RESILIENCE EVALUATION, ANALYSIS AND LEARNING (REAL): FOCUS AREAS

The Resilience Evaluation, Analysis and Learning (REAL) award is a consortium-led effort funded by the USAID Center for Resilience in the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security.

Through a broad range of activities, REAL seeks to respond to emerging needs in the field of resilience among the implementer and donor community. From technical guidance notes to evaluative research reports and practitioner-focused capacity-strengthening activities, REAL promotes best practice in resilience program design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and learning.

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Quick Facts

<u>Donor</u>: USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS)

<u>Duration</u>: Sep. 1, 2020 – Aug. 31, 2025

<u>Consortium Members</u>: Save the Children, Mercy Corps, and TANGO International

Led by Save the Children, REAL draws on the technical expertise of consortium partners TANGO International and Mercy Corps to generate high-quality evidence on the effectiveness of USAID resilience investments and provide critical thought leadership and demand-driven technical support to a range of practitioners involved in monitoring, evaluating, and learning from resilience programming. This is achieved through three strategic and interrelated purposes:

1. Lead and support demand-driven resilience evidence generation and research;

2. Provide evidence-based thought leadership, analysis, and technical guidance in frontier resilience issues; and,

3. Co-create and facilitate the use of resilience knowledge to improve design and adaptive management of resilience investments.

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REAL partners generate evidence on resilience programming that responds to stakeholders' priority knowledge needs. REAL carries out mixed-methods evaluations, recurrent monitoring surveys, and targeted research to further understanding of contributors to resilience and support USAID counterparts seeking to integrate resilience measurement principles into Mission monitoring and evaluation systems.

Examples of evidence generated under REAL include:
▶ PRIME Project Impact Evaluation Endline Survey Report
▶ Zimbabwe Resilience Research Report

EVIDENCE GENERATION / PRIMARY RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

REAL provides capacity strengthening support through co-creation of tailored resilience measurement plans, dissemination of practical technical guidance, and continued thought leadership in frontier areas of resilience analysis and programming.

Examples of technical guidance products include:
▶ Resilience Measurement Practical Guidance Note Series
▶ Resilience and Resilience Capacities Measurement Options
▶ Participatory Learning and Action Toolkit

TECHNICAL GUIDANCE AND CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

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REAL provides demand-driven support for the socialization and application of resilience knowledge to enable adaptive management of USAID resilience investments. REAL consults regularly with a diverse range of practitioners and decision makers to adapt knowledge products to their specific analysis and learning needs.

Examples of knowledge sharing products and events include:
▶ Resilience Capacities in the Horn of Africa Region
▶ Risk Analysis for Resilience Programming in Protracted Crises

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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