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Naryn Urban Resilience Programme (NURP): A Model for Collective Urban Resilience in High-Risk Mountain Settlements



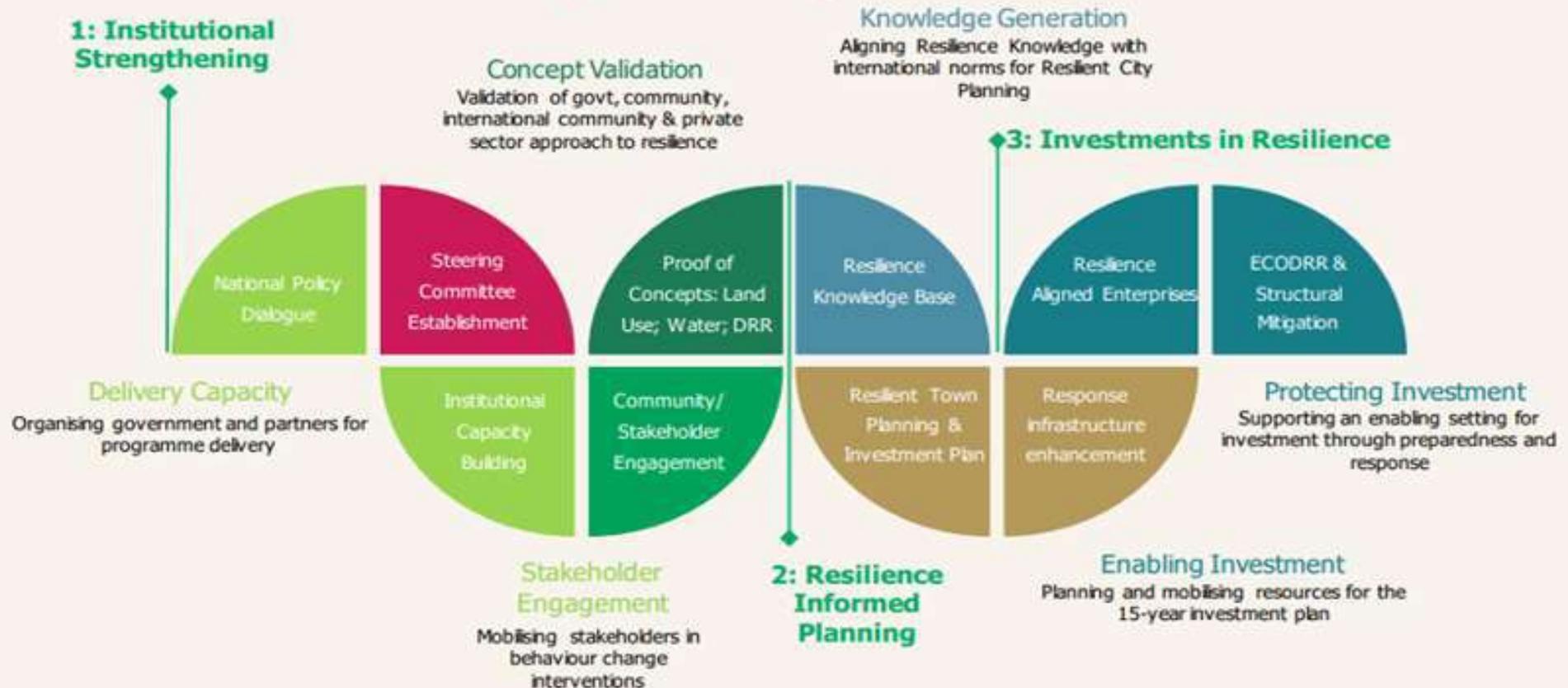
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Urban Resilience Programming



- Post-development Theory (Esobar 1994; Sachs 1999, 2000; et al.)
- Transition Design (Irwin 2018)
- Circular and Systems Thinking (Thackara 2015; Williams 2021)
- Urban Nexus Concept (Lehmann 2018)

NURP underscores the importance of place-sensitive bottom-up approaches to sustainable transformation and strengthening urban resilience.



