

# Community Resilience Project (CRP)

## Latin America and the Caribbean Region

Supporting the sustained wellbeing of children, adolescents, youth (CAY), their families and communities by mainstreaming and scaling up Resilient Practices as an integral part of development and humanitarian programming in Latin America and the Caribbean Region.

### Key Achievements

**16,438** children, adolescents youth (CAY) and adults, church volunteers, teachers, local authorities and government, as well as national and local staff have been trained in 10 countries since the inception of the project in 2007.

Phase 1: Brasil, Peru and Haiti – 4,315 CAY and adults.

Phase 2: Bolivia, Brasil, Nicaragua, and República Dominicana. Additional collaboration with Chile and Bolivia (DIPECHO Project), Panama, Guatemala and Honduras. 12,123 CAY and adults equipped in Resilient Practices in the 3 countries co-financed by AusAID (Brasil, Bolivia and Nicaragua) and the DR.

What has worked? Supporting risk reduction and resilience building at the local and national level through the development of capacities and competencies in Resilient Practices based on the 5 Priorities and the Crosscutting themes of the Hyogo Framework of Action as the structure:

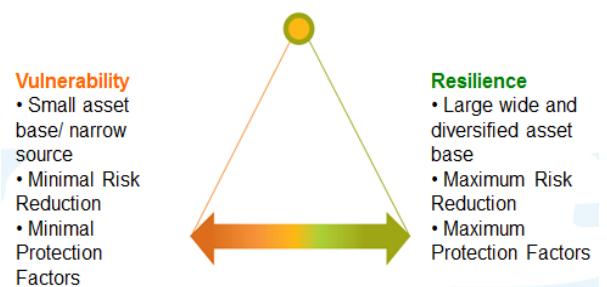
Module 1: Girls and boys aged 6 to 11, Module 2: Adolescents (12 to 17), Module 3: Youth (18 to 21), Module 4: Women and Men (22 and older), Module 5: Local government (in partnership with them), Module 6: National Level (staff), Module 7: Urban resilience in situations of chronic violence, Module 8: Crosscutting Issues (gender, child protection, disabilities, environment, health /HIV/AIDS), Module 9: Formal Education and DRR Guide, and Module 10: Field manual.

The “crowning jewel” of the CRP LACRO risk assessment process is the Critical Point Analysis. Through its application, the CRP can identify what the negative and positive “critical points” are in the ADP communities—i.e., the root cause of the problem that is causing the community to be exposed to one or multiple risk factors (i.e., vulnerabilities and/or hazards) or conversely the source(s) of resilience.

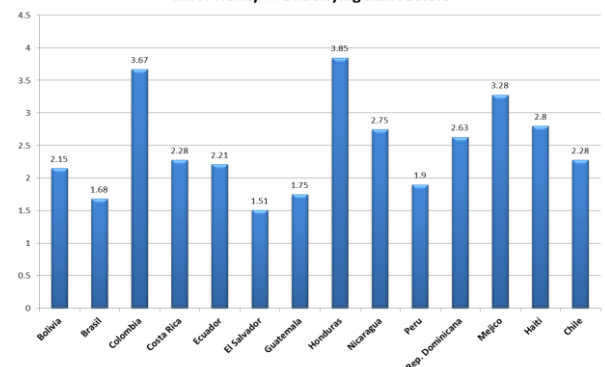
**Views from the Frontlines (VFL)** is a global survey designed by the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations on DRR to collect perspectives from the local level as to how DRR based on the Hyogo Framework of Action (HFA) is progressing based on a participatory process. The project has applied this survey in Brazil, Bolivia, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic to measure evidence of positive change following capacity development at local authority, civil society and community levels for both DRR and Violence Risk Reduction. In the latter case, a version of the survey was developed in concert with UN University of Peace to measure urban resilience in situations of chronic violence. VFL has also been used to assess the level perceptions of each national office capacities and competencies in DRR. Pictured to the right is HFA Priority 4: Underlying Risk Factors.



