

# Disaster Resistant sustainable livelihoods

The focus is on the relationship between livelihoods and disasters

This is not a simplistic, linear relationship but an extremely complex one with many dynamic variables

# Relationship between disasters and livelihoods

- ✓ Natural resources (water, soil, bio diversity)  
Provide Livelihood assets and security
- ✓ Natural Hazards (drought , floods, landslides, tsunami)  
Lead to livelihood insecurity
- ✓ Relationship between disasters and livelihoods is reciprocal

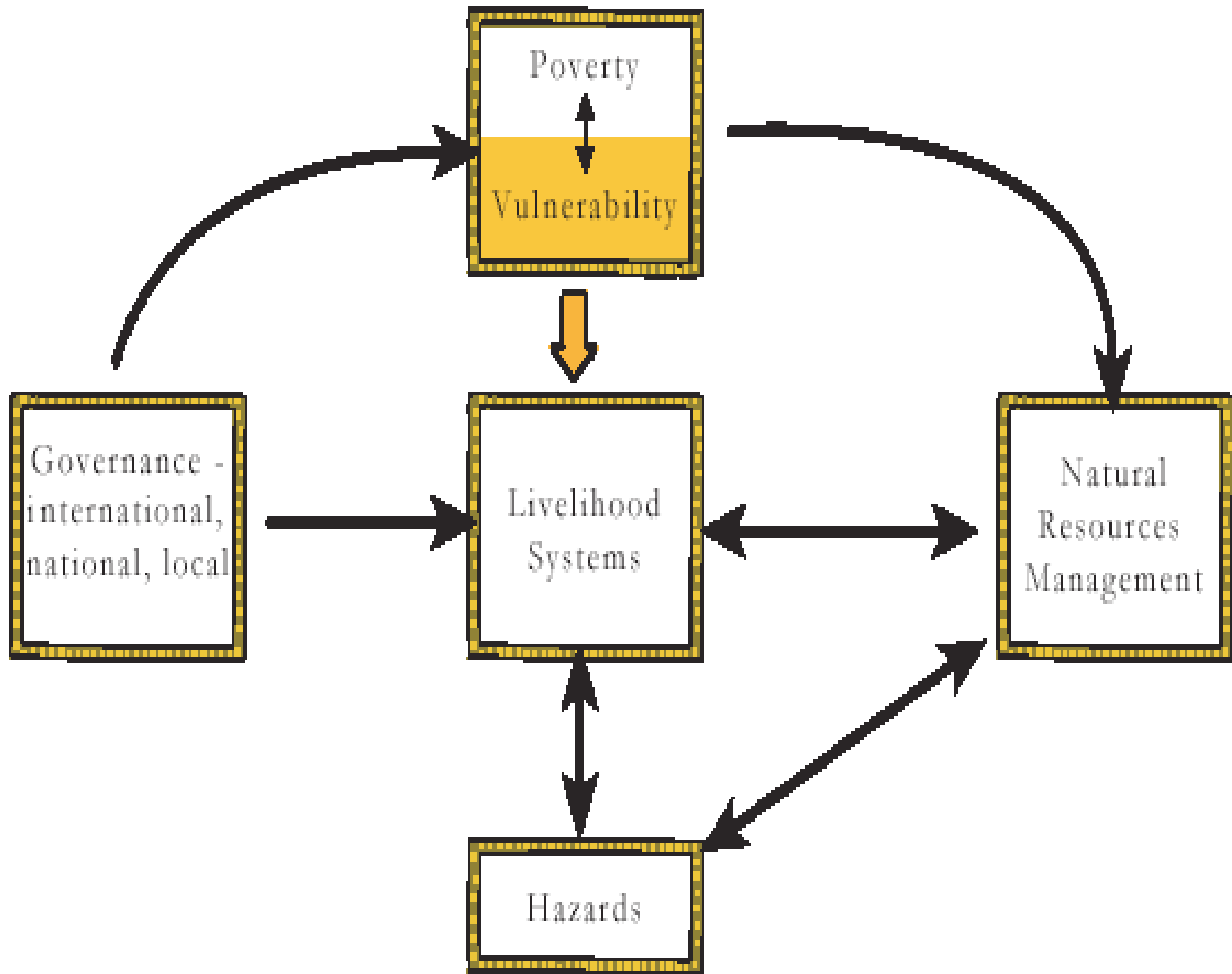
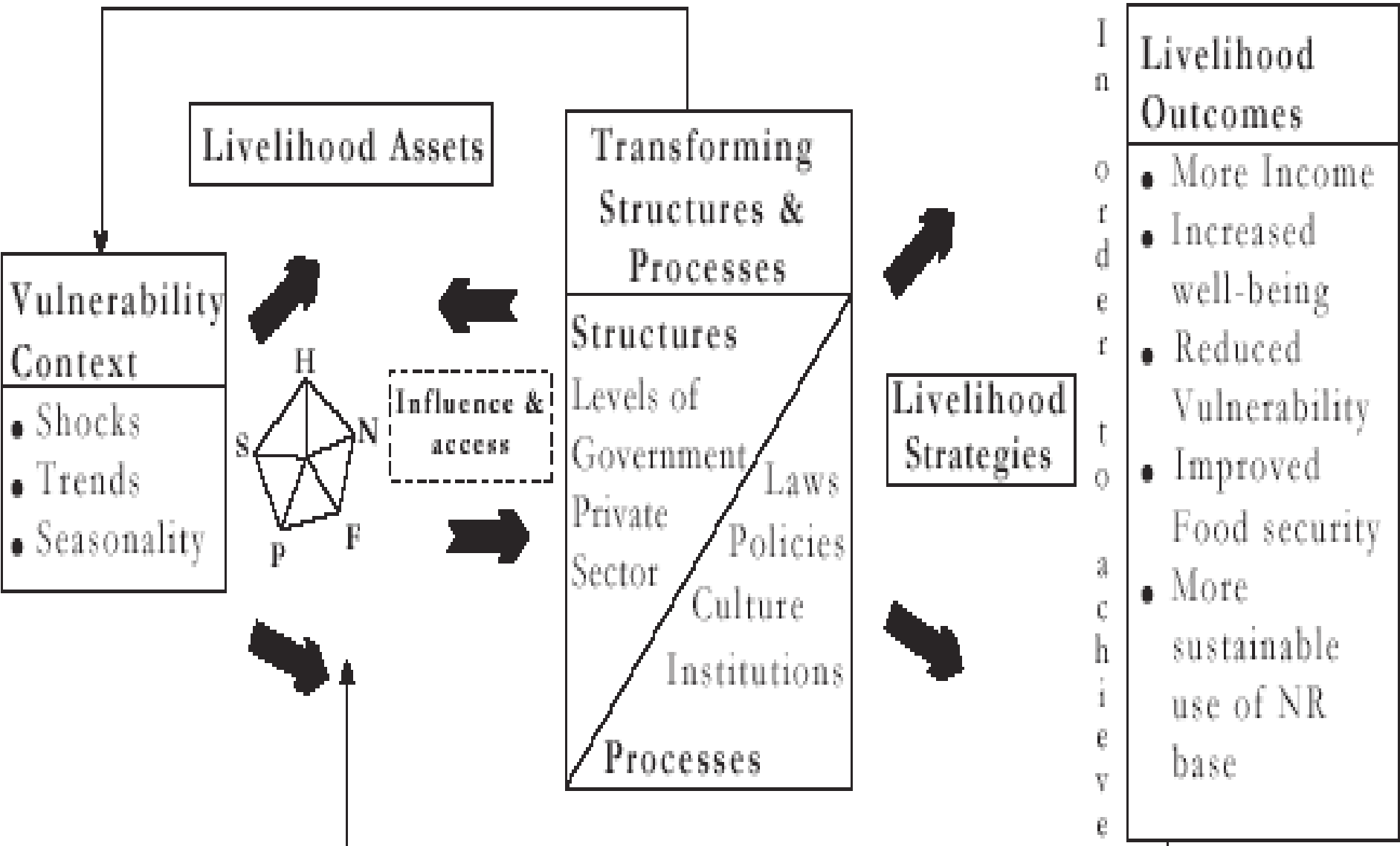
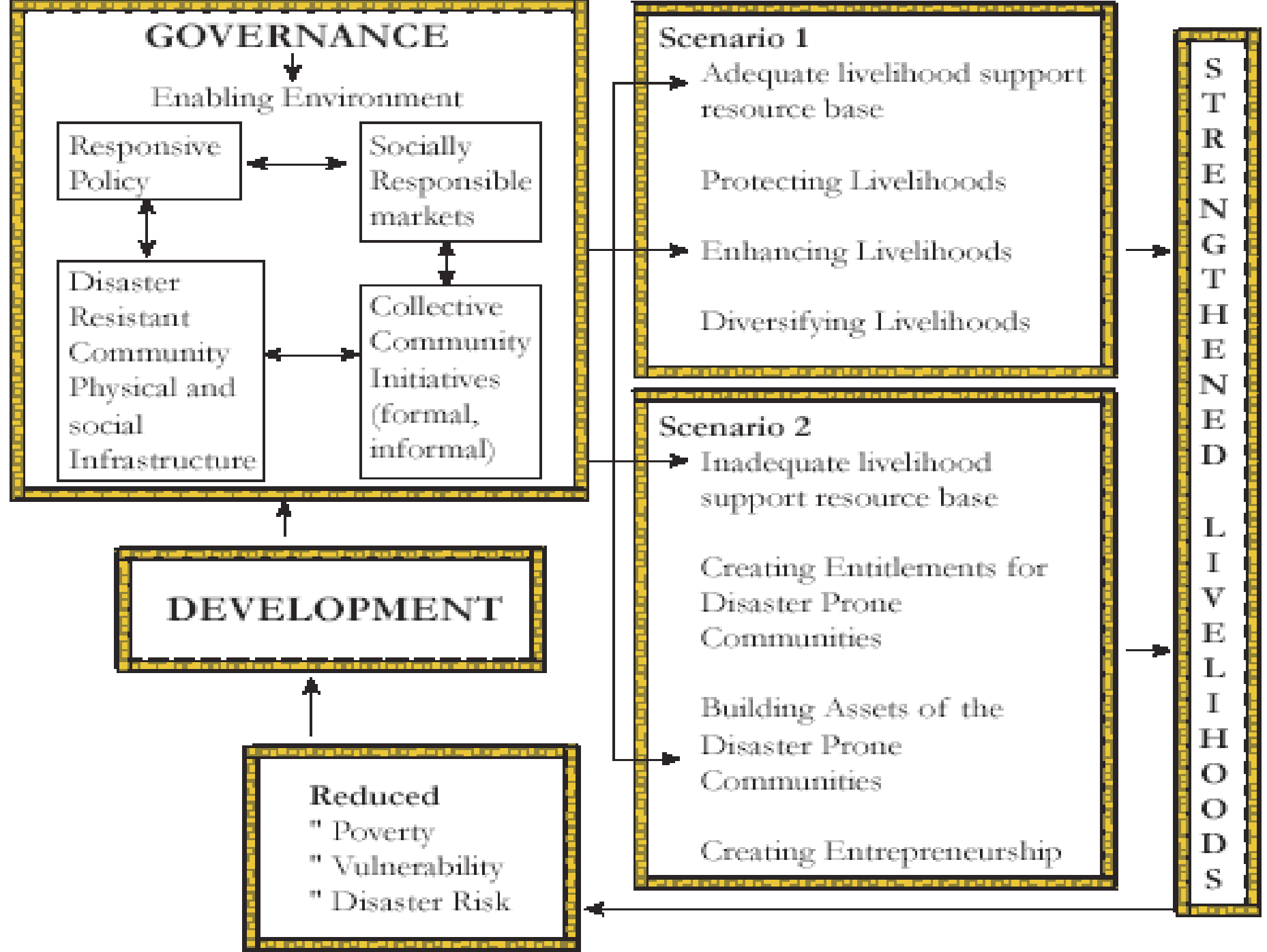


Figure 3.4 Sustainable Livelihoods Framework

**KEY**  
 H - Human Capital      S - Social Capital  
 N - Natural Capital    P - Physical Capital  
 F - Financial Capital   NR - Natural Resource





# Application of the framework

In South Asia application can mainly be identified as follows:

- Decentralised governance systems:  
Strengthening communities, mobilisation to demand development rights, protection from hazards and stable livelihoods
- Approaching local governance policy through the communities:  
Locally appropriate development interventions, local risk and hazard scenarios

# Conclusion

DRSL framework takes a holistic view towards addressing the issues of disaster risk and poverty

Provide the linkages to global issues (climate change) and local issues (livelihoods)

# Conclusion cont...

## Applicability of the DRSL Policy framework

- ✓ It is applicable at present :
  - ◆ within the current governance, institutional and policy frameworks in the sub continent
- ✓ It is a framework which belongs to the future:
  - ◆ within the development priorities of the Millennium Development Goals,
  - ◆ national governments and international donors
  - ◆ In the face of the challenges faced by the aftermath of tsunami disaster



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