
Local citizen forums for responsive states

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National Policies, Laws, Institutions are in place however,
people continue to be at risk!



Living on the wrong side of the embankments



Local shocks and stresses

House Collapse

Malnutrition

Fires

Road Accidents

Short Circuits Spurious liquor

Gas cylinders explosion

Factory collapse

Intake of Insecticides

Animal and Snake bites

Drowning

Malaria & Diarrhea

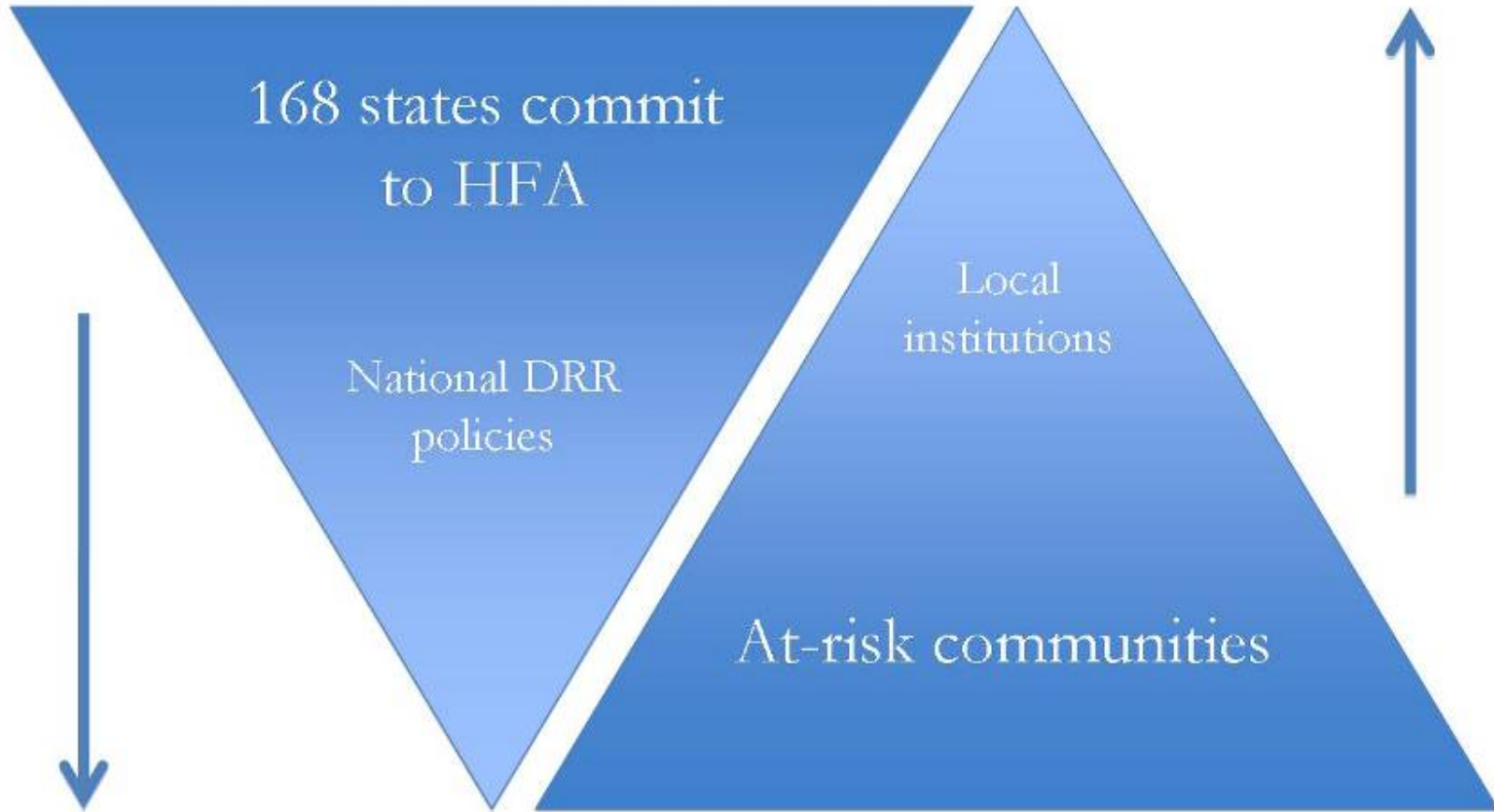
Boat capsizes

Stampede

Fall into borewells/Manholes



Need to Create a Balanced Approach for DRR



Citizen voice for accountability



Building accountability by nailing causes



Critical questions

- We have institutions, policies at national level: There is need to **ensure it percolates down.**
- Awareness is there, but **need to create programmes that encourages active citizenry.**
- Ultimately create **greater accountability in development works ensuring they do not cause disasters**



Yogyakarta Declaration, Asian Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction, Oct. '12

CALLS FOR:

- Emphasize risk governance through improved participation, transparency, effectiveness and efficiency, and accountability.
- Respect and strengthen existing and/or establish inclusive institutions and platforms **by involving key stakeholders in planning, budgeting and allocation of the resources**, while considering local culture and practices;
- Commit to disaggregate data and information to ensure the active **contribution of risk-prone communities**, particularly persons with **disabilities, women, children and the elderly**, and to meet their different needs;
- **Recognize that appropriate knowledge, information and innovation with effective feedback and complaint mechanisms can build sustainable partnerships at the local level;**
- Explore new partnership modalities with the private sectors and the media;



Local citizen partnership for risk reduction



- Role of CSOs as facilitating organizations.
- Specialist Agencies, Universities as Technical Partners



Encourage “informal” citizen forums

1. To be able to track increasing frequency and severity of small and medium scale disasters in the urban areas
2. To be able to engage with local governments on issues that pose immediate risk.
3. To have a platform for information, knowledge exchange
4. To be able to mobilize local resources





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Call for action

- **Work from the ground up:** starting from schools and community organisations in villages and towns – platforms for DRR at local and sub national level – NGOs can take lead at local level, state governments at sub national Level
- **Find common grounds for mainstreaming** – start by jointly addressing everyday disasters.
- **Invest in this citizen platforms** by ensuring people's voices on disaster risk reduction, is heard across all sectors



Local small-scale efforts:
Monumental Spin-offs



Thank you
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