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SERIES 1

Establishing Resilience Principles



Policy Review

Activity 1.5.1

This policy exercise is designed to help you start to identify existing policies, laws, and rules that influence the core functions and services of your city and the surrounding peri-urban areas. Such rules affect the ability of your citizens to adapt and be resilient against multiple stressors, not just climate change.

IN THIS ACTIVITY YOU WILL:

- ✓ Review existing policies that could relate to your city's climate resilience efforts;
- ✓ Identify the interaction between policies instituted at various governmental levels (e.g. national, provincial/state, city, and district/community/local levels);

- ✓ Identify which agencies are in charge of implementing and enforcing those policies at each level;
- ✓ Identify the communication mechanisms between each implementing and enforcing agency;
- ✓ Identify conflicts between policies or between implementing and enforcing agencies at different scales;
- ✓ Identify who is currently benefiting or being harmed by those policies; and
- ✓ Identify the metrics that are currently used to determine whether a particular policy is effective or not.

ACTIVITY 1.5.1 : POLICY REVIEW

INSTRUCTIONS: For this exercise, you will begin filling out the blank matrix provided on the next pages. We have included a completed row as an example. The matrix is designed in the following way:

1. The six categories listed vertically on the left side of the matrix provide broad guidance on how to categorize relevant national, provincial/state, and city policies, laws, and rules. If you think there should be additional

categories, please add additional rows. One policy might be cross-listed under several categories, which is an important finding!

2. The categories listed horizontally across the top of the matrix help you to describe the policy's potential role in your city's current vulnerability and how it might be integrated into future resilience initiatives or how it might obstruct such initiatives. If you think there should be additional categories, please add additional columns.

ACTIVITY 1.5.1: POLICY REVIEW								
	Policy	Administrative Scale	National Agency(s) Responsible	Municipal Agency Responsible	Coordination Mechanisms	Who/ What Benefits	Conflicts w/ Other Policy	Metrics of Effectiveness
Hazards and Disasters	Policy XXX -Storm resistant building standards	National level down to parroquias	Ministry of the Environment (MoE)	Planning and Construction Department (PCD)	None for the moment. The MoE issues the policy and expects all lower level agencies to implement and enforce it. There is no communication from the PCD back to the MoE.	Residents and businesses in storm risk areas might be better protected and have fewer asset losses	Does not easily support poverty reduction policies because poor residents can't afford to build homes according to the code	Number of storm resistant buildings that survive a storm with minimal damage and the loss claims of building inhabitants as compared to non-storm resistant buildings

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Environmental Protection								

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Energy								
Climate Change								

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Water								
Poverty Reduction								

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Transportation								
Other:								