - Managing potential tension between government and local definitions of vulnerability...
- Allow adequate resources to reach the most vulnerable
  - Remote locations – more expensive
  - Often unable to provide labour themselves
  - Intense social support often needed (follow-up visits) to minimize the debt trap



# Use opportunities for positive social change

- Build in gender-responsiveness
  - Joint Land Ownership
  - Quotas for training
  - Avoid replicating negative practices (eg. isolation during menstruation)



- Consider holistic post-disaster needs
  - Skills training (earthquake resilient construction, farmer training eg. Farmer to Farmer Business Schools...)
  - Agricultural support (irrigation channels, agricultural inputs, watermills)

# Working with local institutions for sustainability

Building on our existing local networks...

- Working through local partners – building their awareness
  - Two trusted local NGOs
  - Eight farmer cooperatives (for channeling grants, credit)
- Working with, building new community-based institutions as appropriate
  - Water User & Sanitation Committees (WUSCs); Water User Groups
  - School management committees
  - Farmer Groups
- Maintaining, building strong relations with government – esp.
  - National Reconstruction Authority
  - Local municipalities – DRR plans, Local Disaster Management Committees





**Building  
back  
better!**

# Applying the LRRD approach at country programme level

## Lessons learned from Gaibandha, Bangladesh

**Humanitarian – Development Nexus:** The potential of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) as a linking element for the nexus, Sanjib Biswas Sanjoy, DHoD, SRC, Bangladesh

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# SRC Country Programme Bangladesh: 2019

**Gaibandha Union: Combining Disaster Risk Management & Emergency response with stronger National Society partnership;** *July 2018 – December 2020; Partner: Bangladesh Red Crescent Society*

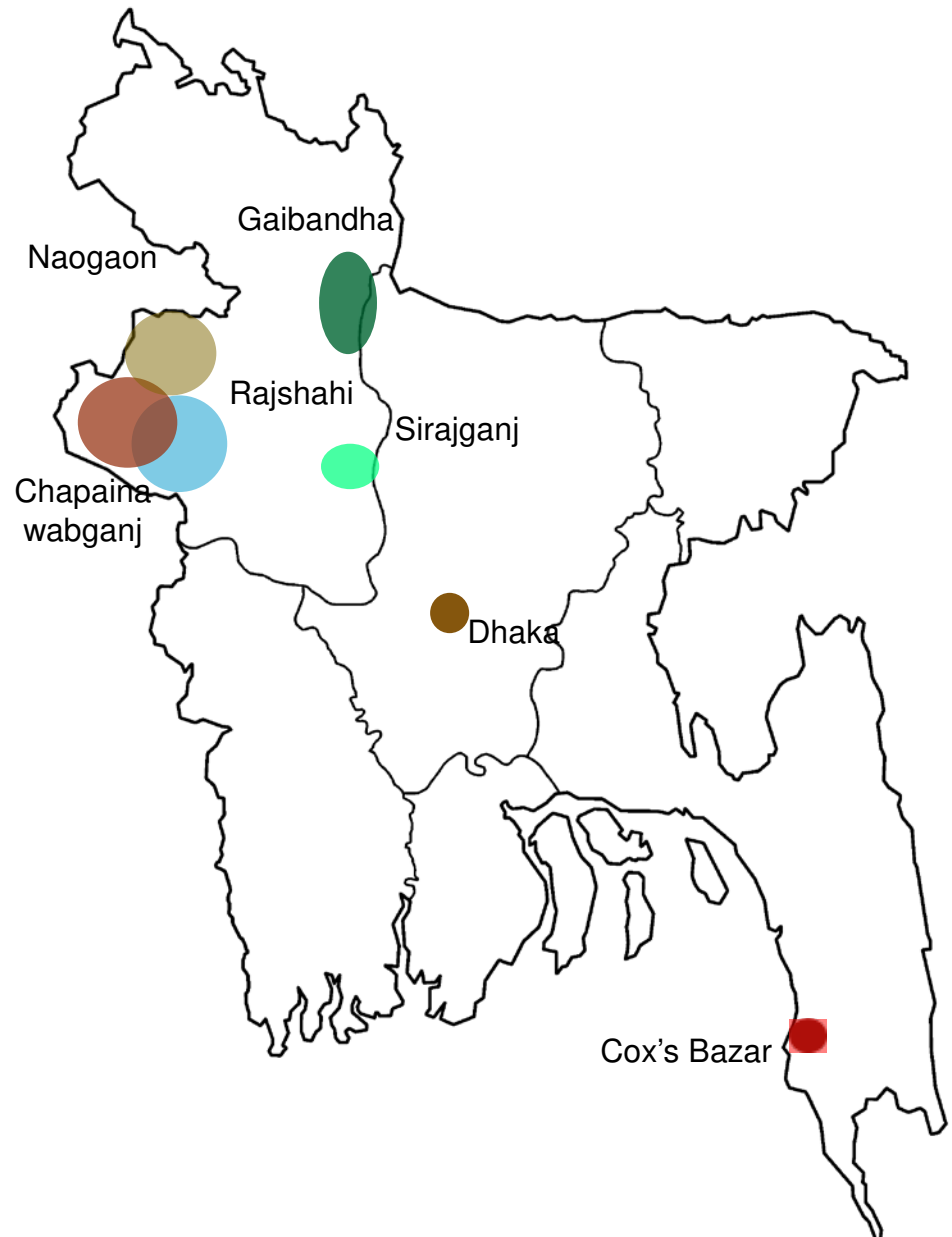
**NSD and Unit development in various districts of Bangladesh;** *January 2020 to December 2020. Partner: Bangladesh Red Crescent Society*

