

# Characteristics of Pandemic Resilient Communities

This document provides key indicators for pandemic resilience. It aims to present a broad picture of what a “pandemic safe community” looks like and enable community leaders create innovative ways to get there.

## Components of Resilience:

### 1. Knowledge and Communication

- a) Availability and accessibility of information
- b) Communication facilities
- c) Public Awareness

### 2. Governance and enabling environment

- a) Policy, plans and partnerships
- b) Emergency management systems
- c) Infrastructure
- d) Security services

### 3. Market stability

### 4. Household Food and Livelihood Security

- a) Food and safe water security
- b) Livelihoods protection
- c) Social capital

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| <b>1. Knowledge and information</b>           |  |
| Availability and accessibility of information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cohesive and disaggregated (gender, rural/urban) data and information on the geographic distribution demographic and epidemiological characteristics of the whole population exist and are easily accessible.</li> <li>▪ Maps showing administrative boundaries, roads and localities exist and easily accessible.</li> </ul> |
| Communication facilities                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ At least 70% of the population has access to radio broadcast.</li> </ul>  |
| Public Awareness                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Government officials, opinion leaders and community leaders are well informed of and sensitized to the threat of a pandemic.</li> </ul>   |

| <b>2. Governance and enabling environment</b>    |  |
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| a. Plans and partnerships                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The government has an updated and tested national pandemic preparedness and contingency plans at national and local levels.</i></li> </ul>   |
| b. Emergency management system                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>A functional (tested) people-centered early warning system exists to alert and inform people.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Well-trained emergency responders and equipped emergency services exist.</i></li> </ul>  |
| c. Infrastructure                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Adequate transportation systems are available and accessible (e.g. even the remote rural areas are accessible).</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Adequate level of protective and curative health care services exist and accessible by the most vulnerable (poor, disadvantaged groups)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Quarantine areas are pre-identified and known to all of the emergency and health service departments and local authorities.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Adequate and geographically balanced storage facilities for food, water and medical supplies exist.</i></li> </ul> |
| d. Security services                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Security staff is trained in pandemic preparedness and response (controlling the population movements, dealing with panic situations).</i></li> </ul>  |
| <b>3. Market Stability</b>                       |  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Markets are well organized, stable and accessible by the populations at high risk.</i></li> </ul>  |
| <b>4. Household Food and Livelihood Security</b> |  |
| a. Food and safe water security                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Adequate storage facilities for food exist and strategically located in areas responding to the risk and vulnerability assessments.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Clean and safe water sanitation and hygiene knowledge and practices are widely adopted.</i></li> </ul>   |
| b. Livelihood security                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Majority of the households have sufficiently large and diverse asset bases (productive assets, land holdings, income, savings, convertible property) to cope with a crises.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Social protection mechanisms e.g. social insurance, are accessible by the most vulnerable groups.</i></li> </ul>   |
| c. Social Capital                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Women's role in the community decisions is recognized and valued.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>A culture of safety promoting safe behaviors, particularly hygiene and preventive health practices widely exist.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>An organized network of community based responders and volunteers for home-care and psychological support exist.</i></li> </ul>   |