BUILDING RESILIENCE: A VSO CORE APPROACH
VSO works in over 24 countries and is currently integrating resilience into our health, education and livelihoods programmes, while also developing stand alone programmes within fragile spaces.
RESILIENCE BUILDING IS A PROCESS!

1. Identify the stress or shock
2. Identify what makes us vulnerable to those stresses or shocks and what are existing coping mechanisms are.
3. Identify actions/ interventions to reduce vulnerability and build resilience.
4. Identify the resources, skills and partnerships we need to undertake actions and build resilience.
MULTI-SECTORAL APPROACH:

Starting point of resilience = understanding the assets that communities rely on before, during and after a disaster and their capabilities to use them during times of stress and shock.

HUMAN   SOCIAL   ENVIRONMENTAL   INFRASTRUCTURAL   ECONOMIC
SOCIAL INCLUSION AND GENDER

Inclusion of most at risk individuals and groups is essential in order to have an accurate understanding of risks and maximise on capacities of whole community.

• Understanding **who** may be excluded: Children, Women, Older People, PwD – creating greater risk
• Inclusive and accessible risk assessment tools & processes
• V&C Analysis: different access to assets/ social/ cultural norms
• **Responsive Resilience Actions** to their priorities and needs
• Ensure primary risk bearers are **decision makers** within our programmes & are engaging with service providers and duty bearer.
TAKING A DUAL COMMUNITY AND SYSTEMS APPROACH

• Understanding the systems which primary risk bearers depend on and how those systems are affected by the different stresses and shocks which are impacting them.

• Assessing the different components of that system, understanding how they are impacted by/ responsive to stress

• Optimising VSO’s strategic advantage of volunteers - embedded within systems (health, education, livelihoods, DRM)
STRENGTHENING SYSTEM POST-DISASTER

HEALTH SYSTEMS POST-EBOLA
SIERRA LEONE

DRM Coordination and Disaster Management Systems in Nepal Post Earthquake and Flood

Education Systems: Drought Affected Districts Kenya, Uganda, Emergency Education Rohingya
Volunteering and building resilience

Relational volunteer methodology

- Inspiration
- Quality & effectiveness
- Social action
- Inclusion
- Participation
- Innovation
- Ownership & agency
- Collaboration
VOLUNTEERS BUILDING RESILIENCE

Delivering trainings & peer to peer sensitization on Disaster Risk Reduction in Pakistan

Aqsa Zahoor, Community Volunteer
VOLUNTEERS BUILDING RESILIENCE

REHABILITATION OF FLOOD AFFECTED SCHOOLS IN RAUTAHAT NEPAL

Mr. Shyam Chaudhary, Community Volunteer – Civil Engineer
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GEO-MAPPING WITH COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES
THANK YOU!

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