

# Local leadership for global impact

## Who we are

We are the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR). Established in 2007, we are now a network of more than 1,200 organisations in over 120 countries.

## Our vision

A world in which everyone works together to strengthen the resilience of people most at risk and prevent hazards from becoming disasters.

## The challenges

### 1. CSOs have shrinking space to amplify local realities

Nearly 50% of civil society organisations say they cannot influence their governments to take coherent approaches to disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and poverty reduction at the local level.

### 2. Actions are not appropriate as they are not informed by local realities

Only 16% of people at risk of disasters feel included in assessing threats, preparing policies and plans, and taking action to reduce threats.

### 3. Poverty, disasters and climate change are not addressed coherently

Climate change adaptation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction have complementary goals, yet often remain separate in policy and practice, with separate institutions and legal frameworks.

## Our goals

### Goal 1

Strengthen the collaboration, solidarity and mobilisation of civil society organisations



#### Outcomes

- CSOs recognise the benefit of collaboration over competition
- CSOs have the necessary skills and capacities to collaborate
- Mechanisms and policies are in place to enable collaboration
- CSOs are held to account to collaborate

### Goal 2

Champion a localisation movement



#### Outcomes

- Governments and INGOs believe local CSOs should lead
- Local CSOs have capacity to lead and be accountable to communities most at risk
- The enabling environment for local CSOs to lead exists
- Global and national actors are accountable for localisation

## Goal 3

### Strive for risk-informed development



#### Outcomes

- All sectors believe they must build resilience whilst advancing development
- Evidence-based knowledge exists and is applied on how to
- do effective risk-informed development in the context of six drivers of risk
- Different sectors at different levels have opportunities to coordinate
- All actors, not just DRR practitioners, have clear roles and responsibilities for taking risk into account

## Risk drivers

Across our three goals are the challenging contexts which drive risk.



### Climate change

Climate-induced disasters accounted for 90% of all major disasters between 1998 and 2017.



### Conflict

58% of deaths from so-called 'natural disasters' occur in the top 30 most fragile states.



### Gender inequality

Women and girls are disproportionately hit by disasters, and discriminated against during recovery.



### Food and water insecurity

Enough food is produced globally to feed each person, yet one in nine people are chronically malnourished.



### Urbanisation

80% of the world's largest cities are vulnerable to a variety of hazards like flooding and earthquakes.



### Forced displacement

On a daily basis 37,000 people are fleeing their homes because of conflict and persecution.

## Our roles

As a network we play six roles to bring about the outcomes of our three goals:



### Catalyst

We spark action and energy across and beyond this movement of CSOs.



### Capacity strengthener

We strengthen capacities via member-to-member and partner support.



### Convenor

We develop partnerships by connecting local, national and international actors.



### Thought leader

We gather and share knowledge, including indigenous expertise.



### Amplifier

We harness local voices and use our collective influence to lobby for change.



### Reporter

We ensure accountability by monitoring and evaluating local-level progress.

## Our impact

- Over 250,000 local voices on risk and resilience collected via our *Views from the Frontline* programme
- Over 2,000 CSOs trained in how to partner, mobilise resources, and empower communities to reduce disaster risk
- Communities and governments across 90 countries supported to use local risk data to make development safer
- Worked with the UN to establish the Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism
- "Your work is essential because you are actually bringing the voices of the communities to national policy."  
Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for DRR