ActionAid’s Resilience Framework based on Human Rights Based Approach

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Vulnerability as the Challenge

• ActionAid’s work is centred around people’s vulnerability to shocks and stresses as well as addressing the underlying causes that make them vulnerable.

• ActionAid’s analysis shows that vulnerability is primarily caused by three factors:
  – Social exclusion;
  – Lack of skills, access to basic services and economic opportunities; and
  – Lack of assets and secured access to natural resources.
Underlying Causes of Vulnerability

- Unjust Governance
  - Lack of assets & secured access to natural resources
- Unfair Social Attitude
  - Lack of skills, access to basic services & economic opportunities
- Social Exclusion
  - People VULNERABLE to Shocks & Stresses

Unequal and Unjust Power
Programmatic framework:

1. Ensure holistic vulnerability / risk analysis, whilst engaging with multiple risks (conflict, natural disasters, climate change etc)
2. Build rights awareness, and enhance access to basic services and resources for resilience building
3. Enhance knowledge, reflection and learning, and develop skills
4. Build and strengthen community institutions for resilience
5. Build and promote effective leadership
6. Build collective action and partnerships for resilience
7. Ensure equal and just power
8. Influence policy and implementation for sustained resilience building
15 (8+7) Elements of Resilience and Transformation-2

Guiding principles:

9. Guarantee participation and inclusion
10. Enhance diversity and flexibility
11. Encourage innovation and experimentation
12. Work across scales
13. Interlink systems and integrated programming
14. Take into account long term and future orientation
15. Ecological sustainability
Human Rights Based Approach to Resilience

Solidarity
- Build collective action and partnerships

Campaigning
- Ensure equal and just power
- Build / promote effective leadership

Empowerment
- Build / strengthen community institutions
- Rights awareness, access to basic services & resources
- Holistic vulnerability / risk analysis

Resilient Communities
- Influence policies and implementation
- Enhance knowledge, reflection and learning, and develop skills

Participation and inclusion
Diversity and flexibility
Innovation and experimentation
Across scales
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Protection
- Diversity and flexibility
- Innovation and experimentation
- Across scales
- Interlink systems and integrated programming
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- Ecological sustainability
Thank You

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