

Community Resilience Partnership Program

PARTNERSHIP FORUM 2024



Background

The adverse impacts of climate change are being felt across countries in Asia and the Pacific region. In the next few decades, climate risks are likely to intensify, occurring both sooner and at a larger scale than previously assessed. Mid- and long-term impacts of climate risks are expected to be multiple times higher than currently observed across food, water and health systems, urban and rural infrastructure, and natural ecosystems. It is not surprising that the poor and vulnerable populations are disproportionately impacted. Climate risk is keeping people in poverty or dragging them back into poverty, because low-income groups have fewer resources, higher vulnerability, and lower adaptive capacity. Women living in low-income communities are particularly disproportionately affected because of social and cultural issues that increase their vulnerability and limit their capacity to adapt. Targeted investments are needed to build the climate resilience of the poor and vulnerable population, especially investments that address the nexus of climate, poverty, and gender.



The **Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP)** has been developed in this context and aims to scale up investments in climate adaptation that directly benefit poor and vulnerable communities using government processes of planning and pro-poor investments.

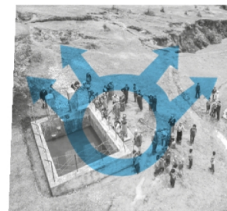
Objective

The annual CRPP Partnership Forum brings together community leaders, government officials, development partners, think tanks, financing institutions, and global climate funds to discuss **what role can poverty reduction policies and programs play in building climate resilience?**



The **CRPP Partnership Forum 2024** will focus on **decentralization processes and skills development** as key themes for addressing climate risk, reducing poverty, and promoting gender equality at the community level. With dedicated discussions, the forum will help inform practical ways to design and deliver policies and programs related to decentralization and skills development so that they respond to current and future climate risk, address the underlying causes of vulnerability, and empower communities, especially women. Discussion on these themes will also be linked to discussions that took place during CRPP Partnership Forum 2023 on adaptive social protection and climate-resilient rural livelihoods.

Decentralization Programs for Building Climate Resilience from the Ground Up. There is an evolving trend in Asia and the Pacific region regarding responsibilities for climate adaptation planning and implementation being devolved to local authorities. This is due to the recognition that local authorities are closer to the citizens and have better local knowledge and thus in a better position to respond to local needs; and are in charge of providing important functions and services, such as water supply, sanitation, waste management etc., the performance of which can be impacted severely by climate risks and thus need to factor resilience considerations in planning, design and implementation. This provides a unique opportunity to work through a country's decentralization processes to strengthen of functional responsibilities related to climate actions among different levels of government, together with well-matched funding opportunities and budgetary autonomy; improve local planning and budgeting processes to integrate climate risk and resilience considerations; develop incentive mechanism for local governments to prioritize and invest in pro-poor and gender-responsive adaptation investments; improve technical capacity of local governments to factor climate considerations in decision-making processes; and build local partnerships for resilience between local government, community-based organizations, and local private sector. This will support scaling up of local level adaptation investments by ensuring that adaptation is an integral part of local government service delivery, subnational planning, and budgeting processes.



Skills for Climate-Resilient Communities. Future climate may require local communities to engage in newer livelihoods that is resilient to the adverse impacts of climate shocks and stresses and where appropriate takes advantage of any positive impacts. So too, increase in extreme events may require deploying employment generation programs to minimize the impacts faced by the poor and vulnerable population. Skills will have to play an important role for local communities to transition and engage in resilient livelihoods and improve their coping capacity. As countries scale up their efforts to build skills for wider green growth, which is largely focusing on the skills needed for low carbon development, it becomes equally critical to ensure that the skills are enabling the communities to pursue resilient livelihoods and/or skills to pursue services that can contribute to societal resilience.

Program of Activities

Day 1	27 February 2024	Day 2	28 February 2024
9:00 – 10:15	Opening Session	9:15 – 10:30	Plenary 2: Skills for Climate Resilient Communities
10:45 – 12:00	Plenary 1: Decentralization Processes for Building Climate Resilience from the Ground Up		Spotlight 3: Empowering Women with Skills for Climate-Resilient Agriculture Spotlight 4: Skills Development through Adaptive Social Protection Systems
13:30 – 14:30	Spotlight 1: Fiscal Transfers for Building Community Resilience	Spotlight 2: Building Climate Resilience through Community-Driven Development	Working Group Sessions 4, 5, & 6
14:35 – 15:30	Working Group Sessions 1, 2, & 3		Roundtable Dialogue 2
15:45 – 16:45	Roundtable Dialogue 1		Closing Session
16:45 – 17:30	Interactive Sessions Organized by Partners		CRPP Partnership Group Meeting (Closed Door)
17:30 – 19:00	Reception		