Rising Beyond: Prioritising Resilient Recovery

Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance

Thursday 19th October 15.00 – 16.00- CEST, online event

The Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance

The Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance (the Alliance) is a multi-sectoral partnership focusing on finding practical ways to support communities in developed and developing countries strengthen their resilience to flood risk. The Alliance consists of 9 partners - humanitarian, NGO, research, and private sector, including IFRC - who work together to increase public and private investment in evidence-informed community-based flood resilience.

This webinar will mark the launch of the Alliance’s new report ‘Towards Transformative Action: The unfulfilled promise of resilient recovery.’ In line with this year’s international DRR focussing on fighting inequality for a resilient future, the report looks at the underlying principles, frameworks, and financing mechanisms needed to help countries integrate resilience into recovery and build back better following a disaster.

The case for resilient recovery is well supported by evidence and commitments. Yet, while the building blocks of good ideas and practice already exist, what is required is a concerted effort to pull together the best capabilities of disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, emergency response, and development action. Building on the report, this event makes a valuable case for ‘building back better’ which has too long remained a catchphrase. As the impacts of climate change accelerate and communities are faced with its impacts, resilient recovery has become a necessity.

This event aims to create a dialogue between stakeholders from the local to the global level on a topic in line with the upcoming COP28 Presidency priorities and the first of its kind ‘relief, recovery and peace day.’ The discussion will focus on breaking the cycle of disaster and growing inequality and stress the importance of prioritising and pre-planning resilient recovery, to ensure affected population are able to face climate threats now, and in the future.

Agenda

In partnership with:
Welcome

Barbara Rosen Jacobson, Advocacy Advisor, Mercy Corps (5’)

Keynote Speech

Ronald Jackson, Head of Disaster Risk Reduction, Recovery for Building Resilience, UNDP (10’)

To provide opening remarks on the importance of better integrating resilient recovery in decision making

Panel discussion on placing resilient recovery at the heart of disaster risk reduction

Dr Karen MacClune, Chief Executive Officer, ISET (15’)

To present the Resilient Recovery report’s findings and share her views on how this framework can help reduce inequalities

Dr Dharam Uprety, Thematic Lead: Climate and Resilience, Practical Action, Nepal (10’)

To share his reflections on resilient recovery can strengthen locally-led adaptation

Q&A (15’)

Closing Remarks

Debbie Hillier, Head of the Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance for Mercy Corps (5’)

To reflect on the panel discussions and deliver closing remarks