

From community strengthening to
social, ecological and productive
Resilience

**HOW THINGS ARE DONE IS AS IMPORTANT
AS THE THINGS THAT ARE DONE**



Adaptation and application of a methodology: **context**

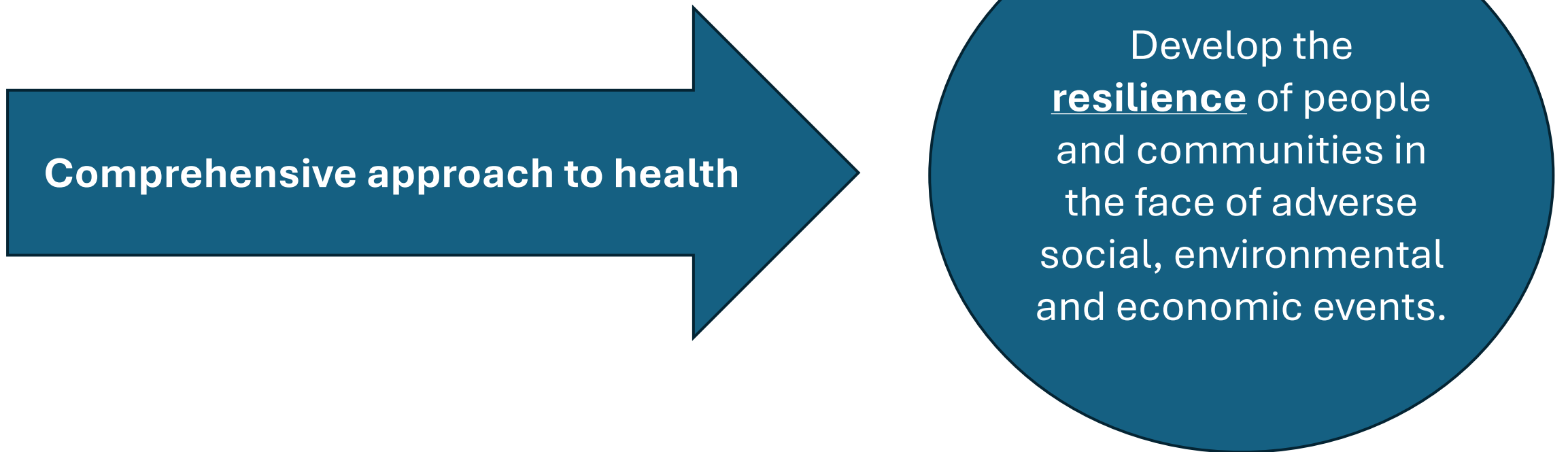
Goal: strengthen social, ecological, productive resilience

Who: peasant communities and indigenous peoples

Where: landscapes with high ecosystem values

WHY TALK ABOUT BUILDING RESILIENCE?

- Multidimensionality of poverty
- Intersectorality
- Health: a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, not just the absence of infirmities or diseases (WHO, 1946)





THE METHODOLOGY AS A WAY TO STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE

1. Increase the participation of women and youth
2. Construct the map of priorities together
3. Driving community engagement: we own the process
4. Measure what you want done
5. Respect traditional structures and facilitates empowerment



INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AND YOUTH

- Clear rules of the game from the beginning: announcement
- 20 to 30 people
- 50% men/50% women, young people
- Commitment to continued participation
- Conditions: place, schedules, outsource food, childcare



CONSTRUCT THE MAP OF PRIORITIES TOGETHER

- Participatory planning: questions YES, answers NO
- 1,5 days: 5 dimensions → find solutions
- Revalue facilitation
- Use of native languages
- Men/women/youth groups, mixed plenary sessions
- Visualization and documentation



DRIVING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: **WE OWN THE PROCESS**

- Transparency: document (list of people, panels, photos, audios, transcripts)
- Native languages: local support
- Debriefing
- Local platforms: involve others
- Community monitoring: minute book



MEASURE WHAT YOU WANT DONE

- Indicators by sex/age.
- Measure women's participation (not only number, also substantive changes)
- Define how the information will be collected: what, who, how often.
- Capacity development in community monitoring
- NGOs: agreements on how to measure changes



RESPECT TRADITIONAL STRUCTURES AND **FACILITATES EMPOWERMENT**

- Respect the leadership of traditional organizational structures: avoid parallel structures
- Support women's organization (where it does not exist)
- Community strengthening (participation, norms, procedures)
- Leadership training (women and youth)
- NGO: accountability before community assemblies
- Transparency: document (list of people, panels, photos, audios, transcripts)



HOW A RESILIENCY APPROACH BENEFITS EVERYONE

Municipal Governments:

Articulate NGOs with presence in the territory, collaborative management

Program implementers

operational synergies, cost reduction (baseline, community census), precise identification of vulnerable people and families: inclusion of single mothers, widows, separated or alone women.

Community

Learn to plan their contribution between different projects, assume leadership, participate in acquisitions, collaborative co-construction with the executors (how to solve problems)

Protected Area Directorate

Be part of community monitoring, assume some support tasks and gain legitimacy.

Program

Transparency, sustainability beyond the projects, lower operating costs, permanent community mobilization = greater resilience in a constantly changing context, provide differentiated responses for women, youth, men.