









Applying Lessons from Domestic Frameworks to Developing Countries

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April 4 (Day 2) Agenda



- Workshop Goals and Context
- Recap of Day 1
- Peter Schultz: Vulnerability Assessment Frameworks in the International Arena
- Discussion
- Wrap-up

Workshop Goals and Context

What Lessons Have We Learned that May Ben Development Decisions?

Context

- The vulnerability assessment field is undergoing rapid evolution resulting in a plethora of frameworks, tools, and resources
- As heterogeneous as these frameworks are, they represent the institutional capacity this community has built over the past decade+

Workshop Goal

- Are we missing opportunities to do things better?
- Can we advance the community of practice concerned with improving and effectively employing vulnerability assessment frameworks – here and abroad?

Outcome

 USAID will use the outcomes of this workshop to inform the agency's vulnerability assessment framework and their plans for collaboration

Recap of Day 1



- Vulnerability Assessment Framework Case Studies
 - Patty Glick, National Wildlife Federation, Scanning the Conservation Horizon: A Guide to Vulnerability Assessment
 - Becky Lupes, Federal Highway Administration, Climate Change & Extreme Weather Vulnerability Assessment Framework
 - Peter Schultz, ICF International, Coastal Vulnerability Assessment Principles for DoD Installations

Recap of Day 1



- Brief overview of vulnerability assessment frameworks
- Three very different frameworks for three very different settings – vulnerability frameworks for wildlife, transportation assets/services, and coastal DOD installations
- Many commonalities:
 - Importance of considering the audience and the goal of the vulnerability assessment
 - Difficulty of assessing adaptive capacity (and defining what is meant by adaptive capacity)
 - Importance of knowing "how much is too much" or potentially overinvesting in the assessment phase
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- Not enough time for discussion; we have time today!

Key Questions for Discussion



- Are there things that are often missing from frameworks?
- What are the characteristics of vulnerability assessment frameworks that foster implementation?
- What factors can enhance the use of frameworks? What can detract from the use of frameworks?
- How can someone know how detailed an assessment needs to be? How much is too much?
- Is there a potential for train wrecks with the proliferation of frameworks?
 (e.g., wasted resources; confusion among decision makers)
- Are there any advantages in working together across VA frameworks? If yes, what are they?

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- What lessons from domestic VAs can be translated to the international context? What can't?
- What should funders be looking at funding in further building out VA frameworks and/or applying them?
- Are there surprises that you've encountered as you've attempted to apply VA frameworks?
- How can someone know which framework to use? Are existing lists of frameworks sufficient to help people understand what should be used when/where?
- Are existing communities of practice effective in sharing lessons learned and pitfalls of applying VA frameworks?
- How can dialogue be promoted?
- Are there any concrete next steps that people would like to see?

Speaker Presentation

• **Peter Schultz**, ICF International: Vulnerability Assessment Frameworks in the International Arena

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