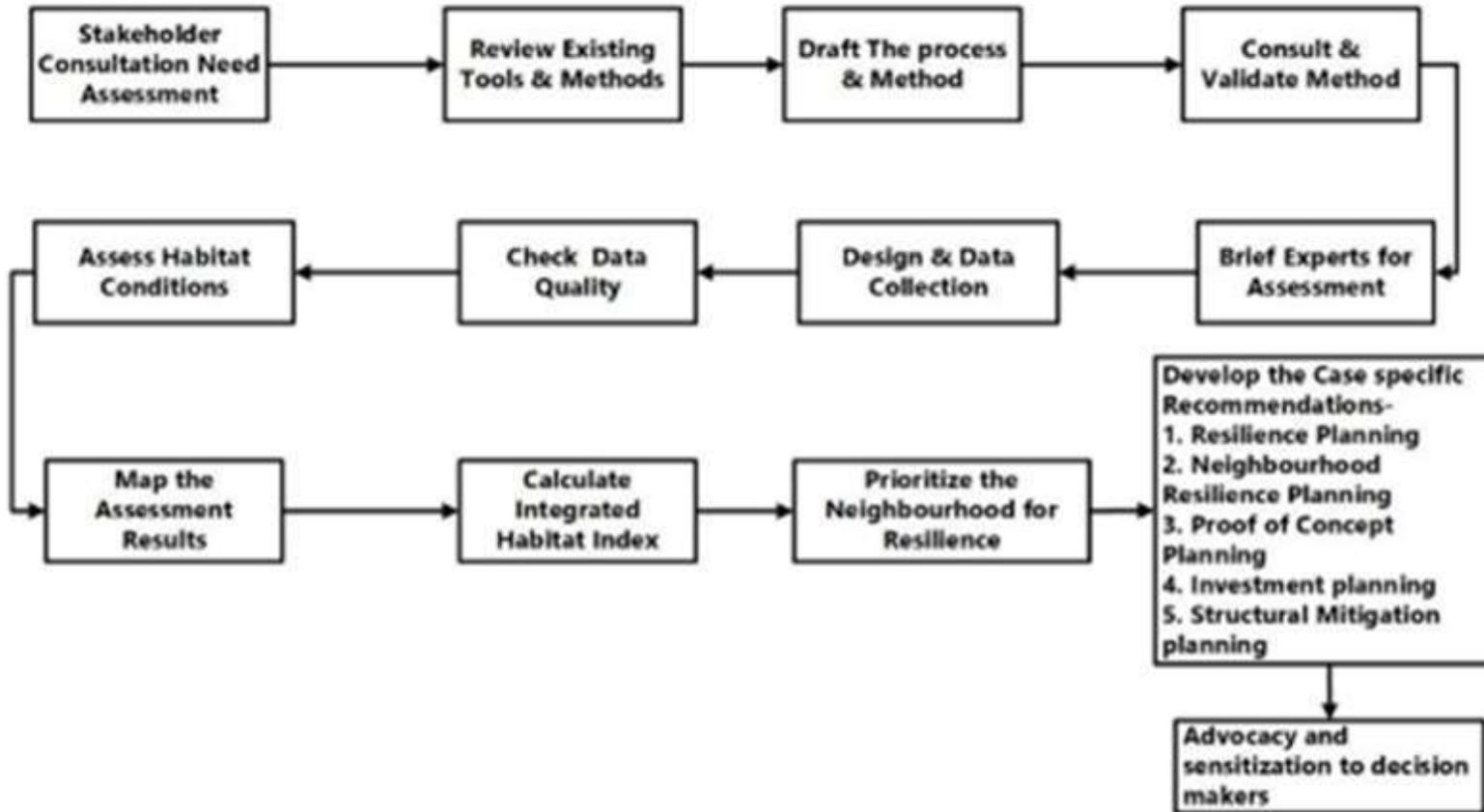
Figure 1. The woman selling bread at a vegetable and water shop in the market.



Figure 2. A discussion about the process of the Forum of Communities.



Figure 3. The woman selling bread at a vegetable and water shop.



