Draft: Programming framework for "People & communities most Vulnerable to Environmental & Climate change"
Analysis, Program practice and learning for impact

Description of the Impact group
The most vulnerable people from communities most vulnerable to recurring natural disaster and environmental change

ANALYSIS

PROGRAM PRACTICE

LEARNING AND IMPACT

Underlying causes of Vulnerability

Increasing exposure risks/threats in the physical environment
Global warming is bringing changes in patterns of seasons and average climatic conditions; increasing sea levels; salinity intrusion; increasing river erosion and riverbed salvation; increasing frequency and severity of droughts, floods and cyclonic storms; changes in the upper catchments of the megalaya

Limited adaptation capacity
Stretched natural adaptive systems & practices; Information and knowledge gaps on the trends of threats and alternative technologies; Erosion of capital assets and human capital/capabilities and economic capacities from repeated exposure to risks; undeveloped alternative adaptive practices.

Social and Political marginalization of most vulnerable populations; Social and formal governance structures not working for interests of the Poorest and most vulnerable. Systemic deprivation of political voice and exploitation practices across social lines and through abuse of responsibilities.

Nature of Vulnerabilities
Physical Exposures/hazards:
Landlessness and homelessness; exposure to ill health and therefore limited human capital/ capacity. Threat to life (disaster) mostly for pregnant mothers and children) Further physical Isolation from basic services and resources (plus reproductive health services for women).
Non sustenance of adaptations. (eroded adaptive capacity or denied); *Mal adaptive practices*
Physical and livelihood insecurity (Loss of property – *shelter* and assets), social barriers limit adaptive choices of women multiplier of vulnerability – resulting in sexual exploitation, little or no education

Impact Vision
The most vulnerable people and communities prone to disasters and environmental change build resilient livelihoods

Breakthroughs
To be identified

Theory of change focused on:
- Greater responsiveness of duty bearers to those most vulnerable
- Improved adaptation & preparedness of communities to overcome disaster and environmental change;
- Affected people's participation in global movements to address environmental change;
- Pro-poor environmentally aware policies and practices

Suggested Areas of Strategic focus
Short term Options:
- Reducing the risk of disasters- Disaster **preparedness**; More effective disaster **response**
Medium and Long term:
- Support people-centered community-based adaptation involves building more resilient livelihoods; promoting appropriate traditional knowledge, awareness raising and information management – **(Realising new Opportunities)**;
- Facilitating inclusive Local governance and social change for inclusive planning and response systems (**institutional adaptability**);
- Policy choices facilitating adaptation - **Social protection** – advocacy for propoor budget & fund allocation and equity in management practice. (Make the SSN system that is truly inclusive of marginalized groups).

Learning and Impact Measurement

Trends/context
- Global warming and its effects.
- Changes in seasonal and tidal variations.(river flow; run off)
- Changes in incidence of flooding and other climate related disasters. (Land loss and land use changes)

Impact Measurement
- Demonstration of impact – indicators and measurement system that provided evidence of Impact **(Reduction in risks from emergencies/damages and increasing resilience and institutional responsiveness.)**
- Changes in local knowledge

Learning, Building Knowledge and Influencing
- *Build on existing indigenous and traditional knowledge*
- Assumptions/ risks/ hypotheses in paths of change to be tested
- Key knowledge and learning areas - themes/ strategies/ approaches
- Sets of questions to drive reflective practice
- Communication Plan

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