

# Participatory Approaches



Workshop on Preventing, Managing and Finding  
Solutions to Disaster and  
Climate-Induced Displacement  
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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?



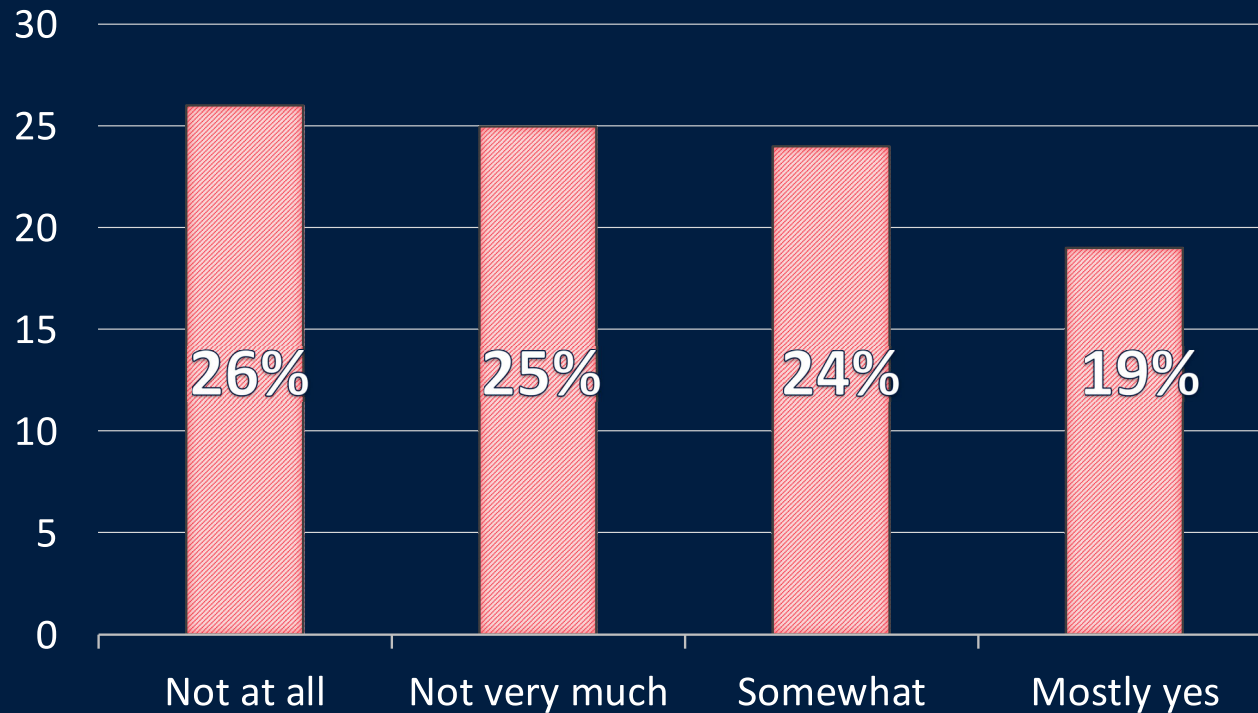
- To understand the community context and needs
- For better, more effective programmes and operations
- To build trust, access, and acceptance with communities
- To strengthen community ownership and resilience
- To uphold our own commitments

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# How we're tracking globally

DOES THE AID YOU RECEIVE MEET YOUR PRIORITY NEEDS?



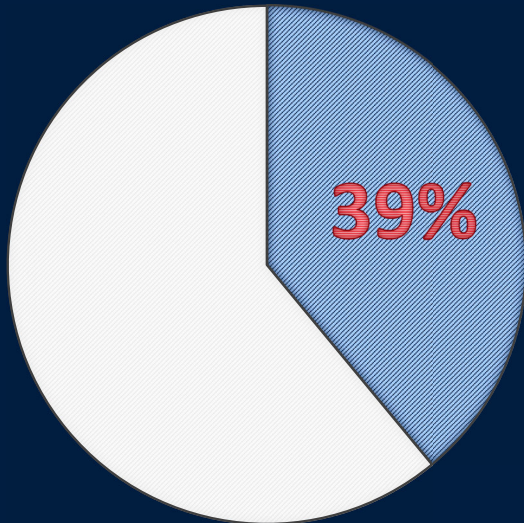
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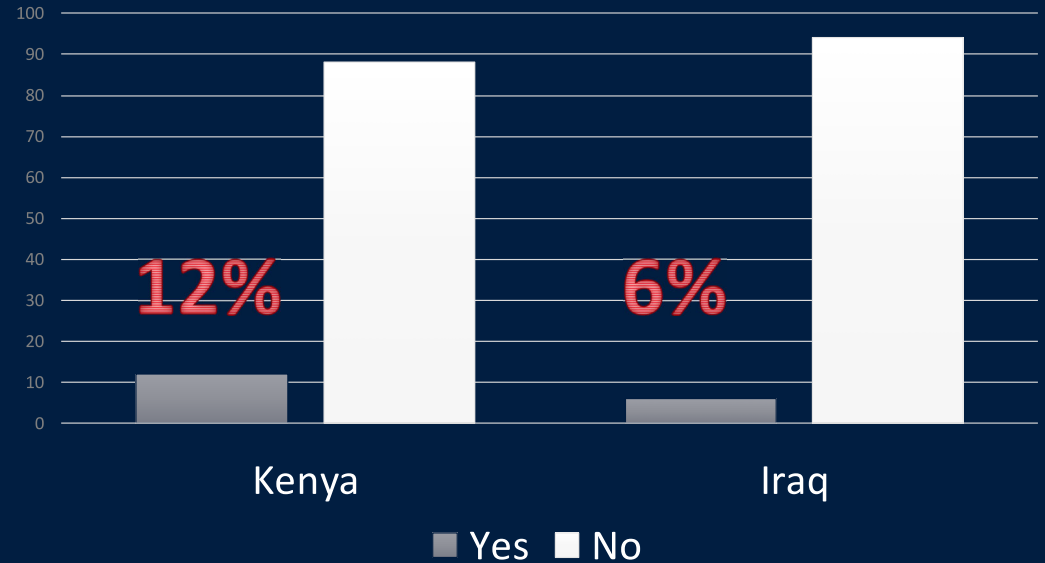
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DO AID ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNICATE WELL ABOUT THEIR PLANS AND ACTIVITIES?

