**Actions Brainstorming Worksheet**

**Objective:**

The objective of this activity is to work with other members of your community to come up with an exhaustive list of possible actions that could be taken in your community to improve equity and hazard resilience.

**Who:** Community Workshop

**Where:** In-person or virtual

**Time Needed:** 45-60 minutes

**Materials Needed:** List of Action Areas and Vision Statements, Actions Brainstorming Templates (minimum 1 per Action Area),

**How to do this:**

1. Divide the participants into groups, one for each action area. Community members may choose groups based on action areas they are interested in. Each group should have a minimum of 3-5 people (may vary depending on number of action areas, participants, and time). Assign a notetaker for each group.
2. Take a few moments to discuss with your group and familiarize yourselves with the action area and vision statement you are collaborating on.
3. Start proposing actions that will help you achieve the vision statement for your action area in the community, without considering time or funding constraints.
   1. First, everyone in the group should take 2 minutes to write down some actions they think could help achieve the vision statement on a blank piece of paper.
   2. Then everyone should share their actions, and the note-taker records them in Actions Brainstorming Template (see next page). As you go, clarify what kind of actions are being proposed, if needed – are they infrastructure, policy, government, community, or household actions?
4. Review your proposed actions. Add new actions & tweak actions. Take 5-10 minutes to brainstorm and record additional actions that came to mind, or modifications that might help the proposed actions expand their potential benefits.
   1. What ideas do you think of if you put yourself in the shoes of different actors in the community? (e.g., local youth, city councilperson/mayor, PTA board member, overburdened community member) ​
5. Discussion. In the remaining time, discuss the groups' reactions and opinions.

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| **Action Area #1**​ | Flooding is severely impacting residents of Parkview neighborhood​ |
| **Vision**​ | In 10 years the impacts of flooding should be reduced in Parkview neighborhood and residents should be better able to prepare for and recover from flooding​ |
| **Actions Brainstorming**​ | ​ |
| Infrastructure actions​ | * Raise the levy around the neighborhood​ * Improve the drainage​ * Install green infrastructure​ |
| Policy actions​ | * Offer buy-outs to residents who want to move​ * Provide recovery funding for damaged homes​ |
| Government actions​ | * Improve maintenance of drainage system so water doesn't back up​ * Offer training on flood-proofing homes​ |
| Household actions​ | * Residents can "adopt" a drain in front of their house to make sure it is clear of debris​ * Sign up for training on how to flood-proof your home​ |
| Community actions​ | * Form a volunteer group to clear drains of debris before rainstorms​ |

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| **Action Area** |  |
| **Vision**​ |  |
| **Actions Brainstorming**​ | ​ |
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