

# The Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance



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## Who we are

The Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance works with communities to influence policies and practices which enhance resilience to climate hazards.

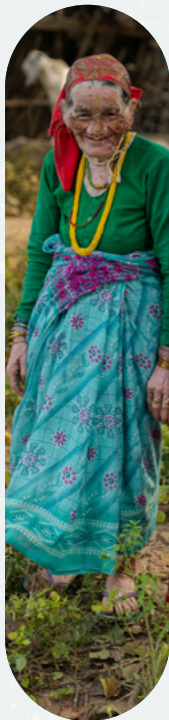
## Our definition of climate resilience

The Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance understands the concept of climate resilience as: *The ability of a system, community or society to pursue its social, ecological and economic development and growth objectives, while managing its climate risks over time in a mutually reinforcing way.*



## Our vision

Our vision is a world where communities are resilient to climate hazards, enabling them to thrive.



# Where we work

The Alliance works across more than 250 communities in 15 countries, in some of the world's most climate-vulnerable areas.

## CLIMATE HAZARD KEY



Flood



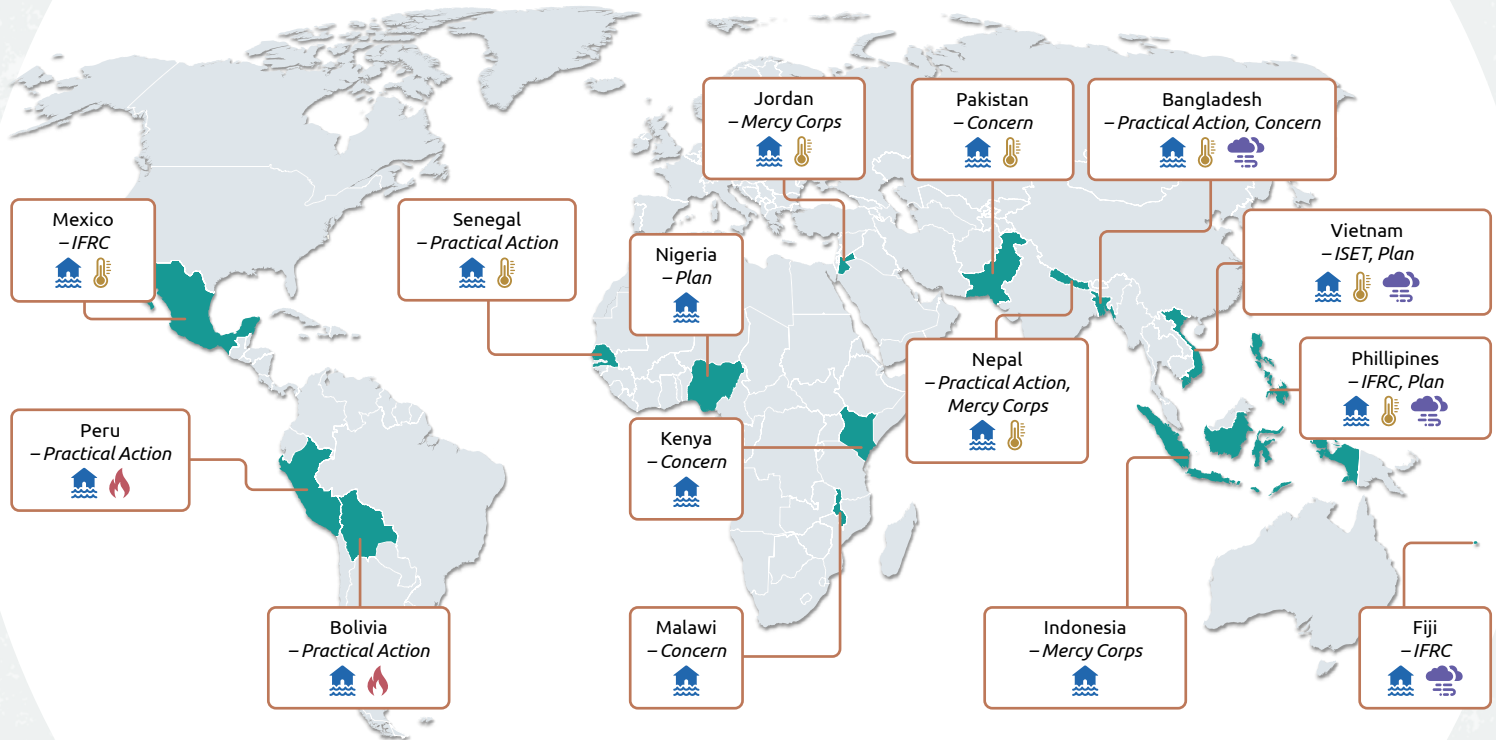
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Wildfire



