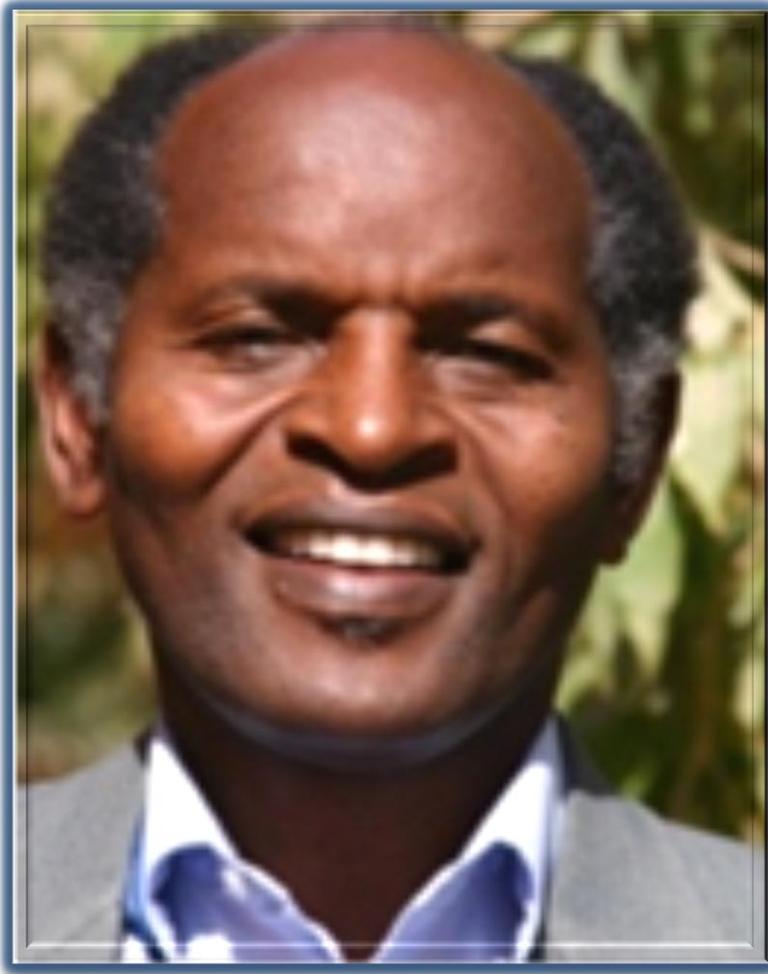


'Views from the Frontline 2009'

THE HEADLINES

*Global Network of Civil Society Organisations
for Disaster Reduction*





“The people I work with every day see many clouds – international initiatives and plans, but very little rain – actual change at the frontline”

“Clouds but little rain”

VFL had 4 objectives:

1. Provide an overview of progress within participating countries at the local level
2. Strengthen public accountability for disaster risk reduction (DRR) policy execution by establishing a local level monitoring system and relevant baselines
3. Enhance civil society monitoring, research, analytical and advocacy capabilities
4. Increase dialogue and understanding between different groups responsible for reducing risk.



7000 views

48 countries

400 organisations



Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO
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	Score
<p>... sont-ils conscients de leurs [CO1.2] ... du gouvernement à fournir la ... ques de catastrophes ?</p>	Score :
<p>... activité a-t-elle accès à des moyens financiers ou [CO1.3] ... rris fournis par l'administration locale pour réduire les ... conséquences des catastrophes ou pour aider au relèvement ... après une catastrophe ?</p>	Score :
<p>Question A.4 ... Les représentants de la collectivité ont-ils reçu une formation tant [CO1.4] ... sur la manière de réduire les risques de catastrophes que sur celle ... de répondre en cas de catastrophe ?</p>	Score :
<p>Question A.5 ... Les écoles et les hôpitaux de votre collectivité ont-ils des comités [CO1.5] ... d'administration qui planifient et entreprennent des mesures de ... prévention des catastrophes, tout en se préparant à répondre aux ... catastrophes ?</p>	Score :
<p>... éfis et /ou de contraintes dans ce domaine.</p>	
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“By involving government, organisations and communities at the local level, Views from the Frontline has served to deepen the communication and coordination between different stakeholders on disaster risk reduction.”

