

# A LOOK AT THE LOCAL FRONTLINE



# GNDR

Global Network of Civil Society  
Organisations for Disaster Reduction

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Dialogue on disaster risk reduction  
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# Who we are: GNDR

“The Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction”

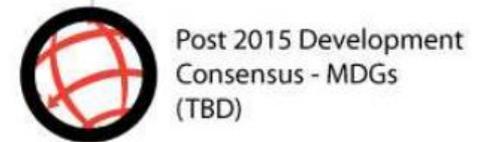
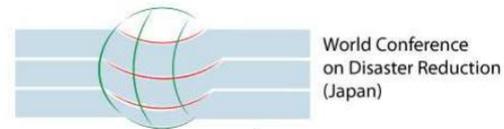
- **Organized in 2007**
- **Constant growth since then:**
  - **Members**
  - **Geographical presence**
  - **International recognition and presence**
- **Global Network supporting civil society and focusing on Disaster Risk Reduction**
- ***Views from the Frontline:***  
**around 85.000 individual views up to now**

## VIEWS FROM THE FRONTLINE - VFL

# Our history of collecting perceptions of risks in vulnerable communities

*It is the biggest initiative collecting the perceptions of people from local communities in the world.*

# VFL Process and law



2005  
Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA)



 First session, Geneva, 5 - 7 June 2007



 **Red Global**  
de Organizaciones de la Sociedad Civil para la Reducción de Desastres



**2009** ▶  
• 700 personas  
• 48 países  
• 400

Global Platform 2013



Regístrate hoy para hacer tu ciudad resiliente a los desastres



**2011** ▶  
• 20 000 personas  
• 69 países  
• 511

HFA Local Monitor



**2013** ▶  
• 21 500 personas  
• 57 países  
• 450 organizaciones

Sendai 2015



# VFL as a process

VFL 2009

“Many clouds and a little rain...”

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- 7000 people;
- 48 countries;
- 400 civil society organizations

VFL 2011

“If we don’t join hands...”

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VFL 2013

“Beyond 2015”

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Views from the Frontline  
Program 2015

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# Frontline Program in Latin America

Threats - Central America | Dashboard

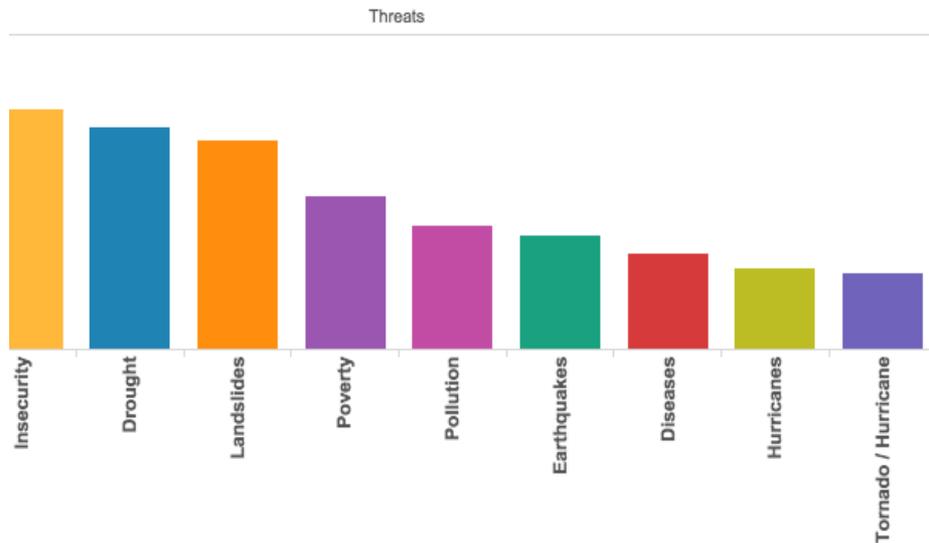
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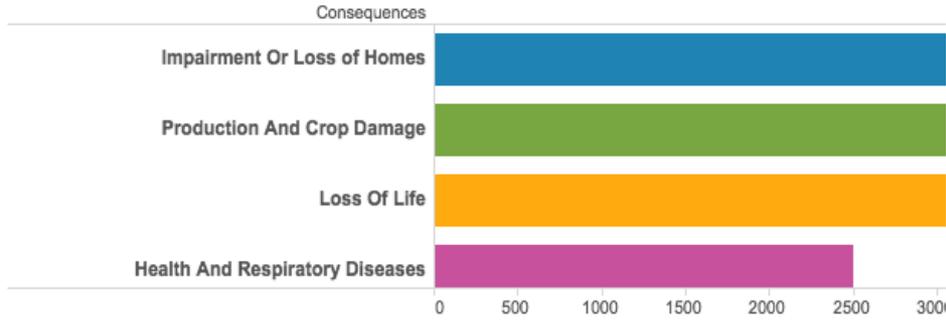
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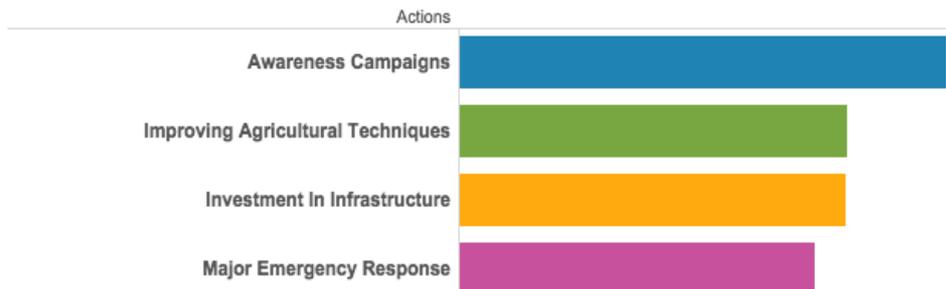
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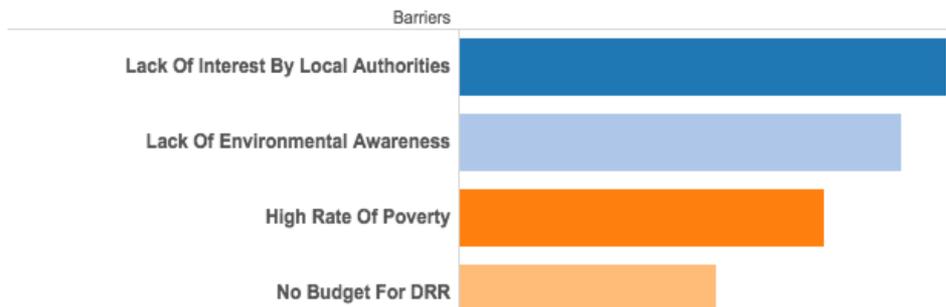
## Consequences



