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# Scaling Up Local Adaptation Measures through Climate-Responsive Decentralization Processes

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# The Impacts of Climate Change in Asia and the Pacific Region

*The extent and magnitude of climate change impacts are larger than estimated in previous assessments (IPCC 2022)*



- ❑ 13 of the 30 countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change fall within this region.

GDP could decrease by as much as 3.3% by 2050 and 10% by 2100.

In 2022:

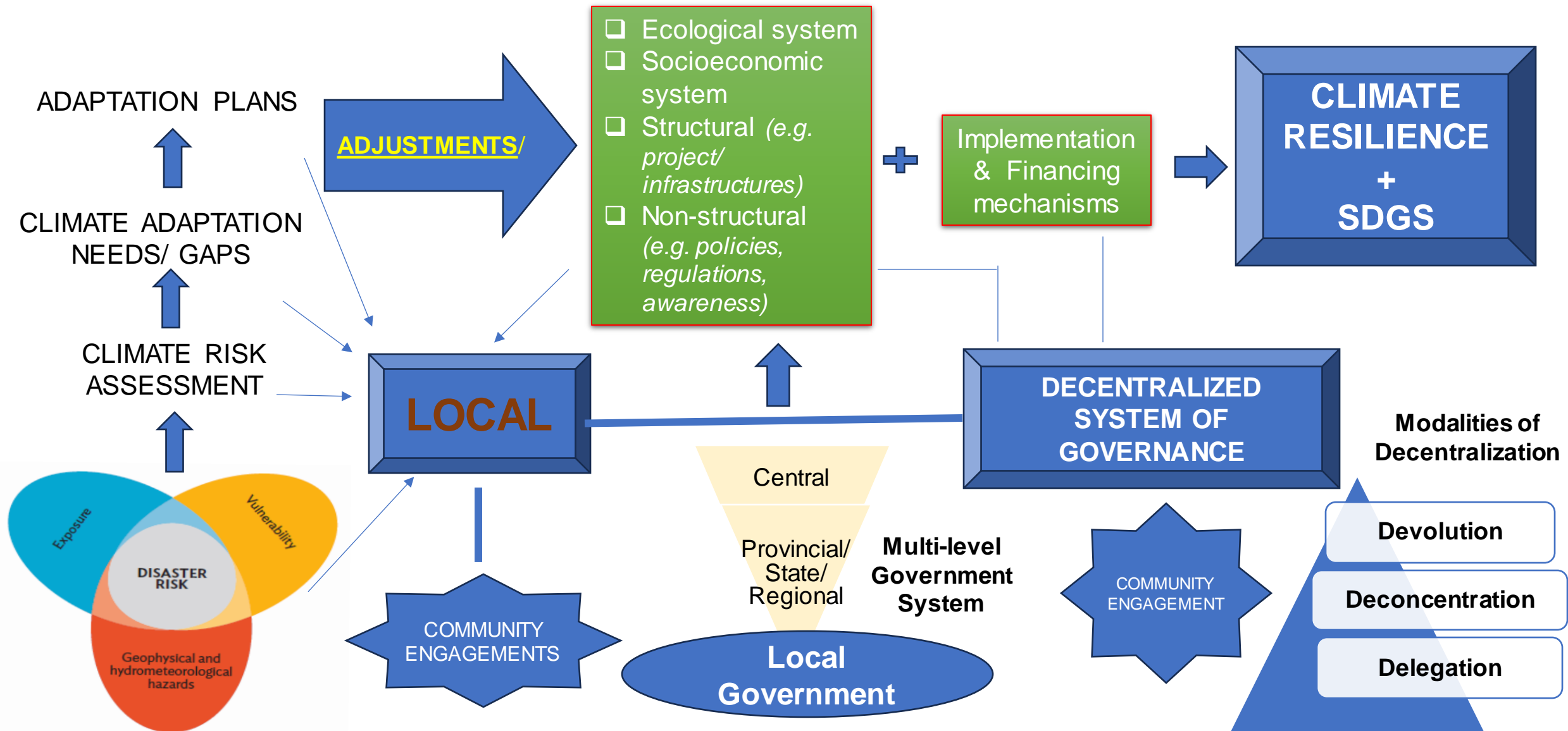
- 81 disasters
- More than 5,000 people lost their lives
- More than 50 million people were directly affected by climate disasters
- More than US\$36 billion in economic damages

*(Source: State of the Climate in Asia 2022)*



**Need for Climate Adaptation Solutions**

# Climate Adaptation and Decentralization FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE





# Why Local Governments/Entities are Important for Climate Resilience?

- **“Localization is the new globalization”** (phrase echoed during COP27 in Egypt)
- The **Paris Agreement, Agenda 2030, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction stress the importance of local actions** in collaboration with global and national authorities.
- **Local governments have the responsibility to make the ADJUSTMENTS** to achieve the climate resilience.
- **50 to 80% of adaptation & mitigation actions** already are or will be implemented at the subnational & local levels.
- SNGs are responsible for around **29% of total government expenditure and 39% of public investment** in Asia and the Pacific region – *important to ensure that the investments are climate resilient.*
- **National, Subnational, and Local governments are inter-dependent** in executing climate actions.



# Are Local Governments capable of implementing CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANS or making the necessary ADJUSTMENTS?

