

CARE NETHERLAND

2020 High Level Political Forum exhibitions

1. Name of the approach/ tool/project

"Faces of Resilience – Where will we be in 2030" (Title)

What do people in remote vulnerable areas (tell us they) need to adapt to climate change? How can our programs support them to increase resilience and bridge the so-called 'Last-Mile'? (Subtitle)

2. Description of the approach/tool/project description (methodology, techniques and strategies used)

"Faces of Resilience, where will we be in 2030" is a photo exhibition showing the work of Partners for Resilience (PfR), an alliance of five Netherlands based members and their partner civil society organizations in the Global South.

PfR contributes to the resilience of communities through an Integrated Risk Management (IRM) approach. The latter involves awareness of the importance of ecosystems and landscapes as buffers against hazards like droughts or floods, and as a source of livelihoods, and therefore combines this with community based disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation. By integrating climate variability and climate change, IRM looks not only at current, i.e. weather related risks, but also at possible hazards that may affect communities in the future. In addition, the PfR alliance believes a community approach will be strengthened if the institutional environment can be made more conducive to climate and ecosystem DRR, and they engage with civil society and government actors to apply a combined approach. Building partner civil societies capacities to influence laws and policies therefore lie at the core of PfR's action.

The "Faces of Resilience, Where will we be in 2030" exhibition then features the stories of men, women, girls and boys that have been supported by PfR. Altogether, these stories shows





replicable solutions to build resilience and draw a picture of the coherence of the IRM approach that PfR strongly believes is needed for resilient communities during this decade of climate action.

There are 2 pictures (one portrait, one context) and one related story (about 200 words) per country the alliance is working in (Mali, Ethiopia, Uganda, India, Indonesia, Kenya, South Sudan, Haiti, Guatemala).

For each country, each portrait and story highlights different aspects of IRM, that are:

- 1. climate smart agriculture in Ethiopia
- 2. bringing the voices of vulnerable communities in the design of a national climate bill in Uganda,
- 3. adopting a landscape approach in Philippines,
- 4. strengthening women CSOs capacities to advocate and adapt to climate change in Guatemala
- 5. building youth capacities to master DRR assessment technologies in Haiti
- 6. engaging young women in local plans dialogues in India
- 7. advocating to replicate creative solutions to adapt to droughts in Indonesia
- 8. multi-stakeholders collaboration to protect the environment in Kenya
- 9. fighting for women rights to own land in Mali
- 10. scale solutions for a sustainable way of life in Sudan

Each picture also has a links to a video portrait of the "Face of Resilience".

3. Implementation methodologies

As the HLPF is now expected to happen online, the exhibition will take place online too. The exhibition has already been shared on the websites of the <u>alliance</u> and some partners (<u>CARE</u>, <u>Cordaid</u>). Should the HLPF website allow it, a more interactive design could be envisioned (with a slideshow, such as <u>here</u>).





Promotion of the exhibition

- Development of social media toolkits (including videos, photos and interviews of the "Faces of Resilience") for the PfR partners and relevant CARE members. This guarantees a wide reach (altogether, PfR partners and relevant CARE members have more than 69,874 followers on Twitter).
- Promotion of the exhibition on websites and in newsletters.
- Targeted invitations to relevant stakeholders and journalists
- Photobooth next to the exhibition
- Media Campaign
- Article on website

4. How does this approach/tool/project directly relate to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Through the portraits and stories, "Faces of Resilience – Where will we be in 2030" shares numerous (nature/ecosystem) based approaches as possible solutions to achieving key 2030 sustainable development and climate action goals. The aspect of PfR's innovative Integrated Risk Management approach are highlighted in the exhibition are among other climate smart agriculture, landscape approaches, ecosystem management and nature-based solution. All show clearly the interdependence of humans and nature, that lie at the core of sustainable development. The stories also show the importance of building civil society's capacities in influencing policies and laws at local, national and global levels.

The stories of the 'Faces of Resilience' finally clearly show the link between climate change, environment and inequalities (including gender) and underline the importance of urgent action for the most vulnerable that are all an integral part of the sustainable development agenda.

The exhibition therefore fully fulfils the goal of the HLPF of showing innovative experiences linked with the IRM approach: through the portraits and stories of strengthened individuals, the exhibition mobilizes a wide range of stakeholders in support of resilience building and of the SDGs.





5. Evidence of results and impact

The exhibition shows positive results of the work of an alliance that has been successfully working towards resilience building for almost 10 years.

The exhibition has been featured at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in February 2019 and is now online on the websites of the different partners organisations. In the words of the director of the Inclusive Green Growth Directorate of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "These pictures are as much a token of hope as they are of the urgency of action needed and serve to remind us all of the importance of resilience building in the wake of climate change".

The online space for the exhibition has also been the most consulted page of the alliance website, and the exhibition received very good feedbacks for its ability in showing the stories of individuals who have strengthened their resilience with the support of the alliance. In addition, the stories underline the importance of continuing working together in the face of climate change.

6. Costs associated with the development of the approach/ tool/project and/or its implementation

Already spent.

7. Contacts and links to the approach/ tool/project

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Links

- Exhibition online space, PfR alliance
- Exhibition online space, CARE
- Exhibition online space, Cordaid
- <u>PfR alliance website</u>