## Actions



## Barriers



# Resilience Profiles

## Trained and empathetic monitors

Threat 1 (from Step 2)	Consequences of Threat 1	Actions to adopt to address threat 1	Barriers that impede addressing threat 1
Hazard 1: (of step 2)	Consequences of hazard 1	Actions to adopt in order to tackle hazard 1	Barriers that prevent hazard 1 from being tackled



### Threats, Actions and Barriers - Relationships

On this screen we show the Actions taken by communities to combat the threats they face, and importantly the Barriers to these actions. The Charts are based on the Top 10 threats across the region.

Use the filters to drill down and see the relationships between selected threats, the actions taken and the barriers associated with those threats.

**Threat**

- (All)
- Accidentes de tránsito
- Alcoholismo
- Contaminación
- Crimen / Violencia
- Deslizamientos
- Incendios
- Inundaciones
- Sequía
- Storms
- Terremotos

**Show Top Barriers**

Transit accidents 45

Alcoholism

Contamination

Crime/Violence

Slipping

Fires

Floods

Dryness

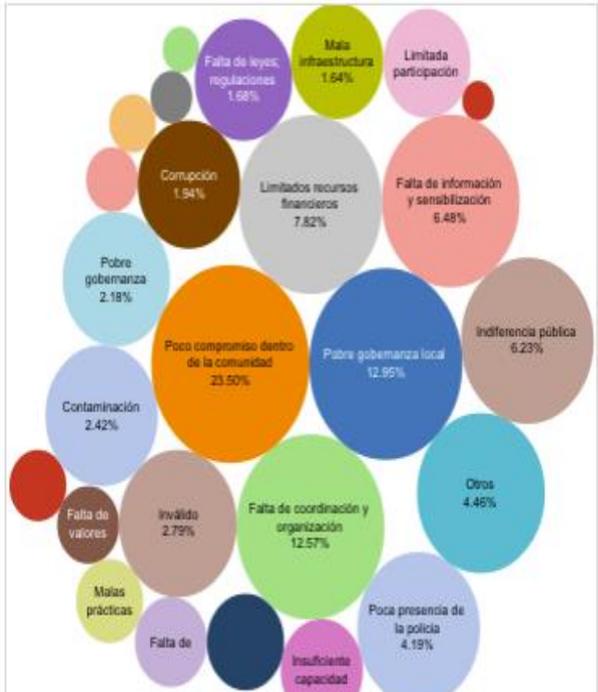
Storms

Earthquakes

