# LOSS AND DAMAGE: COMPREHENSIVE RISK ASSESSMENT

Colin McQuistan 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Practical **ACTION** 



## Loss and damage from the community's perspective?





# Flood Resilience Measurement for Communities (FRMC)



Produced in partnership with:



















# Flood Resilience Measurement for Communities (FRMC) Tool



- → Set up measurement activities
- → Select data collection methods
- → Assign them to fieldworkers' smartphones

- → Consolidate all data for the assessment
- → Assign grades using the assessment methodology

→ Store the resilience measurement results for a comprehensive analysis and the validation process











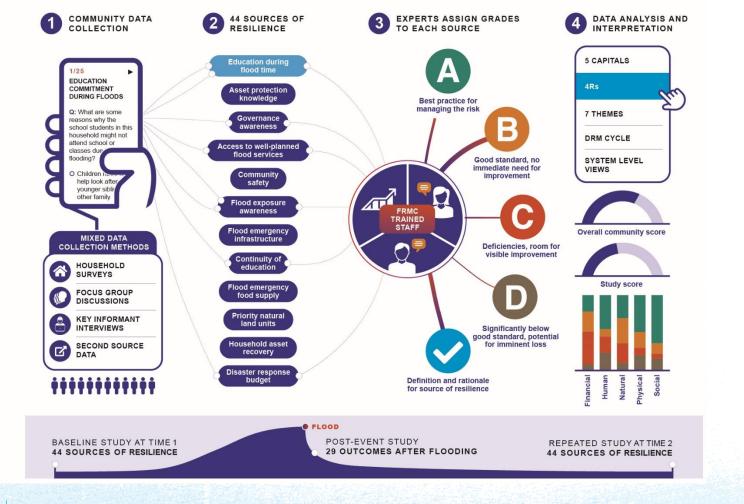






- → Collect data based on assigned methods
- → Store the data offline
- → Send the data to the web application when the job is completed

- → Visualize and analyze the measurement results
- → Guidance on how to interpret the results



Flood Resilience

Alliance

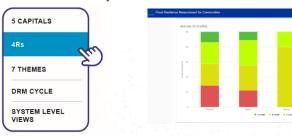
# Challenges (and solutions!) of system approach for flood resilience

#### Flood Resilience Alliance

### 1.2 Too many things or results to analyse!

44 sources, with more than a hundred questions...

Use different lenses to analyse the results



Lesson learnt: If the system is too complex to be analyzed as a whole, look at it through several lenses.

# Handbook for Community-Led Assessment of Climate-Induced Loss and Damage

- ActionAid, Asia Disaster Risk Reduction Network (ADRRN) and Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA) are using
  various participatory methodologies that help in identifying risks, vulnerabilities and developing strategies to build
  resilience and address loss and damage.
- The participatory tools in the handbook (to be released in November) help communities use these tools together to assess and record the economic and non-economic losses and damages they have experienced. They can then use this information for several purposes, including:
  - Understanding climate change trends and taking action to avoid or reduce future disasters and losses;
  - Giving clear information to local and national authorities to help them understand and map the trends and impacts
    of climate disasters, and to plan to avoid future disasters;
  - Engaging with government to request relief, support or compensation based on the assessment;
  - Compiling evidence of climate-induced loss and damage so that national government can demand support from the international community.
- The 7-step Handbook uses participatory tools such as risk mapping, seasonal and hazard calendars, and trend analysis. The process also encompasses interviewing individual expert stakeholders such as local authorities, disaster management experts and climate scientists, thus enriching the community analysis with expert knowledge.







## Nepal Earthquake 2015



**Any lessons?** 

### Challenges for community scale assessments

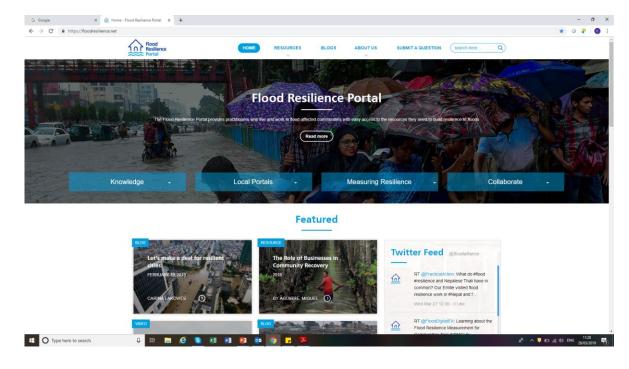
- Access, language and cultural barriers
- Absence of technical capacities
- Documented evidence
- Voice and opportunity

### But...



• There are some ways that these can be overcome and this need to happen to fill the void in the current data environment

## **Thank** YOU



https://floodresilience.net/

### Colin McQuistan

Head of Climate and Resilience Colin.mcquistan@practicalaction.org.uk @ColinMcQuistan











