

# COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP FORUM 2026

24-25 FEBRUARY 2026 | BANGKOK, THAILAND



## Background

Across Asia and the Pacific, climate change is severely impacting the lives and livelihoods of millions, particularly the poor and most vulnerable population. Women and marginalized groups experience these impacts more acutely due to existing vulnerabilities, differential access to resources, and socioeconomic and cultural norms. The impacts of climate change are experienced locally, influenced by various socioeconomic, geographical, ecological, institutional, and governance factors. Climate adaptation interventions aimed at building resilience should be based on priorities identified by local stakeholders, specifically target the poor and vulnerable, promote the empowerment of women and focus on locally driven solutions, where appropriate. Poverty reduction strategies and programs—such as those in social protection, financial inclusion, public health, agriculture, livelihoods, and market development—can promote adaptation interventions to build resilience if such programs are designed and implemented in close consultation with local stakeholders and based on a strong understanding of climate risk and the factors driving vulnerability. Moreover, such adaptation interventions to build resilience should be undertaken within the context of wider local development and with a focus on learning from the outcomes.



The *Community Resilience Partnership Program* (CRPP) has been developed in this context and supports scaling up investments in climate adaptation that directly benefit poor and vulnerable people while strengthening the enabling environment to align finance in support of community-led adaptation interventions and increasing the participation of poor and vulnerable communities in decision-making related to building resilience. The CRPP organizes the annual Partnership Forum, which brings together community leaders, government officials, development partners, think tanks, the private sector, financial institutions, and global climate funds to discuss what roles poverty reduction policies and programs can play in building climate resilience, particularly at the local level.

The fourth *CRPP Partnership Forum 2026* will focus on the role of livelihoods-related programs, to deliver measurable climate adaptation outcomes at the local level. Often, these are addressed through sectoral interventions in social protection, agriculture and natural resources, and skills development, leveraging both public and private interventions. Building climate resilience requires both government systems to reach the most vulnerable population and coordinate across sectors, and private sector ability to mobilize capital, create sustainable markets, and drive innovation. The discussions at the fourth CRPP Partnership Forum 2026 will link to and build on the outcomes of the CRPP's previous partnership forums in **2023** (exploring themes of adaptive social protection and climate-resilient agriculture), **2024** (resilience through decentralization systems and climate-resilient skills development), and **2025** (resilience through urban poverty reduction and financial inclusion).

In the context of the CRPP, climate-resilient livelihoods are those that can anticipate, absorb, adapt, and transform in response to climate shocks and long-term stresses—while maintaining or improving wellbeing outcomes of the poor and vulnerable populations. At an individual and household level resilience of livelihoods can be strengthened through different pathways—public works and employment generation programs, microenterprise development, or poverty graduation programs that promote integrated approaches combining livelihoods generation with skills development, financial services, linkages with market and technical support. At the community level, resilient livelihoods, on the other hand, are often targeted through 'clustered' pathways—for example, through cooperatives, networks, livelihood associations—which also emphasize the important role that social capital plays in climate resilience. In the context of building resilience to climate shocks and stresses, it is important that the actions are taken at both the individual/household and community level, to maximize outcomes and ensure cross-sectoral synergies. Implementing such actions at scale does require a strong enabling environment through appropriate policy, regulation, incentive mechanisms and capacity building, and where feasible, partnerships with the private sector and financial institutions.

## Objectives

**Day 1** of the 2026 CRPP Partnership Forum will provide a deep dive into how livelihood programs targeted at the poorest and most vulnerable **individuals or households** can be designed differently to respond to their specific climate needs and build long term resilience. Discussions would focus on integrated adaptation approaches and solutions, and those that prioritise women's differentiated vulnerabilities, needs, and capacities.

**Day 2** will explore how climate-resilient livelihoods are **collectively** strengthened through both community-level organisations (e.g., cooperatives, producer associations, natural resource management committees) and national-level organizations or systems (e.g., chambers of commerce, national or sectoral development banks, private-public partnerships), emphasizing their role in scaling local actions for climate resilient livelihoods.

The forum aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Share examples to demonstrate the **benefits** of locally-driven adaptation solutions, including solutions led by grassroots women's groups, to strengthen the long-term resilience of the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable populations. Benefits include unlocking new economic opportunities, contributing to long-term sustainability, cost efficiency and strengthening social cohesion.
- Provide a venue to discuss and identify **lessons** from locally-driven adaptation solutions to strengthen livelihood resilience, implemented both at the household and community level and undertaken in the context of wider poverty reduction programs. Lessons include reaching scale, mobilizing financing, and institutionalizing bottom-up decision-making.
- Identify the **enabling factors** that the national governments and development partners can provide in scaling up the implementation of locally-driven adaptation solutions for strengthening livelihood resilience. Enabling factors include access to climate risk information, strengthening institutional capacity, improving access to predictable finance and strengthening partnerships between local communities, local governments and the private sector.



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Day 1	24 February 2026		Day 2	25 February 2026	
09:00 – 10:15	<b>Opening Session</b> Rethinking Livelihoods of the Poor and Vulnerable in a Changing Climate		9:00 – 10:15	<b>Plenary 2</b> Community and National Systems for Enabling Climate-Resilient Livelihoods	
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break		10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 – 12:00	<b>Plenary 1</b> Building Individual and Household Climate Resilience through Integrated Livelihoods Approaches		10:45 – 12:00	<b>Spotlight 3</b> Promoting community Collective Action for Climate-Resilient Livelihoods & Market Systems	<b>Spotlight 4</b> Developing Climate Resilience of Micro and Small Enterprises through Enabling Systems and Partnerships
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch		12:00 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Spotlight 1</b> Promoting Climate-Resilient Livelihood Outcomes of Vulnerable Households through Adaptive Social Safety Net Programs	<b>Spotlight 2</b> Strengthening Access to Human and Financial Capital for Vulnerable Women to Pursue Climate-Resilient Livelihoods	13:30 – 15:00	<b>Roundtable Dialogue</b>	
15:15 – 16:15	<b>Adaptation Solutions Hub</b>		15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee Break		15:30 – 16:15	Closing Session	
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Fireside Chat</b>		16:45 – 18:00	<b>CRPP Partnership Group Meeting</b> (Closed Door)	
17:00 – 17:45	<b>Sessions Organized by Partners</b>				
17:45 – 19:30	<b>Welcome Dinner</b>				



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