#### Action

- (All)
- Acceso a herramientas de e...
- Acciones de preparación
- Alianzas
- Almacenes / tambos/ refugios
- Análisis de riesgos
- Ayuda humanitaria
- Campañas
- Capacitación en acciones de...
- Fortalecimiento de capacida...
- Implementación y/o mejora d...
- Información en los medios d...
- Infraestructura para la reduc...
- Inválido
- Involucrar a la empresa privada
- La municipalidades proveen ...
- Manejo adecuado de los rec...
- Manejo de residuos
- Mantenimiento de servicios b...
- Mejora de caminos
- Mejora en la coordinación
- Mejoras en las escuelas
- Mejores normas de construc...
- No se han dado acciones
- Normas de planificación urba...
- Opción 1
- Opción 3
- Opción 5
- Opción 6
- Opción 7
- Opción 8
- Organización comunitaria
- Otros
- Planes de Gestión de Riesgo...
- Respuesta del gobierno local...
- Reubicación de las comunid...
- Sensibilización
- Sistemas de Alerta Temprana
- Uso de los servicios públicos...
- Uso de técnicas tradicionales...
- Voluntariado

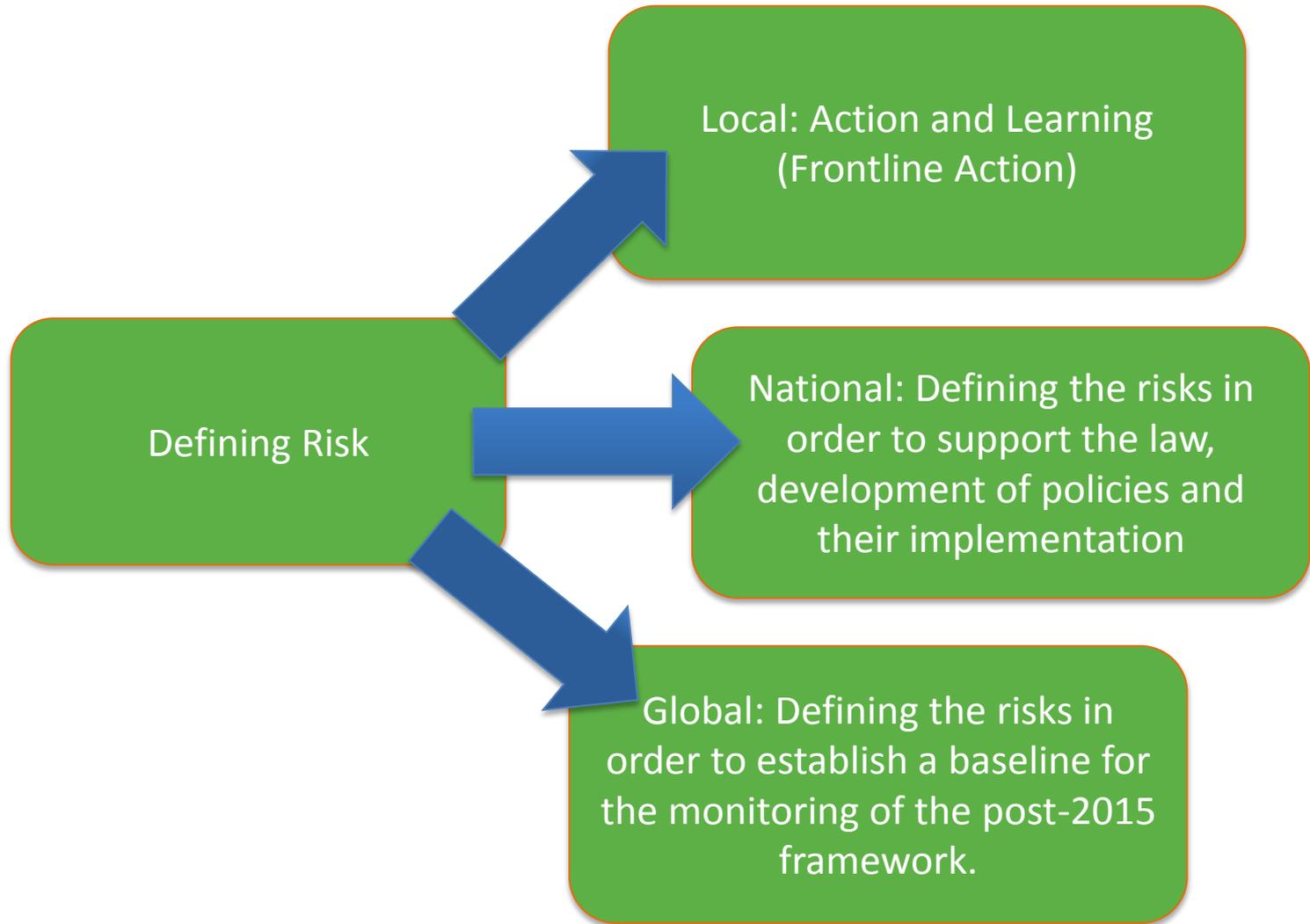
### Showing top 45 Barriers where Threat = All and Action = All



