
Success Factors for Sustainable & Institutionalised CBDRM – LAC

Sustainability

Permanence

1. Recognise a community's capacities and local resources (economic and human)
2. Gather a thorough understanding of the local context
3. Develop a participatory map of the community, including all different groups
4. Perform a stakeholder analysis to understand the groups involved and their vulnerabilities

Effectiveness

1. Ensure prominence of local leadership
2. Identify and promote people's natural leadership skills
3. Set up a participatory calendar to plan community-led activities
4. Ensure evaluation is done before, during and after the activities take place

Ownership

1. Ensure communities are committed to developing, monitoring, evaluating and integrating progressive learnings of DRR activities/collective learning
2. Ensure that there is solid and continuous leadership throughout the process
3. Ensure activities are pertinent (relevant to the people and linked to the context)

Adaptiveness

1. Leverage community traditional knowledge and resources
2. Consider that community needs may differ between different groups (eg youth)
3. Ensure CSOs are in control of the process in order to enhance adaptiveness
4. Ensure activities are flexible in order to quickly adapt to changing hazards

Inclusion

1. Involve strategic local actors
2. Ensure there is balance in power relations
3. Take into consideration that the main actors may not be decision-makers

Institutionalisation

Policy environment

1. Consider territorial characteristics in developing local DRR policies
2. Ensure inclusion of all stakeholders in institutionalisation process (eg universities)
3. Recognise and build on good practices
4. Promote decentralisation policies
5. Ensure connection between leaders and local realities

Structures & mechanisms

1. Recognise DRR as a development factor

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2. Ensure that even informal structures are considered for capacity strengthening activities

Capacities

1. Leverage cultural capacities and local knowledge to build community power structures
2. Use joint management and strength of community structures
3. Ensure access to communication tools and participation in using them
4. Encourage leaders to give access to radio, social media, etc to community members
5. If needed, encourage a process of renewal of leadership to maintain strong community structures

Culture

1. Ensure passion and commitment to generate a follow-up process that lasts over time
2. Sensitise local political leaders to the needs/priorities of the community

Funding

1. Ensure that CBDRM projects are included in local government plans and budgets
2. Provide financial support to encourage self-management of DRR policies by the community

Accountability

1. Consider creating a permanent space within the team to ensure continuous and rigorous M&E