

Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change Adaptation

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- Disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation are considered important cross-cutting themes that can affect sustainable development
- Climate variability, climate change and disaster risks are being addressed by the organisation's programmes
- Disaster risks can both impact projects and be impacted by projects which needs to be taken into account
- Systematic integration of DRR and climate into development cooperation and humanitarian efforts by:
 - Assessment and analysis of current and future climate and disaster risks and opportunities and adapting programme activities as needed
 - Ensuring risk-informed decision making, avoid new risks
 - Enhancing understanding of acceptable risks as there is no risk-free environment

Caritas Switzerland works through

Internal advisory team on disaster risk reduction & climate change

- Thematic support to programmes, projects and activities
- Consultancy for projects
- Development of thematic indicators
- Support development of country programmes
- Support capacity building
- Development of thematic instruments: factsheets, guidelines, tools
- Lead IC Group on DRR & Climate Change

Networks

- Swiss NGO DRR Platform -> F2F on Urban DRR, Curriculum Mandate
- Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)

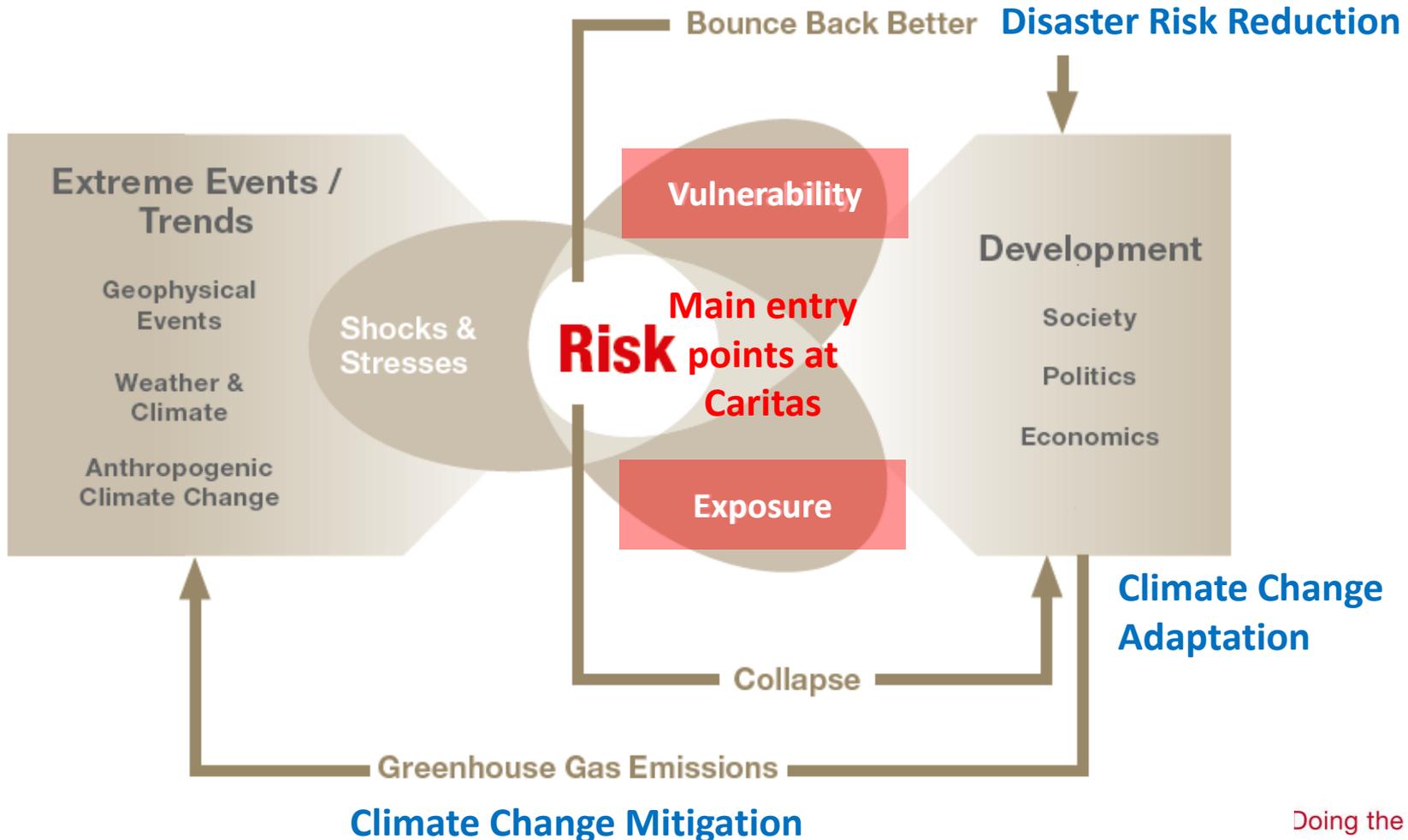
Goals in Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change

- Climate Change Mitigation: Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced and their sinks enhanced in a way that income generation of urban and rural communities is improved and access to renewable energy is increased
 - Access to Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency
 - Carbon Sequestration through Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry
- Climate Change Adaptation: Communities in urban and rural areas have increased their capabilities to adapt to climate change
 - Climate Change Analysis and Forecasting Capacity
 - Strengthening local adaptive capacity
- Disaster Risk Reduction: Communities in urban and rural areas are strengthened in their capabilities to avoid, reduce and cope with the impacts of natural and technological hazards and to reduce related losses and damages
 - Prevention and risk mitigation
 - Disaster Management and Preparing for Response

Strategies & Guidelines/Tools

- CaCH International Cooperation Strategy 2013 -16 / 2020
- Swiss NGO DRR Plattform Briefing Note on Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience 2016
- Tools & Guidelines
 - Risk Assessment /Climate Change Assessment: MECO, Cost-Benefit Analysis, CEDRIG
 - Manual on DRR Integrated Watershed Management
 - Preparedness: Community Managed DRR

Climate Change & DRR Framework



Project activities in DRR & Climate Change

- Renewable energies: Recycling used cooking oil for biodiesel production in Bali
- Community-based DRR in Bangladesh
- Integrated Watershed Management in Tajikistan
- Integration of DRR in reconstruction

