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The Global Resilience Partnership, spearheaded by The Rockefeller Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), aims to help millions of people in the Sahel, the Horn of Africa, and South and Southeast Asia build stronger and more resilient futures.

With an initial commitment of \$100 million, the Resilience Partnership will accelerate promising technologies and ideas and identify new opportunities that can better build the resilience of families, communities, countries and regions — ultimately saving lives and livelihoods, as well as precious resources for when they are needed most.

Why the Global Resilience Partnership

We face a new reality: disasters and shocks — natural or manmade — along with chronic stresses, are coming faster and lasting longer. The effects of climate change combined with population growth means more people stand in harm's way, with the poor on the front lines. The number of reported disasters has nearly tripled since 1980, and the cost of those disasters is up 300 percent, to \$200 billion every year.

The result is a cycle of human suffering — loss of life, livelihoods and aspirations — and for developing countries, staggering economic loss.

Shocks like droughts, typhoons, or food price spikes are not always preventable, but the degree of destruction and devastation can be reduced and managed. Meaningful investments across sectors in

The resilience dividend is

the difference between where a region is after a shock when resilience investments have been made, compared to where the region would be if it hasn't invested in its resilience

and

the additional investment that can be leveraged through resilience co-benefits: job creation, economic opportunity, social cohesion and equity.

preparedness, adaptation and inclusive economic growth can also chip away at stresses, such as chronic poverty, helping communities to function better day-to-day and, when a crisis hits, realize a resilience dividend.

Current efforts to build resilience have put many communities on the path to a more secure and sustainable future. But, many more remain vulnerable as risks increase. Now is the time to enable resilience thinking and action on a wider scale.

Over the last 30 years, \$1 out of every \$3 spent on development has been lost as a result of recurring crises, a total loss of \$3.8 trillion worldwide.

In 2011 and 2012, 23 million people in the Sahel and Horn of Africa were affected by food insecurity due to drought.

Over 400 million people in Asia are expected to be vulnerable to flooding by 2025.

The Global Resilience Partnership in Action

The Resilience Partnership represents a paradigm shift for how the global community responds to shocks today and builds for tomorrow. Solving the complex and interrelated challenges of the 21st century requires working in partnership with regional and local stakeholders to coordinate resources, build on successes, and engage new actors. The Resilience Partnership will help drive a shared global resilience agenda, where humanitarian and development planning is better aligned.

The Resilience Partnership will work in three geographies with high resilience needs: the Sahel, Horn of Africa, and South and Southeast Asia. Through a network of regional hubs the Resilience Partnership will source, test and scale innovative solutions that are tailored to local needs, in part by:

- Identifying critical capacity gaps
- Advancing data-driven analytics and measurements
- Designing and testing flexible financial mechanisms
- Surfacing break-through innovations
- Catalyzing alliances across all sectors
- Enabling regional and global learning

An essential feature of the Resilience Partnership will be a multi-phase resilience design challenge, focused on bringing together people and organizations from across sectors to collaborate on bold and innovative solutions to the toughest resilience challenges in the three focus regions. These teams will collectively research and diagnose problems, and develop locally-driven, high-impact solutions that can build resilience at scale.

With a flexible structure for scaling the most promising solutions, the Resilience Partnership will help secure a better future for the world's most vulnerable people.