

# **Summary NGO Concerns GP- DRR 2007 – Final Statement**

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# Summary of NGO concerns

## 1 Achieve Greater Accountability

### Upwards Accountability;

- Effective implementation; Leadership requires clear **focus on delivery of local-level outputs / outcomes**
- Deliverables linked to specific national and local **target, milestones and financial budgets**
- **Transparent monitoring** process to measure progress.
- Utilise **Cost-Benefit Analysis** to determine **relative cost-effectiveness** of priority activities for different risk profiles.
- Determine *financial implications* of extensive *scale up* (ISDR)
- Clarity of *roles and responsibilities* for deliverables at all levels

### Downwards Accountability;

- To whom: Ordinary people at-risk from disasters (primary stakeholders)
- How: **Private / public partnership and consultation** to determine priority actions for different risk profiles (e.g. earthquake, flood, cyclone).
- **Prioritise most vulnerable groups** living in unregulated, informal settlement in poor disaster-prone countries (including climate change risk)

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## 2. Support a more “*inclusive*” approach

- True commitment to multi-level stakeholder forums
- “Top down – bottom up” approach to harness local knowledge and resources, build broader consensus & ownership amongst at-risk people
- Support processes that empower the “front line” to build local-level resilience (**Local government / community-based organisations**)
- Increase the voice and visibility of affected communities, particularly low-income women’s groups
- Greater civil society engagement (CBO / NGO) at all levels recognising their key role in supporting implementation of HFA.

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## 3. Address Root Causes

- HFA does not deal comprehensively with root causes of *hazards* or *vulnerabilities*
- *Strong collaboration between poverty and vulnerability*
- There is no "risk-neutral" *development*
- Difficult to raise substantial resources to fund *scale up* due to entrenched vested interest at all levels
- Need to understand constraints to "scale up" or replication of proven local-level DRR practices

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- Strengthen linkages between climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction
  - Climate change mitigation (as well as *adaptation*) as key component of an effective DRR Framework
  - DRR as a key component of climate change *adaptation* strategy