# What we learned by participating in the implementation of the HFA

- [Everyday Reality](#) on the Frontline

# Local Voices



# Global Event in Sendai Frontline Voices

- Participation of organizations in high level panels



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# Disasters are not natural and do not affect everyone equally

The risk drivers are associated with unsustainable development patterns, which degrade the resources, exclude important social groups from benefits of the model and displace the poorest to live in territories that are not habitable.

## Insecurities and underlying factors of the risk

# Risk management and its relationship with the notion of development

The concept of development is more than GDP and the numbers related to it.

*“expanding the abilities and liberties of men and women” Amartya Sen*

Inclusion and sustainability are intrinsically linked to the concept of development.

# Types of Hazards

Concept of hazard: A dangerous phenomenon, substance, human activity or condition that may cause loss of life, injury or other health impacts, property damage, loss of livelihoods and services, social and economic disruption, or environmental damage. (UNISDR Terminology, 2009).

- **Natural:** originates in processes of nature itself. *Examples: earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, volcanic eruptions, etc.*
- **Anthropogenic:** attributed to human action. *Examples: spill of dangerous substances, technological accidents, provoked fires, explosions.*
- **Socio-natural:** product of the interaction between a society and its natural environment. *Examples: environmental degradation or badly conceived production patterns, sliding due to deforestation, inadequate ground conservation, ground contamination, water and air.*

# Is Risk Equal to Disaster?

## The Traditional Formula

**CONCEPT OF HAZARD:** Natural event, potentially harmful, phenomenon and/or human activity which can cause death or injury, material damage, social and economic disruption or environmental degradation.

**CONCEPT OF VULNERABILITY:** The characteristics and the circumstances of a community, system or asset, which make it susceptible to the damaging effects of a threat. (UNISDR Terminology, 2009).