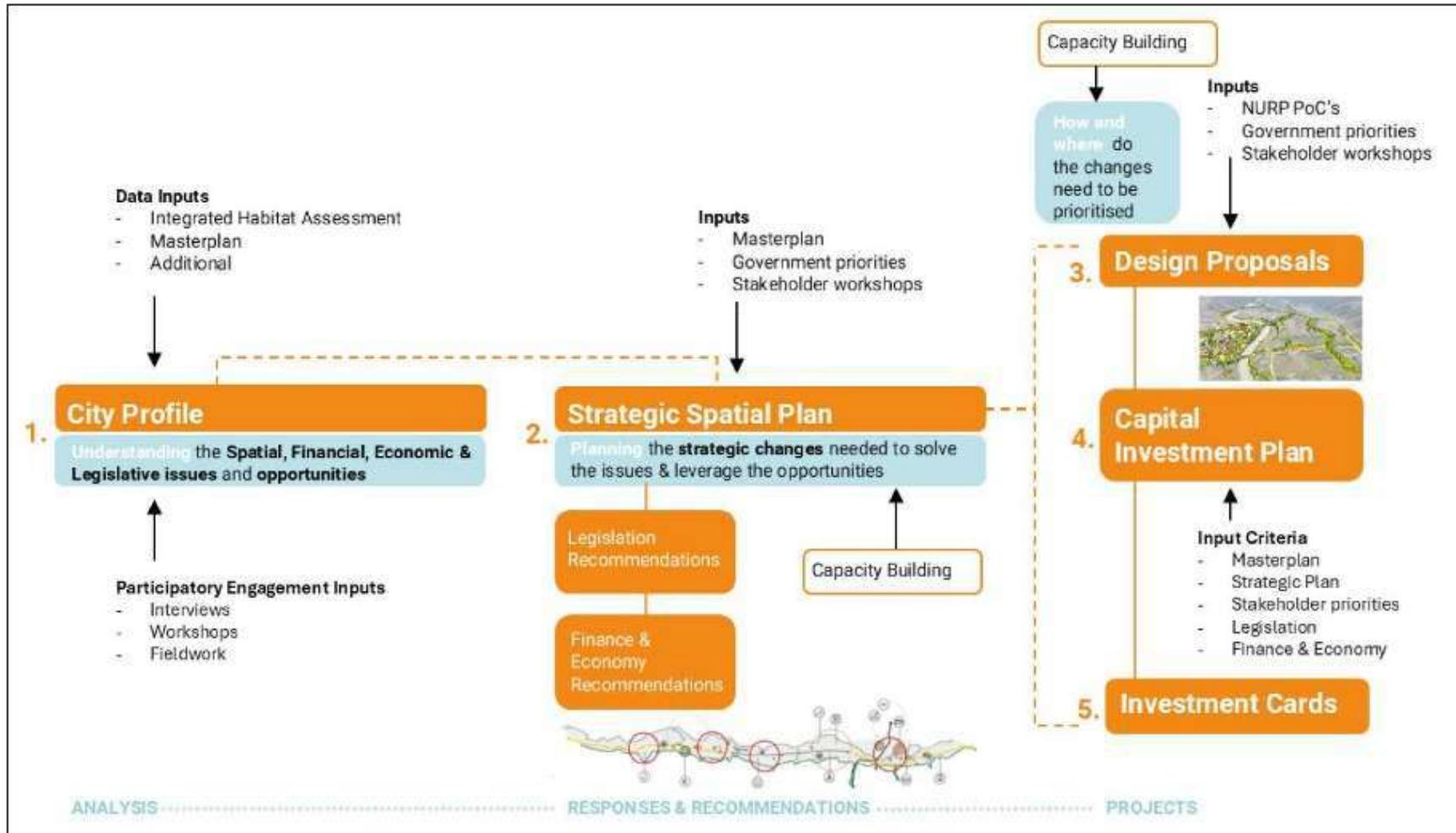
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Potentilla argentea



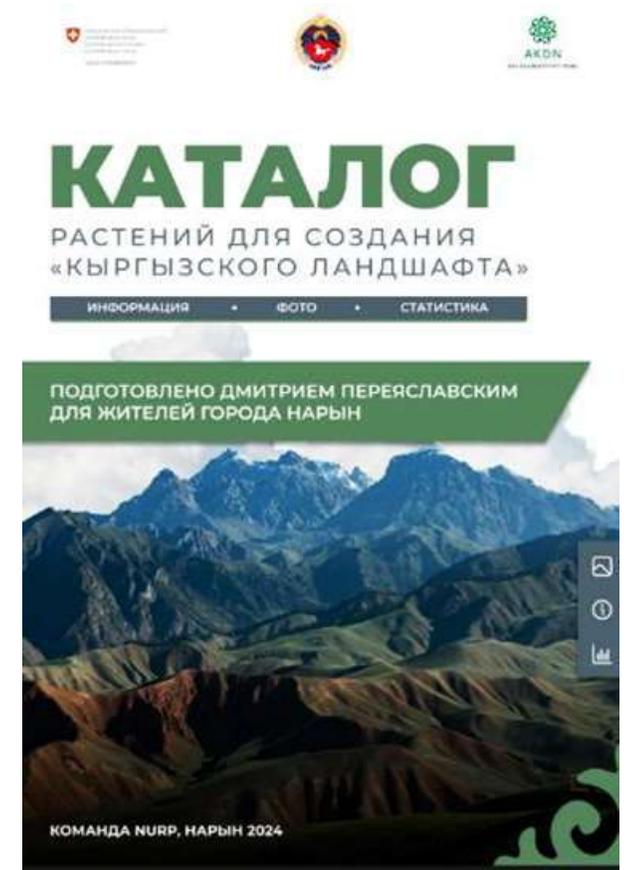
Process flow followed for project identification, prioritisation, planning and implementation of resilience projects

Participatory planning: Identify Challenges & Vision





- NURP paid special attention to the capacity building of local government and residents by engaging them in learning about how to co-plan and co-develop public spaces using nature-based solutions (NBS).
- However, this ongoing institutional strengthening process has been challenging, particularly in reconciling diverse perceptions of urban greening and public space development among residents and government officials.



- Reluctance of key governmental actors to engage in capacity-building initiatives.
- A tendency among city officials viewing the initiative primarily as a funding mechanism for infrastructure projects, often overlooking their relevance to resilience.
- Lack of an engaged citizenry and human capital in the community.



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- A key insight from implementing the Naryn Urban Resilience Programme (NURP) is the imperative to move beyond rigid, externally imposed planning paradigms toward inclusive, context-sensitive strategies.
- Adaptive, human-centric approach reframed urban space as a platform for socio-economic and environmental transformation.
- NURP highlights the critical importance of place-sensitive, post-colonial frameworks for sustainable transformation, offering insights relevant not only for Naryn, but for other marginalized, climate-vulnerable regions confronting similar development constraints.



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