**District Rajshahi: Public Health Improvement Initiative Rajshahi-PHIIR III;** *October 2019-September 2022 Partner: DASHCOH*

**District Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj, Naogaon: Integrated Water Resource Management in the Barind area ;** *July 2018 – June 2022; Partner: DASHCOH/ WARPO*

**Dhaka City, Gazipur Slum, Urban Empowerment and Resilience Project** *April 2019-March 2022; Partner: Bangladesh Red Crescent Society*

**Cox's Bazar: Primary and Environmental Health in Ukhiya;** *April 2019-March 2022 Partner: Bangladesh Red Crescent Society*





# LRRD: Example from Gaibandha: Development to Relief, Recovery

Thematic areas	DRM Activities	Use in Relief, Recovery
Planning	Developed Risk Reduction Action Plan and Contingency Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of life and resources have been reduced.</li> <li>- Reduced lead time for response</li> <li>- protection against disaster</li> </ul>
Mitigation	Functional Early Warning System	- To start pre disaster activities identified in the Contingency Plan
	Implementing Mitigation measures (Household and School plinth raising, construction of roads, wooden bridge etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mitigation measures worked as a emergency shelter</li> <li>- No of effected people reduced</li> </ul>



# LRRD: Example from Gaibandha: Development to Relief, Recovery

Thematic areas	DRM Activities	Use in Relief, Recovery
Capacity building	Functional Disaster Management Committees (Union DMC, Upazila DMC and Village DMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Actively participated in response operation and damage assessment</li> <li>- Local Government Institutions become more accountable and transparent</li> </ul>
	Functional Emergency Response Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proactive participation in rescue operation and evacuation</li> </ul>
Mobilizing funds	Creating emergency response fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Village DMC responded cold wave by their own.</li> </ul>
	Practicing (Forecast based Financing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Timely evacuation and reduce the loss</li> </ul>





# LRRD: Example from Gaibandha: Relief, Recovery to Development

Activities in Response Recovery	Use in the development initiatives
Providing Cash support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increased purchase capacity</li><li>- Empower the community</li><li>- Functioning the Local market</li></ul>
Providing seed support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Restoring the livelihood</li><li>- Encouraging the kitchen gardening</li><li>- Prevent financial loss</li></ul>
Providing Wash support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Helped to achieve Universal Sanitation Coverage targets and water</li></ul>



# Key messages as conclusions

## Long-term

- ***DRR pays off***: if DRR is consistently mainstreamed in long-term projects, communities and authorities are better protected against and prepared for hazard risks



## Emergencies

- ***Work with existing structures ensures effective response***: at the community AND authority level and from the very beginning



# Thanks to all