VFL regional report, South America,
May 2009



FOCUS ON...Philippines



17 municipalities and cities



12 municipalities and cities



6 municipalities and cities



47 civil society organisations

343 views from children, women and men

FOCUS ON...Philippines

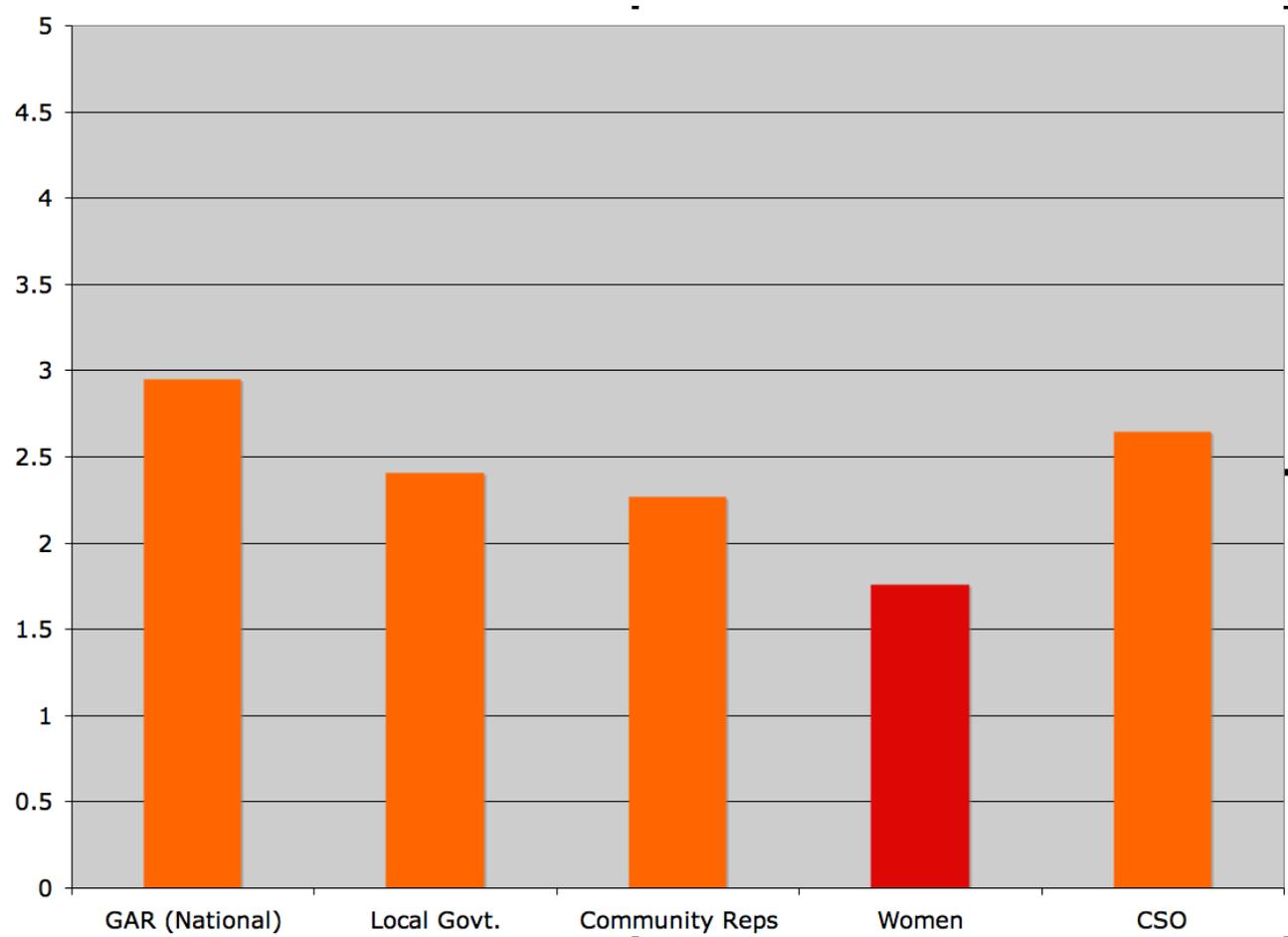


1. There is a significant gap between national and local level action

NATIONAL POLICY



A breakdown of different responses shows the 'fading-out' of perceptions of progress from national level to communities 'at-risk'





2. Resources are scarce and considered one of the main constraints to progress... but there are resources at local level which remain untapped

'Poverty alleviation'

'Disaster risk reduction'

'Climate adaptation'



3. Climate change provides an opportunity to address underlying risk factors, raise resources and commitment

‘Poverty alleviation’



‘Climate adaptation’

‘Disaster risk reduction’



4. The foundation for building resilience is people's awareness and understanding of the risks that they face.

Four things people at the frontline are saying...

1. Nationally-formulated policies are not generating widespread systemic changes in local practices.
2. Resources are scarce and considered one of the main constraints to progress... but there are resources at local level, which remain untapped.
3. Climate change provides a threat and an opportunity to address underlying risk factors, raise external resources and political commitment for building resilience.
4. The foundation for building resilience is people's awareness and understanding of the risks that they face.



