

Implementing *Views from Frontline* (VFL) 2019 outside GNDR's funded countries

***Help build resilient communities in your country,
and let communities' voices be heard globally***

1. Background

Views from Frontline (VFL) remains one of the largest global programmes which reviews and strengthens disaster risk reduction at the local level. GNDR launched this global monitoring initiative in [2009](#), involving over 500 organisations across 69 countries to lead a participatory local monitoring process measuring the progress of the Hyogo Framework for Action in strengthening community resilience. VFL was subsequently implemented worldwide again in [2011](#) and in [2013](#), and evolved into the [Frontline](#) programme in 2015. It has, to date, gathered the views of over 85,000 stakeholders across 129 countries.

VFL has been instrumental in initiating dialogues at the local level, raising awareness and deepening understanding of risks and resilience. 'Local Partners stated "they understand their own communities better because of the *Frontline* programme" [...] The legacy of an organisation like GNDR helping local CSOs to understand their local communities better in relation to DRR should be seen as a great success' (External Evaluation of the *Frontline* Project).

VFL processes have brought in key recommendations for the post-2015 DRR framework. These recommendations were subsequently used to inform GNDR's report 'Reality Check-Impact at the Frontline', which served as GNDR's key advocacy position leading up to and during the World Conference on DRR (WCDRR) in Sendai, Japan.

As mentioned by a UNISDR representative as part of the *Frontline* evaluation, "there is way more awareness of DRR than fifteen years ago – more of an interest at high level discussions where Sendai planning raised that awareness – GNDR has contributed in bringing community voices to those high level discussions".

As a result of these recommendations and the joint advocacy from CSOs across the world, the Sendai Framework for DRR (SFDRR) specifically states the importance of including local actors in risk governance, and instructs states to invest in multi-stakeholder approaches.

Views from Frontline 2019

VFL 2019 will be implemented across Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and Caribbean and African countries. It will capture the local perspectives on risk and resilience, but also monitor the extent to which the local actors are included in resilience planning processes. It will establish a local baseline and local monitoring process to measure progress towards achieving an inclusive, 'people-centered' approach to resilience-building, as promoted within the SFDRR and associated frameworks. VFL 2019 will help the communities to develop their action plans towards building resilience. The outcome of the process will involve not only



communities but also the key stakeholders across levels, to understand the gaps between policies and practices at the local level.

The overall objective of the program is to strengthen the inclusion of, and systematic collaboration between governments, at risk people, and civil society in the design and implementation of DRR and resilience policies and practices.

The specific objectives are:

- Increased access to actionable, timely and disaggregated local data
- Increased capacities of local actors to engage in resilience actions
- Increased use of local data in resilience-building processes
- Increased engagement between difference actions in resilience building processes

VFL 2019 spreads across 3 years. The 3 main components of VFL 2019 include (a) Collection of data through survey and consultations (b) Reflection – which helps to analyze the threats and barriers faced by the country and identify actions towards building their resilience and (c) local actions which promote building resilience through planning, implementation and influencing policies and practices at the local and national levels. Based on the on the pilot in 2 countries across Philippines and Tonga, the survey sample consisted of approximately: (a) 10% of households randomly sampled (b) 60 individuals for vulnerable groups taking part in community focus group discussions and (c) 10 CSO representatives interviewed and (d) 10 local government representatives interviewed.

GNDR will implement VFL 2019 in [50 countries](#) supported by DEVCO. However, GNDR is committed to support the national-registered organisations in the countries not listed in VFL 2019 DEVCO-supported project.

You can also be part of VFL 2019 flagship program!

If you are interested in implementing VFL 2019 in your country, GNDR is committed to provide support to organisations.

GNDR shall provide following support to the National Coordinating Organisations:

1. Handbook on the Implementation of VFL
2. A space at a Training of Trainers on how to implement the VFL methodology
3. Online Support
4. Disaggregated data analysis
5. Inclusion of your country's data in the VFL global database and reporting
6. Disseminate the voices of people at the global level

National Coordinating Organisations should:

- Be a non-profit entity with a national legal status of operation in the country
- Be able to raise funds for implementation of VFL 2019 and cover costs of GNDR pertaining to training, data aggregation and analysis, and coordination (see costs break down below)
- Follow the methodology outlined in the VFL Implementation Handbook, with any national adaptations previously agreed with GNDR.
- Implement the project within the wider VFL 2019 timeline, uploading data by the latest by November 2019 (see timeline below)
- Be able to sign an agreement with GNDR
- Allow GNDR to use the collected data in its global VFL reporting, including further analysis and dissemination
- Report to GNDR on the progress of the project every month
- Disseminate the learnings to the other organisations civil society members in the country

Timeline of the Project:

It is assumed that the National Coordinating Organisation launches VFL 2019 in August 2018 and uploads data by March 2019. A guideline for the timings of key activities is given below for this period. If they upload data by February 2019, they will be able to achieve the milestone of having their data included at presentations and discussions at UNISDR's Global Platform on DRR to be held in May 2019. However, if the organisation starts the process later, you can still be part of the VFL 2019 global reporting if data is uploaded by 1st November 2019.

Estimated timeline of activities to meet milestone of having data included at discussions at UNISDR's Global Platform for DRR in May 2019:

Sign agreement with GNDR Selection of POs	August 2018
Training on VFL 2019 implementation for NCOs (led by GNDR)	September 2018
Training of POs on survey collection	October 2018
Conducting surveys	October 2018 - January 2019
Upload data	February 2019
Aggregation and analysis of data (led by GNDR)	March 2019
National report writing	April 2019

Guide cost break down

Below is a guide for raising funds to implement VFL 2019:

No.	Activities	Cost in Euros
1	National Survey & Trainings including staff time, travel and organizing costs for the trainings)	8,000
2	Survey & Implementation (includes cost of Partner Organisations' frontline workers involved in collection of the data, as well cost of NCO staff for uploading the data)	17,000
3	Local Planning & Action Planning workshops (including cost of Partner Organisations' staff time, organizing community meetings, seed funds for implementation of action plans)	13,200
4	National multi-stakeholder workshop (including cost of organising national level workshop with multi stakeholders, includes travel costs etc)	7,000
5	Production of National Reports	4,800
6	GNDR Costs	
6.1	Cost of coordination, data analysis and aggregation through survey gizmo	7,500
6.2	Optional costs: For request for GNDR trainer to attend training in person	As actuals

Next steps

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