

A group of approximately ten children, mostly young girls, are smiling and posing for a photo. They are in a community setting, possibly a school or a community center, with wooden beams and a patterned banner visible in the background. The children are dressed in casual clothing, including a red and white striped shirt and a red shirt with a floral design. The overall atmosphere is warm and positive.

# Strengthening climate resilience through community-driven development

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# A common understanding of community-driven development (CDD)

ADB's definition adopts five elements of CDD:

1. community focus
2. participatory planning and design
3. community control of resources
4. community involvement in implementation
5. community-based participatory M&E

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- CDD is a sub-set of the broader community-based development approach
- CDD approach puts control over planning decisions and investment of resources in the hands of the community
- CDD is implemented through community-based organizations and in partnership with local governments
- CDD provides resources (block grants) directly to community groups to implement the development projects of their choice.



# CDD is a natural choice for building community resilience



- CDD and climate action to build resilience share the common objective of tackling vulnerability
- CDD provides opportunities to address localized climate risks
- CDD allows reaching scale which is critical as climate risk increases
- CDD focuses on empowering communities, which is key for building resilience

# CDD program design adjustments to build climate resilience



Use climate risk information to inform selection of target communities for CDD

Integrate resilience features in the design of community infrastructure supported by CDD

Link community interventions with household and local government interventions

Strengthen process for community participation in decentralization

Allocate additional resources for resilience

# Moving forward we need...

- A new generation of CDD programs to pursue climate resilient development
- National climate policies and plans to prioritize CDD for building resilience
- Stronger links between CDD and other programs that aim to strengthen resilience
- Increased commitment from global climate funds to support CDD programs

