SOUTH ASIA where
RESILIENCE &
INCLUSION MEETS
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RECONSTRUCTION & RECOVERY

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SRI LANKA DISASTERS CONTEXT
Sri Lanka is Vulnerable to Disasters

- **Seasonal floods and associated landslides**: are among the most common natural hazards
- **Cyclones, droughts, and tsunamis**: less frequent but more severe hazards
- **Floods** are the most recurrent natural hazard
- In terms of no of people affected and relief provided, **drought** is the most significant hazard in Sri Lanka
Flood Statistics 2016 - 2018
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<th>2016 (May Floods)</th>
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<td>Affected Families</td>
<td>147,388</td>
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<td>Houses damaged</td>
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<td>Emergency relief provided (USD Mn)</td>
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<td>Damages and Losses (USD Mn)</td>
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<td>Recovery Needs (USD Mn)</td>
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EXISTING EFFORTS
Existing Efforts to Enhance Social Inclusion in DRR

- **Vision 2025: The National Development Agenda**
  - Promoted inclusiveness in all development activities

- **Amended National Disaster Management Policy (2018):**
  - Ensured equity in resource distribution and priority to the vulnerable groups
  - Recognized the rights of disaster prone communities to participate and contribute in decision making
  - Ensured the addressing of specific concerns of communities including gender, special needs, vulnerabilities and capacities
Existing Efforts to Enhance Social Inclusion ...continued

• Emergency Relief Guideline:
  • Emergency supplies delivered to the most vulnerable on priority basis (e.g. Women headed families, PWDs)
  • Priority to the vulnerable groups for compensation under national natural disaster insurance policy
EFFORTS TAKEN
Efforts Taken - in Post Disaster Recovery & Reconstruction

- **Post-Disaster Needs Assessments:**
  - Emphasized gender & social inclusion following 2016/17 Floods & Landslides

- **Disaster Preparedness and contingency planning:**
  - Engaged Social Services Officers, Women Affairs Officers and Child Rights Promotion Officers in planning, implementation and monitoring
  - Disaggregated data
  - Special attention to needs of women, girls and disabled in camp management

- **Relief packs:**
  - Designed considering the needs of women and children
Efforts Taken - in Post Disaster Recovery & Reconstruction ...continued

• Nearly **15,000 families** to be resettled in **safe locations**, considering landslide and flood risk

• **Minimum construction standards with disability sensitivity** available for **resilient housing** (special type plans)

• Both **owner driven and government driven** approaches are promoted
  • Government driven process dedicated for most vulnerable families
  • In owner driven process: additional support mobilized through community/ NGOs/ volunteers for needy families

• **Training of technical officers** on inclusive housing construction

• **Awareness** building for beneficiaries, including women on resilient housing
OPPORTUNITY
Opportunity - for Mainstreaming Inclusive Resilience

- New WB-financed project (proposed)
- Climate Resilience Multi-phase Programmatic Approach (CRes MPA)

Project Scope:
- **Component 1** - Enhancement of Hydro-met Service Delivery System
- **Component 2** - Flood Protection Infrastructure (embankment) for Kelani river
- **Component 3** - Resettlement Assistance
Action Plan - for Mainstreaming Inclusive Resilience

• **Component 1: Enhancement of Hydro-met Service Delivery System**
  
  • Design Early Warning Communication System to be inclusive for PWDs and other needs
  
  • Use trilingual communication consistently
  
  • Improve accessibility of early warning information (multiple communication channels)
  
  • Develop an inclusive evacuation protocol
Action Plan - for Mainstreaming Inclusive Resilience ...continued

- **Component 2: Flood Mitigation Infrastructure**
  - Develop community space along the embankment where possible
  - Establish points of connectivity to the river with universal access
  - Reflect community voices in the embankment design
  - Establish community monitoring group during construction and maintenance
Action Plan - for Mainstreaming Inclusive Resilience …continued

• Component 3: Resettlement Assistance
  • Transparent and clear communication campaign on compensation
  • Identify different needs of vulnerable households (potential additional assistance package – special assistance for PWDs and the elderly)
  • Promote equal asset ownership for both gender
Key Challenges - for Sri Lanka to address inclusiveness in reconstruction

- **Pre disaster data collection** and data **sharing** among agencies, especially vulnerability profiles
- Lack of **policies and directives** for joint ownership of land, and houses at the times of relocation
- **Central database** is not existing which can be accessed to all line agencies
- **Safety nets** are not liked with disaster assistance
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