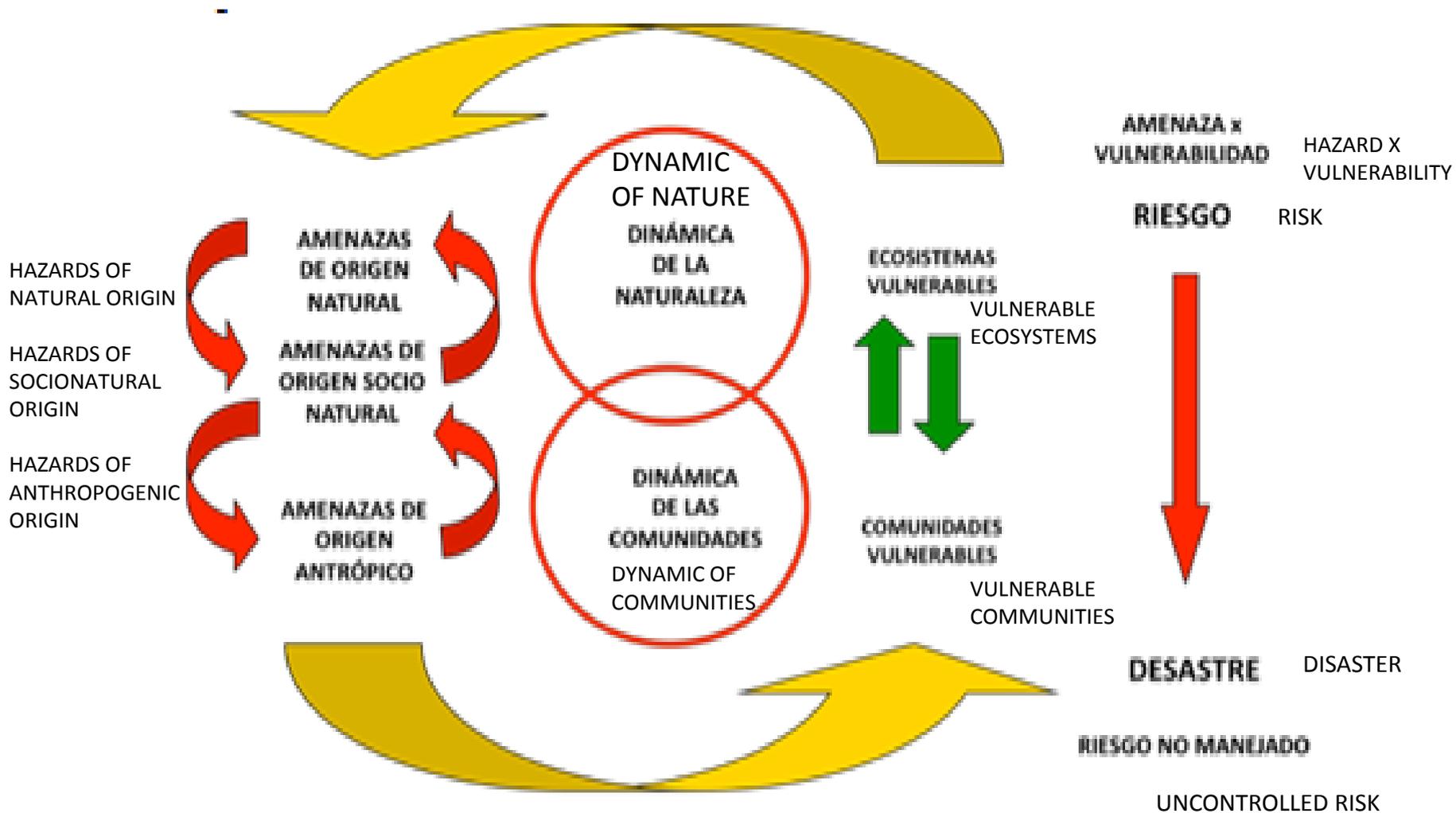


Diagram by Wilches Chaux

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# Risk and Gender Inequality

Gender refers to the social concepts of the functions, behaviours, activities and attributes that each society considers appropriate for men and women. (OMS)

Roles, division of labour, participation, power....

Gender does not mean Woman

# Risk and Gender Inequality

## What do they have in common?

- THEY ARE NOT NATURAL, THEY ARE SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED
- Both are the product of badly conceived development patterns.
- Inequality is a social, cultural and historical construction, affected by an unjust economical distribution and the lack of opportunities for a part of the population, with ethnic, age and territorial characteristics.
- Gender inequality refers to the relationship between men and women; gender roles, condition and position in society and sexual distribution of labour. It is expressed in unequal access and control of resources, in the unequal participation and influence in decision-making between men and women.
- Vulnerability before disaster is closely related to the inequality generated by development; there are groups specifically exposed to disasters by vulnerable situations, which mostly affect women and girls.
- Gender inequality increases women's vulnerability and increases their exposure to disaster risks.

# Kernel Pyramid of DRR and GENDER



# Social and Anthropogenic Construction of Risk in LAC

- Increased risk due to unplanned urbanization,
- extreme poverty,
- environmental degradation and climate change effects

Reveal the challenges and the need to focus on long-range solutions oriented towards Sustainable Development which reduces the underlying causes of the vulnerabilities.

# Dialogue from the Sustainable Development Agenda

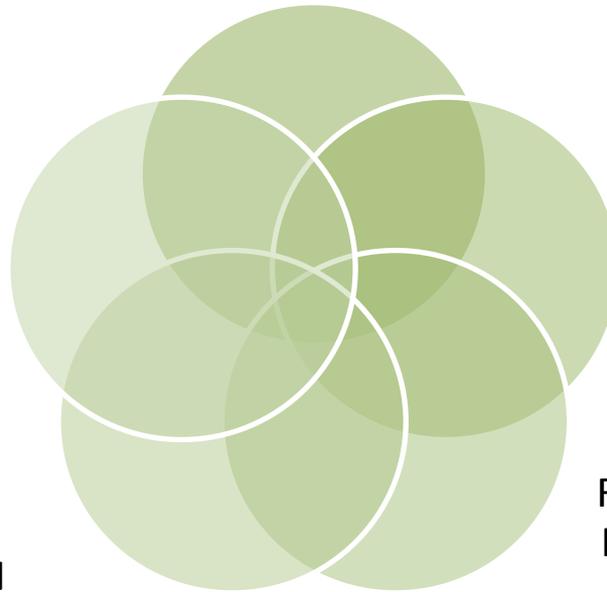
SENDAI FRAMEWORK  
FOR THE DRR 2015

SDG 2015

2016 CITIES  
AGENDA

2016  
HUMANITARIAN  
AGENDA

RIGHTS APPROACH  
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