



Building resilient societies: the UN's joined-up approach



In today's globalized world, different types of risks related to natural hazards, the climate, epidemics, conflicts or economic shocks are increasingly coinciding and interacting with each other. This can result in crises with cascading effects across systems and sectors and cause high levels of uncertainty. We, therefore, need joined-up efforts within the United Nations System and beyond to build resilience that can transcend a range of risks across sectors, systems and stakeholders.

This course will introduce you to the UN system's shared understanding of resilience. It will help you reflect on what you can do to build resilience and connect you to resources to support your resilience-building journey.



2-3 hours



Available in English

You will learn about

- The concept of resilience, the four elements of resilience-building and the five types of resilience capacities.
- The rationale for investing in resilience building as a prerequisite for sustainable development across different risk, crisis and development challenges.
- The shared principles for implementing resilience building interventions, including tools and practices for using a resilience lens in joined-up UN planning processes in support of countries' resilience building efforts.
- Opportunities for UN teams to better collaborate in resilience-building through partnerships, coordination, and financing.

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Who is the course for?

For anyone with a role and interest in helping build resilient societies through joined-up UN efforts at the country, regional and global level. This includes:


- UN teams in mission and non-mission settings.
- Resident and Humanitarian Coordinators, Heads of Political and Peacekeeping Missions.
- Heads and Deputy Heads of UN entities and strategic planners.
- UN policy and programme officers.
- Government and UN partners.

Key partners

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