

Upscaling community resilience through ecosystem based disaster risk reduction

INTRODUCTION

Upscaling community resilience through ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction (Eco-DRR) is a three-year project (2019-2021) funded by the European Union (EU-DEVCO). It is being implemented by UNEP and Partners for Resilience consortium. The 28 month-project started in June 2019 and ends in December 2021.

Cordaid, together with its Partners for Resilience (PfR) alliance members Wetlands International and the Netherlands Red Cross, are preparing to implement the project “Upscaling Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation (Eco-DRR)” in Liben and Fafaan Zones of Somali Region in Ethiopia.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT IN ETHIOPIA

Building on the previous Partners for Resilience programme (2011-2015) and its successor (2016-2020) this project aims at supporting pilots, replication and upscaling of Eco-DRR approaches as a contribution to strengthened disaster risk governance.

Overall objective: Enhance the resilience of communities in Fafaan and Liben Zones in Somali Region of Ethiopia to disasters (including from climate risks) through the piloting and scaling up of implementation of Eco-DRR activities, reaching 44,000 vulnerable people in approximately 80 communities by the end of the project.

Specific objective: Strengthened integrated risk management and inclusive risk governance by supporting participatory ecosystem and community disaster risk assessments and action planning, implementation of Eco-DRR measures, scaling up of Eco-DRR action and promotion of citizen-based monitoring of disaster and climate resilient policies and practices.



MAIN PILLARS/ ACTIVITIES

» **Outcome 1:** Communities anticipate and respond to disaster risks by adapting and transforming systems and structures, across selected landscapes in Fafaan and Liben through the planning and implementation of sustainable Eco-DRR activities.

» **Outcome 2:** Relevant regional and local government stakeholders influence the planning and implementation of sustainable Eco-DRR activities, demonstrating good practices in disaster risk reduction.

» **Outcome 3:** Key Civil Society Organizations (CSO) stakeholders influenced the planning and implementation of sustainable Eco-DRR activities, demonstrating good practices in disaster risk reduction.

» **Outcome 4:** Effective Eco-DRR upscaling model is mainstreamed in the government plans of Liben and Fafaan Zones of Somali region in Ethiopia.

TARGET:

ha of ecosystems restored & protected: 25

people more resilient as a result of Eco-DRR measures: 44,000 (24,640 male and 19,360 female)

METHODS AND APPROACHES:

The project will be implemented in a consortium of Cordaid, Netherlands Red Cross and Wetlands International (with input from the Red Cross Climate Centre) to improve pro-active management of disaster risks. The consortium members will use different approaches and methodologies.

OUR APPROACH: INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT

- » Partners for Resilience (PfR) has developed the Integrated Risk Management (IRM) approach at global level, which is the overall approach for the action. IRM involves awareness of the importance of ecosystems and landscapes as buffers against hazards like droughts or floods, and as a source of livelihoods, and therefore combines this with community based disaster risk reduction and climate. By integrating climate variability and climate change, IRM looks not only at current, i.e. weather related risks, but also at possible hazards that may affect communities in the future

LANDSCAPE APPROACH

- » The consortium will implement the project using the Landscape Approach developed by the PfR alliance. For disaster risk reduction purposes, the approach facilitates an inclusive and participatory learning process for shared risk understanding and risk intervention scenario planning. 7 steps of the landscape approach will include e.g. an assessment of the risk landscape, stakeholder mapping and to create coalitions of the willing, solution analysis, action planning and implementation

DIALOGUE AND LEARNING SESSIONS

- » Sessions, meetings and workshops will be organized aimed at enabling dialogue, planning, reviewing progress and sharing knowledge and ideas.



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