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Dialogue Session 4: Building a Climate-Resilient Future

Strengthening Climate and Disaster Resilience at Community Level

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Structure of Presentation

1. **Importance** of strengthening resilience at community level
2. **Approaches** for strengthening community resilience
3. **Opportunities** and challenges for strengthening resilience
Disasters are a significant threat to development
  - Between 2007-2016, 927 million people affected and $93 million loss/day from disasters
Disaster–related losses are increasing
  - Average annual losses from floods - $251m in Cambodia and $219m in Lao PDR
“Past is not an indication of the future”
  - Climate change will impact lives and livelihoods of 42m people by 2050
Need to Look Beyond the Numbers

- Unpack poverty-risk nexus
- Understand impacts from invisible shocks and stresses
- Capture impacts on asset, livelihoods and well-being
Evidence Suggests the Need for Investments in Resilience

- Designed with an **explicit focus on poor**
- Adopts **multi-faceted resilience** approach
- Can reach **scale** yet allows **flexibility**
Approaches for Strengthening Resilience at Community Level

- Risk informed actions
- Recognizes communities’ and local institutions as agents of change
- Bundles solutions to manage multiple vulnerabilities at different scales
- Linkages with large scale pro-poor development programs
Opportunities for Strengthening Community Resilience in Different Sectors

- **Household and community infrastructure** (e.g., rural and urban development)
- **Livelihoods, income generation and skills development** (e.g., agriculture, TVET)
- **Social protection** (e.g., social assistance, public works program)
- **Financial sector** (e.g., resilient microfinance products, contingent credit)
Example: Strengthening Resilience of Community Infrastructure

- Integrate risk considerations in infrastructure and site selection
- Embed resilience principles in infrastructure design and maintenance – robust, redundant, reflective
- Combine grey and green solutions
- Link with programs supporting household assets and livelihoods related infrastructure
Example: Resilient Livelihoods

- Risk-informed decision-making for *livelhood planning*
- **Vocational trainings** in climate-resilient practices
- Strengthen linkages with *resilient microfinance products*, programs delivering on *resilient community assets*
Example: Scaling up Resilience through Social Protection

- Adopt risk-informed targeting of program beneficiaries
- Strengthen public works programs to build resilient assets and livelihoods.
- Introduce flexible design features to strengthen program’s shock responsiveness
- Ensure access to financial resources to support scaling up in response to shocks – link to disaster risk financing
- Introduce **disaster resilient microfinance** products – saving, credits and microinsurance
- Strengthen **resilience of microfinance organizations** by providing access to liquidity to deal with shocks
- Strengthen **access to contingent credit** by governments to meet disaster response needs and delivery through social protection and community-driven development programs
Challenges in Strengthening Community Resilience

- Availability of risk information in appropriate scale
- Limited resources to organize communities
- Maintaining flow of finances and quality investments
- Evaluation of resilience outcome
Thank you
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