

# REALITY CHECK

## How can we ensure impact at the frontline?

Since 2007, the GNDR *Views from the Frontline* programme has been run by hundreds of civil society organisations to explore local perspectives of progress in reducing risk – the goal of governments committed to implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action on Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA).

Responses from over 85,000 members of communities, local authorities and civil society organisations highlighted limited impact at the local level.

If the Post-2015 DRR Framework is to have greater impact at the local level, we need a **Reality Check!**

### We can enhance local level impact if we:

- 1 Understand local perspectives of risk**  
Listen and understand the experiences of people most at risk
- 2 Consider the local context**  
Recognise the real life challenges of fragility, insecurity, and informality
- 3 Leave no one behind**  
Ensure the inclusion of all groups, particularly those most at risk
- 4 Collaborate**  
Work with and across all groups and levels
- 5 Mobilise local resources**  
Build on existing capacities, knowledge and other sources of resilience
- 6 Align across policies**  
Ensure coherence across development and climate change activities
- 7 Hold people to account**  
Ensure accountability to local communities
- 8 Learn from the past and look to the future**  
Learn lessons and recognise future trends to inform recovery and development planning
- 9 Be environmentally aware**  
Recognise, protect and strengthen the functions of ecosystems
- 10 Recognise the potential of civil society**  
We can enhance local level impact if we: actively work with civil society to achieve these essentials

*This Reality Checklist draws on lessons learnt from UNISDR's reviews of the HFA, as well as GNDR's review of progress at the local level through Views from the Frontline.*

# Joining hands

CSOs, national and local governments, and other groups should:

- ✓ **Have a reality check together.** Use the Reality Checklist to develop and assess implementation strategies for the Post-2015 DRR Framework.
- ✓ **Sit down together and identify activities** they can partner on, including the actions outlined in this implementation plan.
- ✓ **Collaborate to use Frontline**, a local level participatory monitoring tool that gathers local perspectives on risk and resilience. For more information see [www.gndr.org/frontline](http://www.gndr.org/frontline)
- ✓ **Share planned and ongoing activities** that are creating local level impact and learn from what's going on in other parts of the world at [www.gndr.org](http://www.gndr.org)



The Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction is the largest international network of organisations committed to working together to improve the lives of people affected by disasters worldwide. Our purpose is to enable civil society to connect local to global and speak with a collective voice that drives action which reduces risk and increases the resilience of the most vulnerable.

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