



Community Resilience: a Focus on "How".

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Context

- ▶ Communities Prepared Network
- ▶ Priority Activities Identified
- ▶ Relationships between local business, community & Agencies
- ▶ Disseminate good practice



Actions for a community resilient to emergencies and disasters

Awareness Raising/Education

- Hazard/threat process, predictions & uncertainty and possible impacts.
- Mitigation & preparedness resources required AND their utility (subjective)
- Agency roles, responsibilities, support and access
- Community roles, responsibilities and expectations from agencies

Preparedness Activities

- Reviewing risk knowledge
- Ongoing Assessment of capacity & assets
- Personal Emergency planning
- Community emergency planning
- Business emergency/ continuity planning
- Community exercising
- Local monitoring & early warning
- Regional/local Volunteer strategy including insurance, planning for spontaneous volunteers etc
- Insurance for those at risk (businesses, homeowners/tenants)

Mitigation/Protective Actions

- Barriers
- Buffers
- Maintenance

Support from agencies & business

- Training
- Resources
- Implementation
- Service integration
- Funding/in kind

Recovery "Actions"

- Identifying community recovery needs and capacity
- Matching needs and capacity to community and agency support
- Raising awareness of support and schemes
- Resilient new normal recovery

Response "Actions"

- Effective monitoring & decision making for timely (anticipatory) action
- Implement emergency response as planned
- Mitigation /Protective measures reduce impact
- Effectiveness monitored & reviewed

Preparedness

- communications and events to build cohesive networks and raise community awareness on a peer-to-peer basis
- personal, business and community plans, which are exercised
- ongoing assessment of vulnerability, capacity and assets
- systems for local monitoring of risks and early warning
- coordinating with responders and informing responder plans
- insurance for those at risk (businesses, homeowners, tenants)

Response

- local monitoring and two way information flow with responders and with the wider public
- effective decision making to trigger community emergency plans
- coordinating with responders and coordinating spontaneous volunteers

Support from government, Category 1 and 2 responders, voluntary and private organisations

- training
- resources
- facilitation
- service integration
- funding/in kind

Recovery

- identifying community recovery needs and capacity, and matching these to the available community and agency support
- raising awareness of the available support and schemes
- recovering in a resilient way to reflect the new normal
- evaluate activities and learn lessons

Mitigation/Protection

- deploying and maintaining barriers and buffers in the built and natural environment
- working with health programmes, behaviour change and awareness raising



We know what A Resilient Community Looks like?

- ▶ Old view – bounce back - recover
 - ▶ Bounce back better – new normal
 - ▶ Reactive
- ▶ New view – proactive & anticipatory
 - ▶ Knowledge of risks & actions
 - ▶ Prepared
- ▶ Newest view
 - ▶ Holistic resilience – not risk specific
 - ▶ Empowered & autonomous
 - ▶ Transformational systems – loops, whys & ways of “doing”