■ Yes ■ No



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

#	CEA TOOL	PURPOSE
1	CEA briefing session for senior leadership	A short PPT session for senior leadership to explain what CEA is, and the benefits it can have for the organization's reputation, funding and partnerships, efficiency, quality, and financial sustainability.
2	CEA policy template	A template to help you develop a CEA Policy, with guidance on what should be included in each section and some content to help you get started. A CEA Policy sets out what the organization commits to and the roles and responsibilities of different departments.
3	CEA self-assessment and planning workshop	This tool provides facilitator notes, worksheets, and PowerPoint slides to deliver a one-day CEA self-assessment and planning workshop. This workshop can be added to the three-day CEA training with the aim of developing a clear action plan for how the National Society can strengthen CEA institutionally and within programmes and operations.
4	Template CEA Strategy	A template to help you develop a CEA Strategy, with guidance on what should be included in each section and some content to help you get started. A Strategy sets out how the organization will strengthen CEA over the coming years.
5	Template CEA work plan	A template to help you develop a CEA annual work plan, including log frame and activity plan, with example outcomes, outputs, activities, indicators, and timelines.
6	CEA budgeting tool	Template CEA budget, with guidance on what should be included and how to calculate costs.
7	CEA MSE tool	A comprehensive MSE tool for CEA, which includes indicators, questions, means of verification and suggested targets for monitoring CEA at the institutional level and within programmes and emergency operations. Each tab includes priority indicators, and a broader choice of options if needed. There is also a tab with indicators for IFRC, ICRC and partner National Societies to monitor.



## A RED CROSS RED CRESCENT GUIDE TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY



## PASSA Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness

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## PASSA Youth Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter and Settlements 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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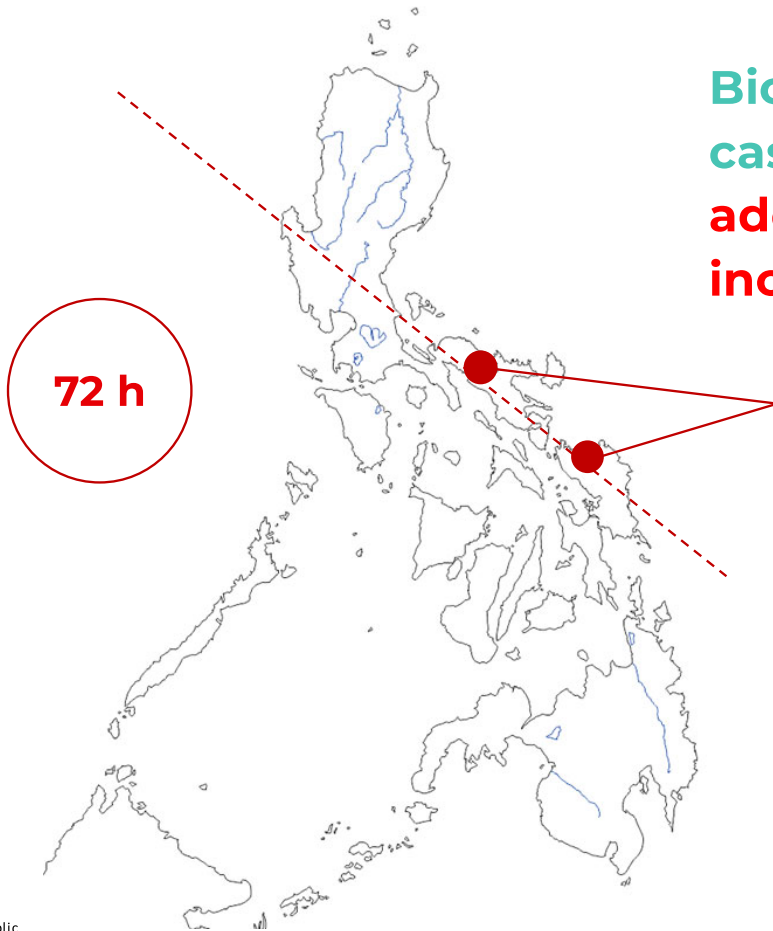
Fiji, Wailotua, 2018. Fiji Red Cross volunteers and the community of Wailotua Village, practice a village evacuation drill prior to the rainy season which can bring heavy rains and cyclones.



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. © Fajar.dok / IFRC

# 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

