

Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP)
5th PARTNERSHIP FORUM 2027
23 - 24 February 2027, Bangkok, Thailand

Building Climate-Resilient Communities for Better Health

Concept Note

Background

Across Asia and the Pacific, climate change is placing growing pressure on the lives and livelihoods of millions of people, with the greatest impacts often falling on poor and vulnerable populations. Women and marginalized groups face particular challenges, reflecting existing inequalities, unequal access to resources and the influence of socioeconomic and cultural factors. While climate change is a global challenge, its impacts are experienced locally and shaped by the specific social, economic, environmental and institutional conditions of each community. Effective adaptation must therefore respond to locally identified priorities, address the underlying drivers of vulnerability and empower poor and vulnerable populations, particularly women, to participate in shaping solutions. Existing poverty reduction programs—including those focused on social protection, financial inclusion, health, agriculture and livelihoods—provide important opportunities to strengthen climate resilience when they are informed by a sound understanding of climate risks and designed and implemented in close collaboration with local stakeholders. Such efforts should be embedded within broader local development processes and national systems with iterative learning and adaptive management as cornerstones of a long-term transformational approach to resilience building.

The [Community Resilience Partnership Program](#) (CRPP) has been developed to support scaling up climate adaptation investments that directly benefit poor and vulnerable populations, while strengthening the enabling environment for locally led adaptation and increasing community participation in decision-making. The CRPP organizes the annual Partnership Forum, bringing together community leaders, government officials, development partners, think tanks, the private sector, financial institutions and global climate funds to explore how policies, programs and investments can strengthen climate resilience, particularly at the local level.

The **CRPP Partnership Forum 2027** will focus on how investments aimed at improving health and well-being outcomes can be designed and delivered differently to respond to changing climate risks and strengthen resilience among poor and vulnerable communities.

Climate change is increasingly affecting the health and well-being of millions of people, with disproportionate consequences for poor and vulnerable populations, particularly women and marginalized groups. Climate change affects health through multiple, interconnected pathways, including extreme heat, climate-related disasters, changing disease patterns, food and water insecurity, and disruptions to livelihoods and essential services. The impacts are experienced locally and shaped by differences in exposure, socioeconomic conditions, access to services, and the capacities of individuals, communities and institutions to respond. Protecting health and well-being therefore requires adaptation approaches that anticipate changing climate-related risks, address underlying vulnerabilities, and build on the knowledge, priorities and capacities of local communities.

Health systems play a critical role in anticipating and responding to climate shocks and changing climate-related health risks. This requires strong and resilient health infrastructure and services, but also the capacity of health systems to anticipate emerging risks, identify locally differentiated vulnerabilities, strengthen prevention and preparedness, and empowered

communities that are recognized as partners in delivering resilient local health services. However, strengthening health services alone cannot address the full range of pathways through which climate change affects health. Health outcomes are also shaped by wider social, economic and environmental determinants that extend beyond the health system, including food and nutrition, livelihoods, social protection, housing and the urban environment. Investments in agriculture, food systems, social protection, water and sanitation, and other sectors can reduce exposure, address underlying vulnerabilities, and contribute to improved health outcomes despite the impacts of climate change. Effective adaptation consequently requires complementary action within and beyond the health sector, supported by planning, financing and institutional arrangements that respond to the interconnected risks experienced by communities rather than separate sectoral mandates. It also requires recognizing communities as active participants in identifying risks, determining priorities and implementing solutions, building their existing knowledge, capacities, and formal and informal institutions.

Objectives

Day 1 of the CRPP Partnership Forum 2027 will examine how health systems can be strengthened to simultaneously build community resilience and improve health outcomes among poor and vulnerable populations. Discussions will cover local-level health infrastructure and service delivery, focusing on the role of communities in strengthening their resilience, as well as how health systems more widely can better anticipate local risks, work with communities, and support preparedness and response from the ground up. Dedicated sessions will explore how climate-health early warning can be translated into locally led anticipatory action and community-managed responses, and how women's existing roles in protecting community health and well-being can be better recognised, supported and connected to health systems.

Day 2 will explore how investments beyond the health sector can strengthen community resilience and protect health and well-being outcomes in the context of climate change by addressing the wider determinants of health. Discussions will focus on how investments in agriculture and livelihoods, social protection, water and sanitation and other sectors can be designed to respond to climate-related health risks and deliver complementary benefits for poor and vulnerable populations. Dedicated sessions will examine how climate-resilient agriculture and adaptive social protection can work together to protect nutrition outcomes, and how community-centered urban development can reduce heat-related health risks among vulnerable populations.

The Forum aims to achieve the following objectives:

- a. Share examples demonstrating how climate-responsive investments within and beyond the health sector can strengthen community resilience and protect or improve health and well-being outcomes among poor and vulnerable populations. Examples will highlight locally driven approaches that build on existing community knowledge and capacities, including those of women and frontline actors.
- b. Identify lessons on how health systems and complementary investments in agriculture, social protection and urban development can be designed and delivered to address interconnected climate-related health risks. Discussions will consider how interventions can respond to locally differentiated vulnerabilities, strengthen community participation, and deliver sustained health and resilience outcomes.
- c. Identify enabling factors that governments and development partners can provide to scale up community-centered approaches that jointly strengthen climate resilience and improve health outcomes. These include better use of climate and health risk information, stronger community institutions and frontline capacities, coordinated

planning and financing across sectors, and monitoring approaches that capture both health and resilience outcomes.

These discussions will link to and build on 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) and 2026 (local actions for climate resilient livelihoods).

Time	Day 1 (23 February)		Time	Day 2 (24 February)	
09:00 – 10:15	Opening Session: Strengthening Community Resilience for Improved Health Outcomes in a Changing Climate: Challenges and Opportunities across Sectors		09:15 – 10:30	Plenary 2: Strengthening Community Climate Resilience through Investments in the Wider Determinants of Health	
10:45 – 12:00	Plenary 1: Designing Health Systems that Build Climate Resilience in Poor and Vulnerable Communities		11:00 – 12:00	Spotlight 3: Protecting Nutrition Outcomes of Vulnerable Households through Climate-Resilient Agriculture and Adaptive Social Protection	Spotlight 4: Community Resilience to Extreme Heat: Local Action for Vulnerable Urban Populations
13:30 – 15:00	Spotlight 1: Strengthening Community Climate-Health Resilience through Early Warning and Locally Led Anticipatory Action	Spotlight 2: Strengthening Community Climate-Health Resilience through Women's Skills, Knowledge and Frontline Roles	13:30 – 15:00	Roundtable Dialogue	
15:30 – 16:30	Adaptation Solutions Hub		15:30 – 16:15	Closing Session	
16:45	Sessions Organized by Partners		16:45	CRPP Partnership Group Meeting (Closed Door)	

– 17:30		– 18:00	
17:30 – 19:00	Reception		