



Focus Humanitarian Assistance (FOCUS), Afghanistan



FOCUS works with communities, government and humanitarian organizations in the spirit of long-term sustainability and “Acting As One.” FOCUS organized a workshop for government ministries, NGOs, international technical experts and community members that resulted in a national Declaration of Commitment to Disaster Risk Reduction. This represents a milestone in the quest to make disaster risk reduction a priority in Afghanistan at the community, district and provincial levels. In addition, FOCUS works with provincial education authorities to implement school safety initiatives.

Partnerships with the Government, Aga Khan Foundation, and Community Development Councils have led to the integration of disaster risk reduction in a government-mandated rural development ‘National Solidarity Programme’. A partnership with the Vienna-based University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences has helped promote the importance of ecologically and economically sustainable use of natural resources. FOCUS recognizes that community resiliency is only possible through focusing on vulnerable groups and, as such, has developed a Village Disaster Management Plan methodology suitable for illiterate communities.

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