Storm



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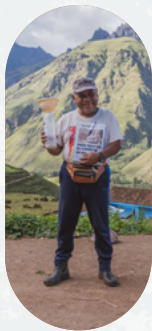
# Our goal

By 2035, alongside like-minded organizations, we aspire to positively impact 70 million people vulnerable to climate change, and 5.5 million by 2027.



## How we work

As an Alliance, we work to achieve our objectives through long-term, flexible, community-centred programming and a focus on systemic change. We do this by delivering programmes, conducting evidence-based research, sharing our knowledge, and influencing key stakeholders on resilience to climate hazards.



## Our objectives

- Enhance and increase the resilience of urban and rural communities to climate hazards.
- Promote the widespread adoption of good climate resilience practices.
- Increase the funding available for communities to improve their climate resilience.
- Improve the policy environment for building community resilience to climate hazards.



# Providing the evidence for climate resilience

## CRMC

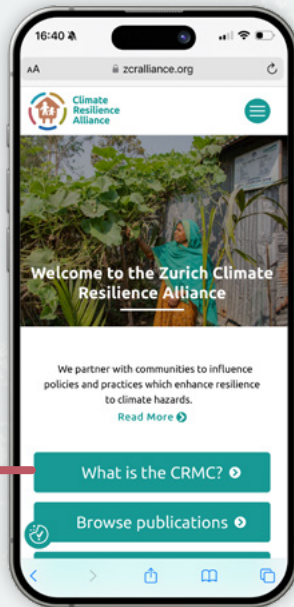
The Climate Resilience Measurement for Communities (CRMC) is a data-driven process, complemented by a web-based tool and mobile app, which helps communities to evaluate and measure how resilient they are to climate hazards. Using the results, they can identify and implement resilience-building interventions and run additional measurements to track improvements.

**Find out more:** [ZCRAlliance.org/crmc](https://ZCRAlliance.org/crmc)



## PERC

The award-winning Post-Event Review Capability (PERC) is a methodology created to review hazard events that become disasters to understand what happened and identify entry points for building or strengthening resilience. PERCs have been conducted across the globe after floods, wildfires and tropical cyclones, and have been applied both in urban and rural settings. Individual study results include practical recommendations for action, while multi-PERC reviews identify common strengths and gaps applicable to virtually any context. **Find out more:** [ZCRAlliance.org/perc](https://ZCRAlliance.org/perc)



## Digital knowledge repository

Our website aims to share practical knowledge alongside the latest evidence and research about how to build community resilience to climate hazards. We share knowledge generated through the Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance's work across the world, as well as from many other sources of evidence.

**Find out more:** [ZCRAlliance.org](https://ZCRAlliance.org)

## Solutions series

The Alliance's 'Solutions' series shares practical and replicable local knowledge from our work across the world on how to build resilience to climate hazards.

**Find out more:** [ZCRAlliance.org/solutions](https://ZCRAlliance.org/solutions)

## Research

The Alliance is committed to evidence-based decision making and develops a wide variety of research and learning to support global advocacy and country programs and our own internal monitoring, evaluation and learning. We work with leading academic partners and think tanks to provide independent scrutiny of key challenges.





# Our journey so far

## Why the shift from flood to climate resilience?

We have over a decade (2013-2024) of collective experience working with communities around the world to measure and then increase their flood resilience. The knowledge and approaches we have developed through this work are applicable to other climate hazards.

We believe that the only way to increase community resilience at scale is to take a systems approach – one that recognizes the wider spectrum of climate challenges that must be addressed.

## Our impact

As the Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance (2013-2023), our work beneficially impacted the lives of over 3 million people and influenced an increase in resilience spending of more than 1.25 billion USD.

Drawing on this experience, the Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance aims to beneficially impact the lives of 5.5 million people by 2027, and 70 million people by 2035.

We will deliver this substantial increase in ambition through an intentional focus on scalable activities and systems change, coupled with innovative ways to assess the uptake and scaling of those activities by other stakeholders.

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