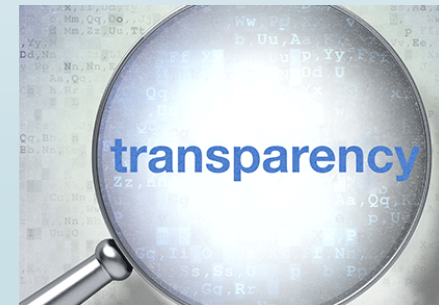


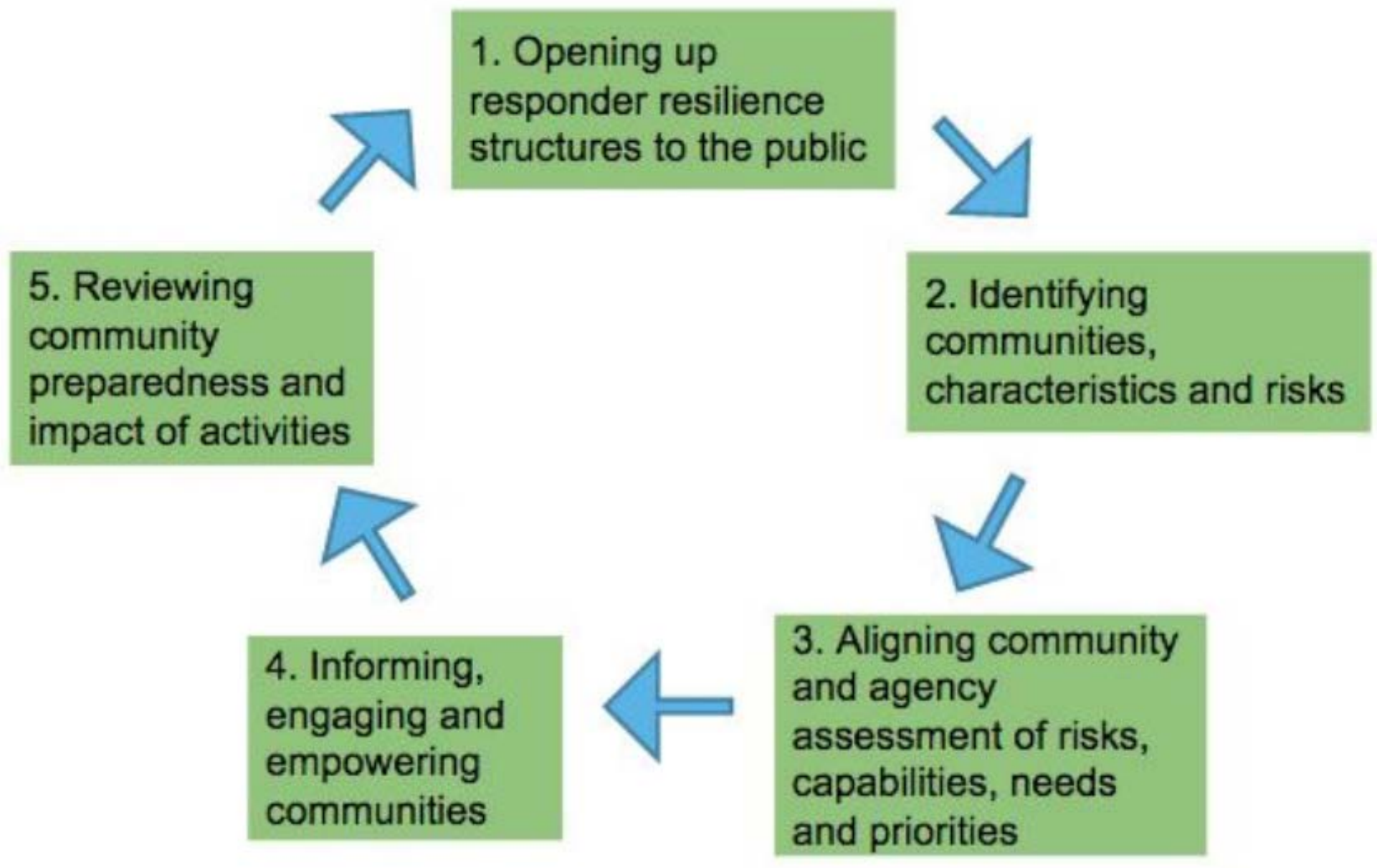
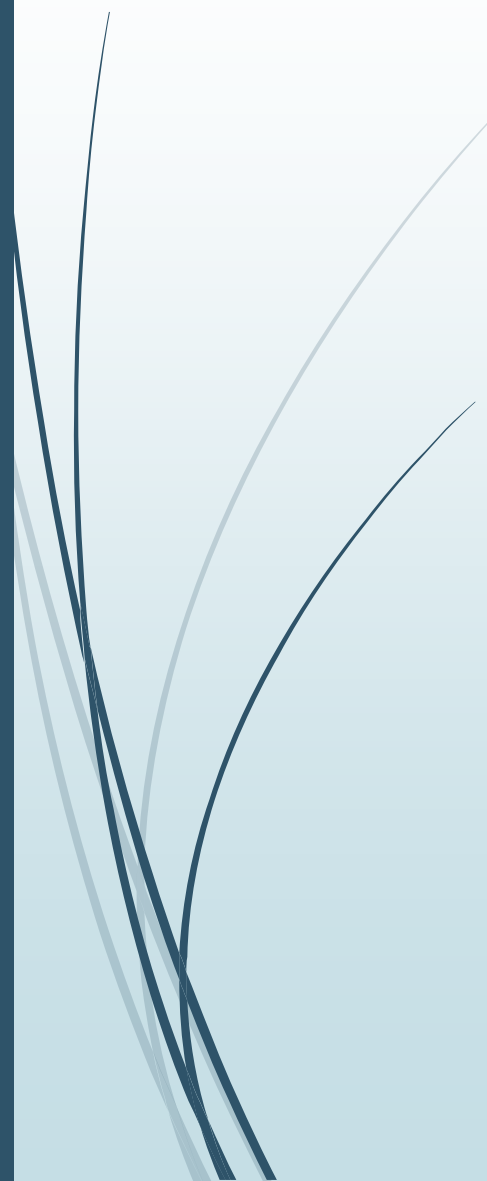
Recent Empirical Studies

- ▶ emBRACE
 - ▶ Risk / contingencies case studies
 - ▶ Common cross cutting drivers
 - ▶ Networks, relationships with agencies, limits to resilience, social & transformative learning
- ▶ Pathfinder
 - ▶ Risk specific case studies
 - ▶ Detail on engagement & support
- ▶ Post Disaster Reconstruction Nepal
 - ▶ Community led, collaborative methodologies based on PAR.

How Can Practitioners Support Communities to Build Resilience?

- ▶ Thinking about the TWO parts & end to end “process”
 - ▶ Community
 - ▶ Resilience (Reducing risk in a collaborative way)
- ▶ Understanding community capital (internal & external determinants)
- ▶ Enabling communities to engage – shared views, access & expectations





The Journey to Resilience



Working with local people to ID capital, issues, priorities, options, information, resource & support needs



Ongoing Feedback & Evaluation

- ▶ Evaluating Transformative Working
- ▶ Assessing Impact in terms of “Community” & “Resilience”
- ▶ Not just tangible outputs
- ▶ Challenges assessing outcomes
- ▶ What was Done & How
 - ▶ Community perspective
 - ▶ Agency perspective
 - ▶ LRFs
 - ▶ Wider Institutions & Government



Thank You for Your Attention

Any Questions?

Event @ CU Masterclass

Communities: Approaches to Resilience & Engagement

Thurs 30th & Fri 31st March 2017