Tapping local resources and capacities

Citizen`s platforms and networks

Knowledge and practices along with the ability to transfer these

Partnerships with local and national governments to promote a collaborative approach to pro'-poor DRR.



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recommendations

Summary recommendations

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2. Recognise the right to participation of at-risk women, men and children in policy and legislation
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4. Use local risk knowledge to inform action planning of key development sectors
5. Decentralise authority and decision-making in support of local partnerships for risk reduction, poverty and climate adaptation
6. Develop innovative funding strategies to directly support local partnerships
7. Extend *Views from the Frontline* coverage and incorporate climate adaptation indicators
8. Use social networking and IT innovations to raise awareness and social demand for DRR
9. Invest in networks that promote coordination and foster dialogue and collaboration
10. Reform the humanitarian response system, strengthening local and national capacities to reduce future vulnerabilities

The Global Network Web Delegate area provides regularly updated **Information**, day by day, on the Global Platform-DRR from 15th -19th June 2009. It also provides the opportunity for Global Network Members to become 'Web Delegates'. You can **contribute** questions and suggestions here and every day these will be taken up by the Global Network delegates representing the network at Geneva - we will report on the responses we get. This is your opportunity to join in - as a web delegate- at this important conference - making the voice of Civil Society heard

Latest questions and suggestions from Global Network Web Delegates. Click [HERE](#) to add your contribution. (You will need to log on to do so).

Latest news from the Global Platform - Disaster Risk Reduction 2009

Day 3 at the Global Platform 17 June 2009

Lots of enthusiastic feedback about the Views from the Frontline presentation yesterday. Ironically even our in house 'professor' Ben Wisner reported that people said the combination of the big banners at the marketplace, the summary reports we distributed to everyone at the plenary, and the presentation itself all contributed to the impact. They all carried the image of the child with a backdrop of clouds (see the website homepage). In the end that's all about branding. Is the Global Network just another Nike? Should we have a 'swoosh'. I don't think so, but we can't discount the power of communications – in fact that even features in two of our key recommendations (they're in the reports) – along with the power of the web, which we're using here.

That's the end of the advert! Today we have some more 'marketing' to do. Manu and Marcus are at a press conference right now. At the conference



itself it's life as usual. There are as many people doing business together, networking or just chilling as there are at the official sessions. If all the money spent on this event was for the sake of people sitting in official sessions listening to strings of statements I doubt it would be money well

we hope very innovative things will em

 **Next Steps for VFL**
by Christina Amarchey - Tuesday, 16 June 2009, 07:44 AM

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I was at the First Session and already feel I am there as I follow your vivid description of events. The questions on my mind as we closed the First Session were: Are we going to see a significant progress on the implementation of HFA in two years' time- at the time of the Second Session? And how effective would be the contribution of civil society? I am thrilled we found VFL. For all intents and purposes, it is proving to be a vehicle we have used to make a giant step in setting up the stage for accelerated implementation of HFA.

On Next Steps, organising 'a series of regional and global learning reviews with network members to learn from the VFL pilot experience; drawing out recommendations for the future' is key.

Wish you a fruitful Second Session!

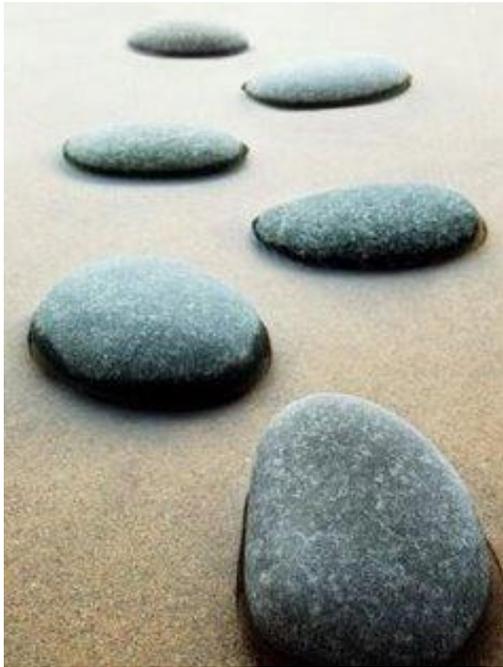
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Your views

Next steps



- Further country consultations and thematic analysis
- Learning reviews
- Extend review within participating countries and geographically expand into more – VFL to serve as an independent periodic audit of progress towards risk reduction
- Incorporate climate adaptation considerations
- Form strategic alliances with relevant networks and coalitions
- Develop links with respected academic institutions
- Research social networking
- Establish multi-donor trust fund to support future development of VFL



Your views

The challenge is to build and maintain momentum at the frontline...



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