# Priorities for HFA2 & Beyond



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#### What is InterAction?



- The largest alliance of US-based International NGOs
- A membership organization
  - 190 members
  - Overseas Relief and Development
- Non-Operational
- Members pay dues and comply with standards
- Information Exchange, Policy & Advocacy
- www.InterAction.org

## DRR Working Group

- Promote civil society's role in managing its own DRR programs
- Best practices/educational opportunities
- Promote DRR streamlining
- Work with donors
- Coordinate with other global coalitions –
  BOND, VOICE, GNDR
- Advocacy and information sharing
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Disaster losses continue to increase yet resources aren't getting to the local level to decrease disaster risk.

#### **Key Challenges**

- Tendency to focus on natural hazards and megadisasters
- Lack of impact at the local level
- Inability to address structural barriers and underlying causes that drive and perpetuate disaster risk
- •Not been "owned" by the development sector
- Lack of targets and accountability



- 1. Address the underlying causes of people's vulnerability to disaster.
  - Strengthen (local) governance capacities
  - Address structural inequalities/power imbalances
  - Mainstreaming DRR into development activities



- 2. Recognize the impact of everyday disasters on lives, livelihoods, and assets.
  - Establishment of national loss database
    - Human loss
    - Physical damage

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- 3. Prioritize the most at risk, poorest, and marginalized people.
  - Greater community outreach and resources, including participatory approaches
  - Develop tools and methodologies to facilitate the engagement of vulnerable populations in decision-making and planning

## **Next Steps**



- **HFA2** 
  - Continue to work with global consortia counterparts
  - Participate in consultations
- Working Group
  - Strategic plan