**YES**

- ✓ Mandate
- ✓ Downward Accountability
- ✓ Local & Indigenous knowledge
- ✓ Understanding
- ✓ Ability for swift mobilization
- ✓ Connection

**NO**

**Weak Legal/  
Policy  
Framework**

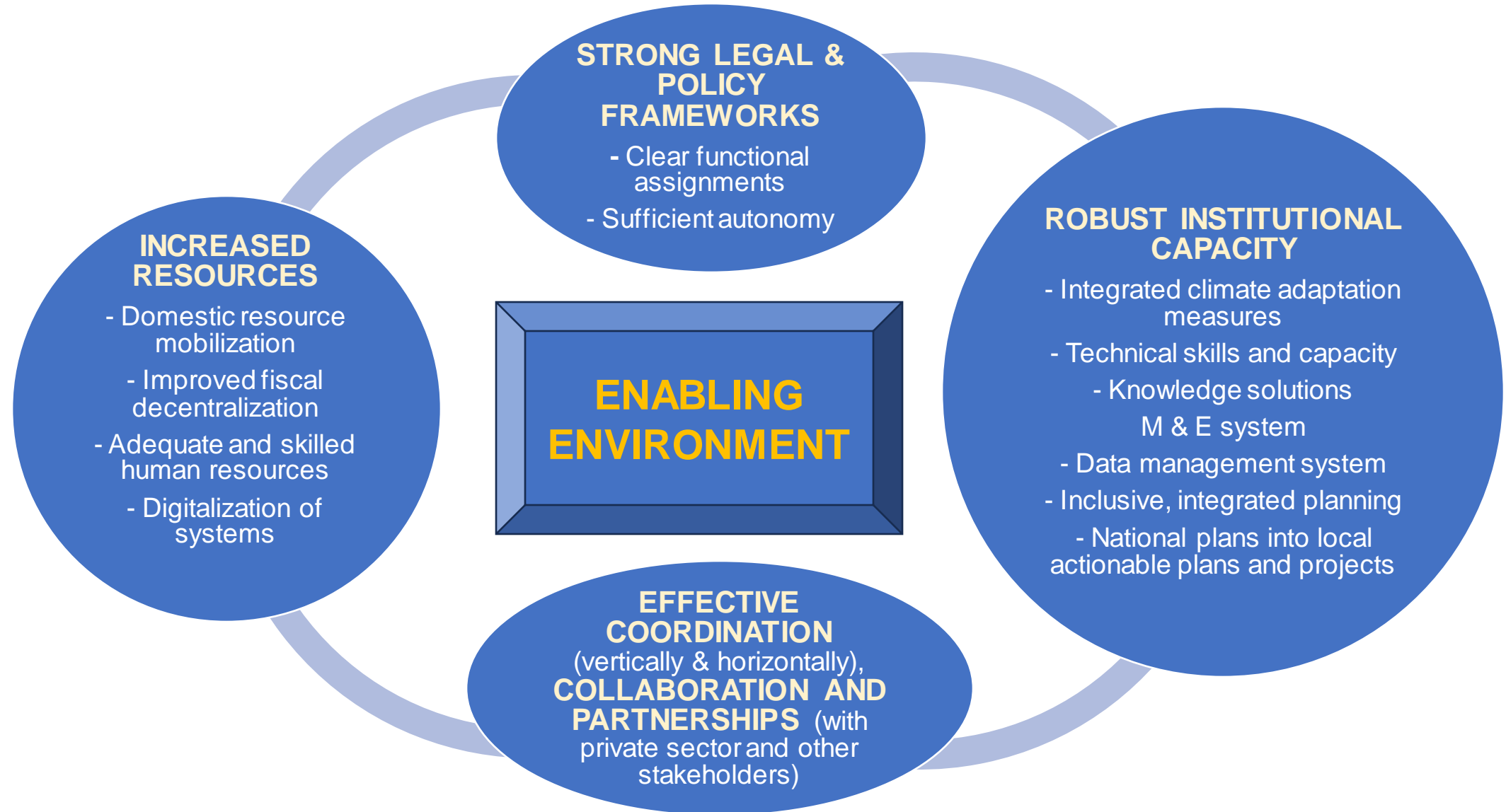
**Poor Institutional  
& Technical  
Capacity**

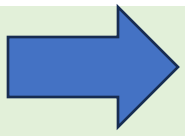
**Limited  
Coordination  
Collaboration &  
Partnerships**

**Inadequate  
Resources**  
*(Human, Finance,  
Technology)*

# What should be done?

*Create an Enabling Environment for Local Governments to take Transformational Actions*





# COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (CRPP)

*A Partnership Program to Support Scaling Up of Climate Finance in Support of Local Resilience*

# **Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP)**

**- a strategic response to the challenges and implementation of actions**

It provides support to ensure that decentralization processes build local resilience by:

- i. Strengthening the institutional capacities of subnational governments (SNGs)**  
*(Policies, Strategies, Guidelines, Systems, Tools, Capacity Development, Coordination, Information Sharing)*
- ii. Incorporating climate change adaptation considerations in intergovernmental fiscal transfer mechanisms**
- iii. Enhancing revenue raising capacities of SNGs**
- iv. Creating alternative financing instruments, such as green bonds**
- v. Empowering community and developing stronger demand side governance**
- vi. Exchanging knowledge and expanding partnerships**

It also provides support in **developing projects and programs that promote community led adaptation.**

It also **proactively promotes women-focused investments.**



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CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLATFORM