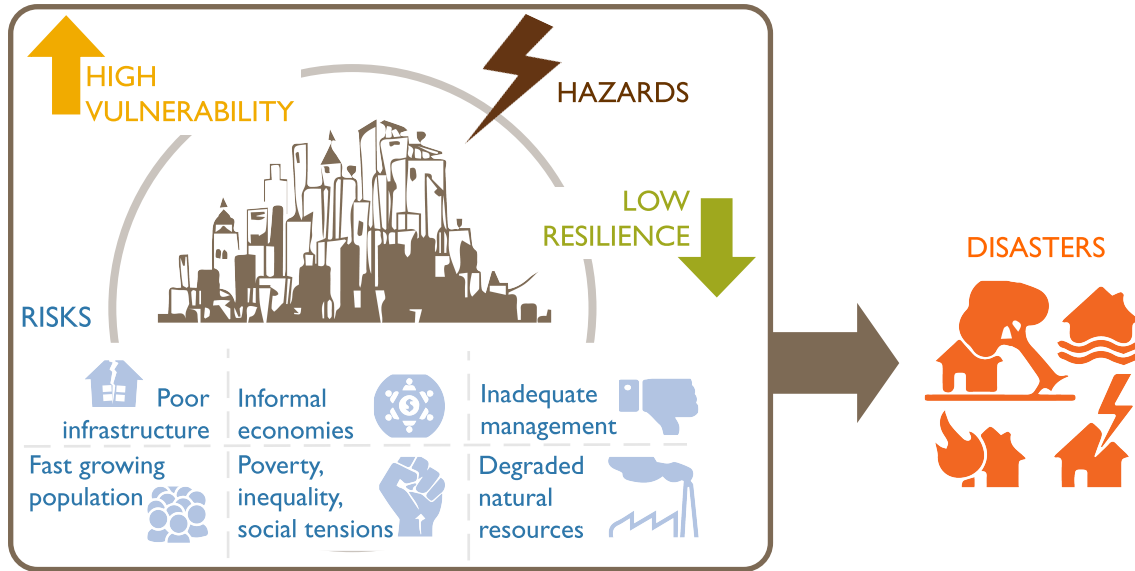


THE ISSUE: URBANISATION

The world is rapidly urbanising, with over half of the world's population currently living in urban areas. Due to fast and often poorly planned growth, cities possess significant drivers of risk.



Making Cities Resilient – My City is Getting Ready!

- Translates the global DRR policy (Sendai Framework, 2015 -2030) into local action.
- Engages local city governments to commit to implementing the **Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient**.
- More than 2500 participating cities worldwide.
- Working to achieve the new ISO standard for resilient cities

BUILDING URBAN RESILIENCE



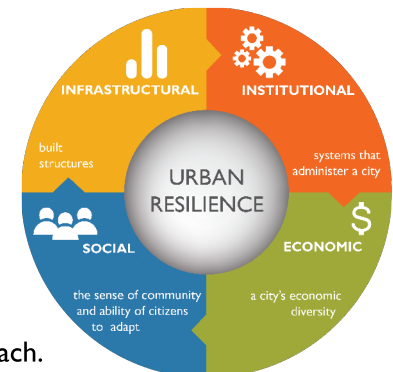
WV's Cities for Children Framework

WHAT? The concept of urban resilience is based on the 'inherent capacity of cities to bounce back or recover from disasters' (Shaw, 2014).

HOW? Approaches to Building Urban Resilience

The Resilient Cities goal of World Vision's Cities for Children framework aims to support city dwellers to prepare, respond and adapt to urban crises, hazards and disasters. This goal is aligned to UNISDR's **Making Cities Resilient** approach.

Components of Urban Resilience (World Bank)



THE STEPANAVAN CITY RESILIENCE INITIATIVE

Stepanavan city of Lori Region in Armenia joined the Making Cities Resilient campaign in 2014 and followed guidance from the '[Handbook for local government leaders](#)' for achieving the following milestones of the '[Ten essentials for making cities resilient](#)':



Results - Early Indicators of Success

The initiative is only one year into a multi-year process, so it is too early to formally measure impacts, however the following early indicators of success have been observed.

- Awarded certification at the World Conference for DRR as 'role model for organisation and planning for DRR'.
- Nomination by UNISDR for 'role model city status' for other cities to learn from.
- Most efficient progress out of the 18 Armenian cities in the campaign on institutionalizing resilience into city planning processes.
- Successful local-level advocacy resulting in an amendment of a law of local government to include disaster risk assessments in city planning.
- Successful inclusion of their resilience action plan into the mandatory four-year city development plan thus enhancing sustainability of resilience efforts.

Key Challenges

- Community accountability
- Partnerships and knowledge management
- Governance among numerous stakeholders

[World Visions's role](#) in this multi-stakeholder initiative included; training on Disaster Risk Reduction policy, community mobilization & awareness raising, advocacy on law amendments mandating risk assessments and other tasks outlined in the [resilience action plan](#).

Recommendations

The following recommendations are based on the experience of Stepanavan and aim to inform more effective support to the campaign by World Vision National Offices:

