Participatory Approaches

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Terminology

• Community Engagement and Accountability

• “a way of working that recognizes and values all community members as equal partners, whose diverse needs, priorities, and preferences guide everything we do”

• It is NOT:
  • Something new
  • A separate programme or activity
  • One person’s job
  • An extra burden or box to be ticked
Why Participatory Approaches?

- To understand the community context and needs
- For better, more effective programmes and operations
- To build trust, access, and acceptance with communities
- To strengthen community ownership and resilience
- To uphold our own commitments

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How we’re tracking globally

DOES THE AID YOU RECEIVE MEET YOUR PRIORITY NEEDS?

- Not at all: 26%
- Not very much: 25%
- Somewhat: 24%
- Mostly yes: 19%
How we’re tracking globally

Do aid organizations communicate well about their plans and activities?

Yes  No
39%  61%

Do you know how aid agencies decide who receives support and who does not?

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Findings

Hard evidence that participation does correlate with better programmes and better relationships with the community

The 2018 State of the Humanitarian System report found a statistically significant correlation between:

- **Participation and better programming**: People who reported they were consulted and able to give feedback were two to three times more likely to be positive about the relevance and quality of aid received, than those who had not

- **Being consulted and feeling respected**: People who were consulted and able to give feedback were more than three times likely to say they were treated with dignity and respect than those who had not.

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# Participatory Approach Tools

## The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Community Engagement and Accountability Toolkit

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<td>A toolkit to learn about community leadership and engage with local communities to improve their capacity, learning, and participation in programming.</td>
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## PASSA Youth

**Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter and Settlements Awareness**

**PASSA**

**Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness**

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**Planned Relocation in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change:**  
A guide for Asia Pacific National Societies

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Indonesia 2019 Every time the Indonesian Red Cross provides cash and voucher assistance, they ensure communities have information about the selection criteria and distribution process. This information is shared in a variety of ways, so even those with limited literacy can understand it.
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Fiji, Waitutu, 2018. Fiji Red Cross volunteers and the community of Waitutu Village, practice a village evacuation drill prior to the rainy season which can bring heavy rains and cyclones.

Good practice
Localised AA – same hazard, different AA

**Bicol region** - early action: *cash for work* for preharvesting, addressing farmers’ loss of income

**Samar Island** - early action: *house strengthening* kits addressing house destruction due to wind