

DRR (and health) programming in an increasingly fragile context

Lessons learned from Olancho / Honduras

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SRC Programme in Honduras



Goal:

- Strengthen resilience of most vulnerable communities in remote areas

Outcomes:

- Increased DRR/CCA capacities of the communities
- Strengthened DRM system at municipal level
- Improved health status
- Established coordination mechanisms Health - DRR

Background:

- Hurricane Mitch 1998
- Relief – reconstruction – development (health and DRR)
- Partner Honduran RC, 2 main areas



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National context

Key aspects

- 8 Mio inhabitants, 112'000 km²
- 65% of population considered poor
- High hazard exposure
- Hub for drug trafficking and US war on drugs
- High insecurity (Maras)
- High brain drain
- Weak governance
- Weak civil society organisation

👉 **“Banana republic”**



Honduras

Constitutional crisis leading to increased fragility



- Coup d'état against Pres. Zelaya in 2009



- Political crisis between the two traditional parties



- Nationwide polarisation



- Mass mobilisation of (new) civil organisations

Decline of fragility indicators

- Highly negative economic impact
- From weak to bad governance
- Decrease of public services
- Continued brain drain
- Increase of violence:
 - common delinquency
 - organized crime
 - human rights violations



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Impact on the programme and context

- Unreliable participation and contribution of local institutions and authorities
- Even more reduced public service
 - local budgets for health, education, DRR
 - reduced health services
- Increased unemployment, poverty and vulnerability
- High insecurity and violence for communities ... and teams
- Conflicts within Honduran RC (polarisation)



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Adaptation to the new situation



Support processes

- RCRC movement coordination
- Staff trainings and debriefings

Programme adjustment

- Increased frequency and quality of assessments and conflict / security monitoring
- Reduced working schedules (night trips, overnight field stays)
- Enhanced information, transparency and social accountability
- Substitution of lacking contributions
- Improved security measures and more financial resources for security (cars, radios, staff, training)

👉 **Adapt the strategy,
keep the focus**



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Red Cross Movement Coordination in fragile situations

- Role auxiliaire in DM and health
- Established security risk management and coordination mechanisms
- Global network and pool of experts, rapidly support available
- Role and expertise of ICRC (all party contacts, detention visits, family links, training, awareness raising)



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Lessons Learned



In general

Integrate CSPM from the beginning

- Emphasis on assessment and monitoring
- Scenario planning
- Flexibility required (plan long-term, act short term)

Focus on outcomes at community level

Intensify donor dialogue

Honduras specific

Integrate psycho social support for field staff

Foresee sufficient training resources for rotating public staff

Keep low but clear profile and inform about it

..plan for the worst, hope for the best...



Thank you !

