

Chapter 3 Social Vulnerability Activity Template

Objective:

The objective of this activity is to identify who is most vulnerable to hazards and disasters, how they are impacted, and what are the root causes of these impacts

Who?: Core team and other stakeholders and community members

Where: in person or virtual workshop

Time needed: two hours

Materials will you need: white board, post it notes

Instructions

1. On a white board, list the hazards of concern to your community in a column down the left side, and draw horizontal lines between them. (see drawing)
2. Reflect on the stories and data that were shared at the beginning of the workshop. Who were the groups of people that were mentioned who experienced impacts from hazards and disasters? What were the impacts they experienced?
 - Write down the "who" on yellow post-it notes
 - Write down the "what" on blue post-it notes
 - Place the post-it notes in the rows for the hazards they correspond to.
3. As you go, add additional who's and what's for current or potential future impacts.
4. After about 30 minutes or when the discussion is at a lull, begin discussing why these impacts happen. Give everyone a few minutes to think and write some "why's" on pink post-it notes. Then have people place the pink notes near the blue and yellow notes, and share their thoughts with the group.
5. After about 15 minutes, introduce the phases of disaster mitigation-response-recovery. Use colored dots to label each of the "why's" with one or more phases.
 - Green - mitigation
 - Orange - response and relief
 - Purple - recovery

