Ch. 2 Step 2: Diagram Community Connections

**Objectives:**To help identify community relationships, the flow of resources, and central nodes for community engagement. ​

**Why:**  This activity will help capture the social network in your community at a moment in time. It will capture where trust is built and where it needs to strengthen, the flow of information and resources, and include an overview of central nodes of the community from multiple perspectives. This will serve as a diagnostic tool to think through next steps in resilience and identify gaps in types of information and flows to lead towards a more resilient network. ​

**Who:** Work session with the core team​

**Time needed:** 1 hour​

**Materials needed:** White board or paper, and either a list of any already existing lists of stakeholders or community groups, or your recently completed *Community Connections Table* (from ERB Ch 2, Activity 1, Step 1). ​

**Directions:**​(see example below)

1. Take the Actors from the *Community Connections Table*, or your previously existing list of stakeholders, and write them on your white board or paper in circles. Circle the names in different colors according to the sectors they belong to (e.g., government, NGO, religious group). They can have more than one colored circle. ​
2. Draw connections between the Actors to represent the flow of information and resources. Who shares information with whom? Who shares resources with whom?

3.Use the diagram to reflect on your community engagement strategy. Who is currently disconnected? How should they be included? ​You may want to add to the diagram as you progress through the rest of the ERB chapters, to show new connections that you would like to build through resilience planning. In chapter 5 you will use your *Community Connections Diagram* as part of action planning.

