

Case Study I: DRR programming in fragile context

Swiss Red Cross experiences from Honduras and El Salvador

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Context



- Approx. 3 times the size of CH
- Approx. 9 Mio inhabitants
- 53% urban
- HDI 130

- Approx. ½ the size of CH
- Approx. 6.4 Mio inhabitants
- 62% urban
- HDI 116



Context

- «Banana Republics»
- Conflictive and chaotic history
- Polarization
- Inequalities
- Weak governance and institutions
- Political crisis
- Very high homicide rate (epidemic of violence)
- Territories controlled by gangs and drug trafficking



Context

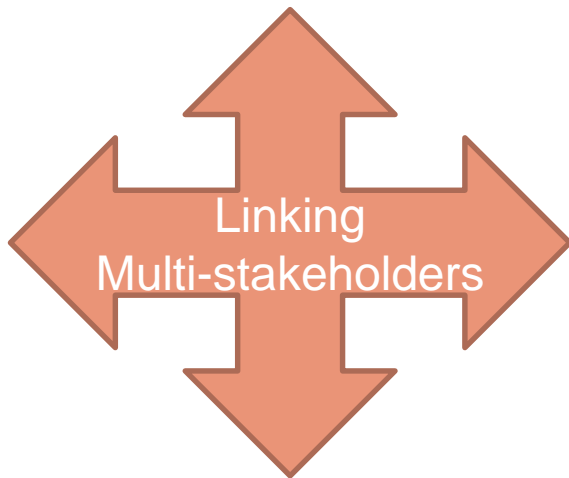
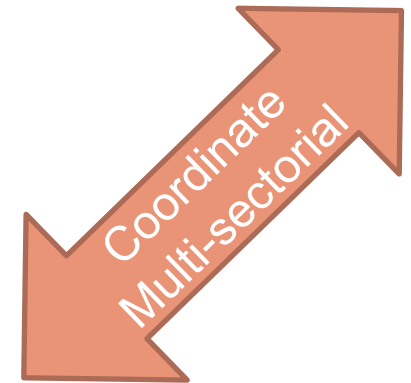


- Prone to all kind of disaster
- Young population
- High unemployment rate – Informal sector
- Poverty
- Dependency on remittances
- Migration

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Community-based long-term development projects
Strengthen the resilience of the most vulnerable communities

- Strengthened DRM and ACC capacities
- Improved population health situation and access to adequate quality health services
- Increased opportunities for social inclusions



- Host Red Cross National Society
- Public institutions such as civil protection, health and education ministries
- Local authorities



Impact of fragility in DRR programming

Climate change is a factor of fragility

Complexity - Deal with a high level of uncertainty

- Potential conflict with or within partners
- Unreliable participation of communities : e.g. (temporary) migration of participants
- Unreliable contribution of public institutions and local authorities
- Weak public services / unwilling public servants
- Uncontrollable external factors (disaster, violence...)
- Denied access to communities



DRR programming in fragile context

- Integrate CSPM from the beginning
- Increase frequency and quality of context assessments, actors mapping, and conflict / security monitoring
- Establish Security Risk Management and coordination mechanisms
- Improve security measures: invest financial resources for security, reduce working schedules...
- Organize regular staff trainings and debriefings
- Integrate psycho social support for field staff



DRR programming in fragile context

- Include seasonal climate cycle and people occupations
- Consider legal / institutional framework
- Acknowledge weaknesses and strengths of all stakeholders, at all levels
- Use bottom up and top-down approaches
- Include a wide range of intervention



DRR programming in fragile context

- Substitute lacking contributions
- Strengthen participants knowledge
- Build on the interaction between DRR and community building
- Plan low resources activities (e.g. community empowerment, bioengineering)
- Coordinate with all stakeholders
- Intensify donor dialogue



Key lessons learnt

Plan for the worst,
hope for the best...

- Be flexible, have plan B, be patient
- Monitor the context and maps stakeholders
- Invest in training and awareness raising for your staff
- Focus on changes (outcomes) rather than on activities
- Use different approaches (multi-sector, -stakeholders...) & Promote DRR mainstreaming
- Enhanced information, transparency and social accountability
- Strength participation and confidence of participants
- Communicate & Speak up your Principles

and make your best to
make the best happen



Thank you for your attention

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