### Vulnerability-Resilience Pendulum & Critical Point Analysis



HFA Priority 4: Underlying Risk Factors



## Inter-agency Coalition of Children and Youth for Resilience in LAC

An Inter-agency Partnership has been forged with Plan International, Save the Children, World Vision, RET Protection through Education, UNICEF, and UNISDR called Coalition of Resilience in Latin America and the Caribbean for Children and youth (CORELAC). Several key accomplishments include

Presentation of CORELAC Strategy at 2013 Global Platform for DRR during the “Launch of the Guide for Governments: Actions for Resilience” centered on Child and Youth

CRP LACRO Manager selected to present at a high level panel on Child Focused DRR at the UNISDR Regional Platform on DRR in Santiago Chile November 2012

Inter-Agency CORELAC Declaration called “Santiago Declaration of Chile on Child, Adolescence and Youth Centered DRR is listed as a core reference (Annex doc) for the Santiago Communiqué in association with the UNISDR Regional Platform on DRR in the Americas (November 2012 in Santiago, Chile)

Production of a Government Guide on Child Focused DRR in the LAC Region by UNICEF and RET where the above referenced CRP LACRO modules are referenced as “best practices” tools in DRR and resilience.

## Sustainability and Transition Plan

**Institutional Memory.** A low cost low maintenance virtual infrastructure exists so that the 10 Resilient Practice modules that have been developed can be downloaded free of charge from the project website [www.resilienciacomunitaria.org](http://www.resilienciacomunitaria.org) in 3 languages (Spanish, Portuguese, and English). At the national levels, the project counts on an institutional memory of good practices and evidences compiled in Resilient Practices in Bolivia, Brazil, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. Testimonial videos of CAY and adults exist on the project Youtube website witnessing what they have learned and applied from engagement with the project exists in all 4 countries of implementation.

## Key achievements that point towards sustainability:

- Over 5,000 modules downloaded from website to date.
- 27,500 visits to the youtube videos in 130 countries on the Project’s YouTube page (views increase at least 1,000 per month) [www.youtube.com/resilienciacomunitaria](http://www.youtube.com/resilienciacomunitaria)
- More than 10,000 people have been reached from the Facebook messages posted on Resilient Practices and hundreds of “likes” on the page. [www.facebook.com/resilienciacomunitaria](http://www.facebook.com/resilienciacomunitaria) in 98 countries.
- When performing a Google search using the phrase “resiliencia comunitaria” the Project website and videos appear as the first “hits”.

**Next Steps.** What still remains to operationalize is to ensure that Resilient Practices becomes embedded into each of the 14 National Office’s programming—a recommendation made by the Regional Director for Integrated Programming. Resilient Practices will be integrated into each of the 9 or 10 Project Models that have been deemed as “best practices” which will be scaled up in the LAC Region. In addition, the experiences of the project will be included among these “best practices” according to the regional strategic priorities under “Educated for Life”, segmented by each of the CAY age groups.



## Key Videos Produced (listed favorite on UNISDR website):

CORELAC video for the 2013 UNISDR Global Platform in Geneva.

Inter-Agency CORELAC Video on Child Focused DRR played at the UNISDR Regional Platform on DRR in Santiago Chile during the Child Focused DRR High Level Session

People with Disabilities living transformed lives after 2010 Earthquake in Haiti for 2013 International DRR Day.

2012 Rio + 20 Earth Summit: Rio Rap Resilience Video

Girls and Women: the [In]visible force of Resilience – Videos produced in Bolivia, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic to commemorate the International DRR Day 2012.

Acción Sobre la Carta de la Niñez en Reducción de Riesgo de Desastres (Video inter-agencial CORELAC liderado por Visión Mundial junto con Plan, Save the Children, RET, UNICEF, y UNISDR)



10 Modules downloadable at [www.resilienciacomunitaria.org](http://www.resilienciacomunitaria.org)

