

# Mercy Corps' Resilience Framework



## Guiding Questions

Four guiding questions help identify vulnerabilities and capacities to influence resilience strategies.

- Of What?
- For Whom?
- To What?
- Through What?



## Three Capacities

Resilience requires short-term absorptive and medium-term adaptive capacities, supported by the long-term capacity to transform the underlying cultural, institutional and learning dynamics within the system. Strengthen all three to equip households, communities and systems to manage shocks and stresses.



## STRESS Process

Strategic Resilience Assessments lead to a Theory of Change by taking a systems approach to collecting and analyzing data across scales and sectors.



## Theory of Change

The Theory of Change articulates a measurable path to a desired impact, which is then tested through program portfolios and interventions.



## Adaptive Management

Resilience programs are guided by adaptive management practices. This ensures that measurement is in place to inform adjustments, make strategic changes or rethink the Theory of Change. Continually monitor, adjust and iterate to create deeper and wider impact.



## Evidence-Based Learning

Progressively build an evidence base by testing what works on the ground. This is key to unlocking social learning – the sharing of both scientific and local knowledge between individuals, communities and institutions.