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# **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE STRATEGY**

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## **AGENCY MANDATE**

Rapid Response's mandate is to respond to any emergency that puts at great risk the survival, protection, and well-being of significant number of people, where addressing the needs and well-being of those people is beyond the indigenous coping capacity, and where Rapid Response is able to mobilize the financial and human resources to take urgent action on their behalf.

## **KEY STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE OUR INTENDED IMPACT**

- Develop evidence based replicable solutions, which can be implemented at scale.
- Advocate and mobilize for better practices and programs to build donor confidence.
- Support effective implementation of those practices and programs to ensure impact.
- Work with communities, governments, alliance members and other partners to avoid duplication and improve aid effectiveness.

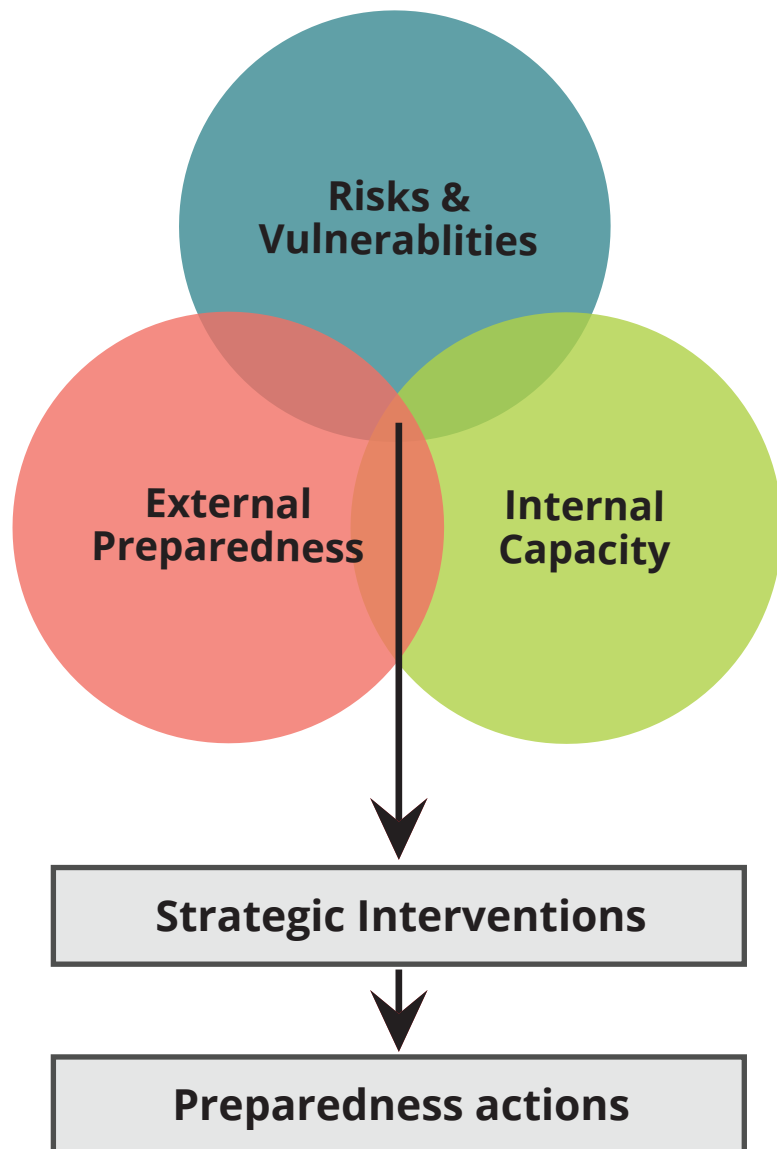
## WHY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING?

- Quick and effective action is required during the onset of an emergency.
- Effective action often depends on having plans in place before the disaster strikes.
- If response is delayed, people's lives maybe needlessly lost.

## PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF PREPAREDNESS

- Risks and Vulnerabilities (the broad profile of a projected emergency)
- External Preparedness (what other actors are capable of doing)
- Internal Capacity (what Rapid Response is capable of doing)
- Preparedness Actions (results of the planning process)

# STRATEGIC AREAS FOR EMERGENCY INTERVENTIONS



# EMERGENCY RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

**Goal**

**Facilitate the rapid recovery of communities affected by disaster**

- % affected population reached by RR Services

1. Provide for critical Survival needs of affected population at Household level
2. Protect and restore household livelihoods
3. Protect and restore Education, Water & Sanitation Infrastructure/System.

**Sub-Goal(s)**

*corresponding to program areas relevant to emergencies*

## IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Deployment of Emergency Response Team Members.
- Moved pre-positioned supplies to impact area.
- Staff “stepped up” when key decision-makers were on holiday.

## ALLIANCE

- Joint Emergency Planning.
- Joint Rapid Need Assessment.
- Joint trainings.
- Unified responses.

## RESOURCES

- Emergency Response Manual.
- Relief Kits.
- Staff Deployments.
- Volunteer Database.
- Technical support for proposals.
- Management and grants support.
- Alliance liaison and grant agreements.

# CHECKLIST

- ✓ Communications.
- ✓ Transportation.
- ✓ Finance.
- ✓ Procurement.
- ✓ Warehousing.
- ✓ Administration.
- ✓ Human Resources.
- ✓ Security.