

**Example of best practices and available tools
for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation¹**

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Care International

Title of practice/tool

Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis (CVCA)

Description of practice/tool

CARE's CVCA methodology provides a framework for analyzing vulnerability and the capacity to adapt to climate change at the community level. Recognizing that local actors must drive their own future, the CVCA prioritizes local knowledge on climate risks and adaptation strategies in the data gathering and analysis process. It helps identify vulnerability to climate change and the capacity to adapt at the community level and helps to combine community knowledge and scientific data to yield greater understanding about local impacts of climate change.

The CVCA methodology has a number of characteristics for assessing vulnerability to climate change of communities. These include:

- a focus on climate change
- analysis of existing conditions, hazards and trends
- emphasis on multi-stakeholder analysis, collaboration and dialogue
- a focus on communities with an emphasis on enabling environments as well.

From CARE's perspective, and as embodied through this methodology, community based adaptation requires an integrated approach which combines traditional knowledge with innovative strategies to address current vulnerability while building adaptive capacity to face new and dynamic challenges.

Region

The CVCA tool has been applied in a number of different countries globally including in the following regions:

- Africa and the Arab States
- Asia-Pacific
- Caribbean and Central America
- South America

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- Not region-specific

Country

The CVCA method has been applied to a large number of CARE projects around the world. CVCA methods have been conducted in Bangladesh, Nepal, Ghana, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Peru among many other countries.

Sector

The CVCA method uses traditional and indigenous knowledge of communities together with climate science and other quantitative data to identify adaptation interventions and build adaptive capacity at the community level. It is not tailored to any particular sector but helps to identify key underlying vulnerabilities and adaptation interventions to build capacity to respond to climate change.

Name of implementing institution/s

CARE International and its numerous partners around the world.

Further information

Further information about the CVCA methodology and its application, and use of traditional knowledge can be found in the publications below:

1. CVCA Handbook. http://www.careclimatechange.org/cvca/CARE_CVCAHandbook.pdf
2. Understanding Vulnerability to Climate change: Insights from the application of CARE's CVCA methodology. http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/adaptation/CARE_Understanding_Vulnerability.pdf
3. Application of Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (CVCA) Methodology in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda: Global Water Initiative (GWI) East Africa http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/adaptation/GWI_CVCA_CS_Sept11.pdf
4. Application of Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (CVCA) Methodology in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia: Regional Project for Adaptation to the Impact of Rapid Glacier Retreat in the Tropical Andes – PRAA http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/adaptation/PRAA_CVCA_CS_0611.pdf
5. Climate vulnerability and capacity of ethnic minorities in the northern mountainous region of Vietnam

http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/CARE_ClimChg_Vietnam_0413_web1.pdf

6. Climate Vulnerability Capacity Analysis - A report from four districts in South Sulawesi, Indonesia

<http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/Indonesia20CVCA20Report20final20engl.pdf>

7. Climate Vulnerability Capacity Analysis- A report from the South of Thailand

<http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/ThailandCVCA.pdf>

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