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Inclusive Mitigation & Preparedness in Action (IMPACT)

Community: Mejato/Ebadon

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A. Vulnerabilities

Emergency Shelters:

What buildings are used as emergency shelters in your community during emergencies?

Mejato: School, church, dispensary, guest house.

Ebadon: School and church

Is there sufficient shelter capacity to accommodate everyone in your community during an emergency?

Mejato: Yes

Ebadon: Yes

Are the shelters structurally strong enough to withstand the impacts of natural hazards? If not, what are some of the concerns surrounding their structural integrity? Please be specific.

Mejato: Yes

Ebadon: Yes

Rate the overall structural integrity of the community shelters in your community from 1 (poor) – 10 (excellent).

Are the shelters well managed during emergencies? If not, what are the shortcomings that you see in regard to the management of the shelters during emergencies?

Mejato:

- There's no accountability plan for people to come in shelter, no set plan
- No provisions that are stored in case of emergencies

Ebadon:

- There's no accountability plan for people to come in shelter, no set plan.
- Not enough water catchment.
- No provisions that are stored in case of emergencies.

Do women feel safe in the shelters during emergencies?

Mejato: Yes

Ebadon: Yes

Rate the overall management of community shelters during emergencies from 1 (poor) – 10 (excellent).

Mejato: 10

Ebadon: 8

Water Security:

Is water easily accessible in your community?

Mejato: Yes

Ebadon: No

Does this community have easy access to clean and potable water, if not, why?

Mejato: Yes rain water underground water are boiled and also they have RO unit to use for drinking water.

Ebadon: Yes rain water underground water are boiled and also they have RO unit to use for drinking water.

How have natural hazards impacted your community's access to water and the quality of water?

Mejato: Drought is the main hazard that impacts our community. When facing droughts we conserve our water not only for using but to make sure that our water tanks are not empty to keep them in good condition.

Ebadon: Drought is the main hazard that impacts our community. When facing droughts we conserve our water not only for using but to make sure that our water tanks are not empty to keep them in good condition.

Has your access to clean and potable water increased or decreased during the last 5 years?

Mejato: It really depends, during droughts, we use our underground wells most of the time and conserve rain water, but with the RO unit it has helped the community tremendously. Sustained

Ebadon: It really depends, during droughts, we use our underground wells most of the time and conserve rain water, but with the RO unit it has helped the community tremendously. Sustained

Do you foresee climate change impacting your community's accessibility to clean and potable water in the next 5 years?

Mejato: Yes

Ebadon: Yes

What are some of the problems this community is facing regarding the accessibility of clean and potable water?

Mejato:

- Droughts
- When RO unit is out of service/ maintenance issues
- Need more water tanks/ need replacement of water tanks that are cracked
- Store bought water hard to get because of transportation

Ebadon:

- Droughts
- When RO unit is out of service/ maintenance issues/services or parts take a while
- Need more water tanks/ need replacement of water tanks that are cracked
- Store bought water hard to get because of transportation

Rate the strength of the community's access to clean and potable water from 1 (poor) -10 (excellent)

Mejato: 10

Ebadon: 10

Food Security:

Is food easily accessible in this community, if not, why?

Mejato: No, rely mostly on imported goods and the garden, but the garden is fairly new. Just started. And with climate change it has impacted our community's vegetation they are smaller and are dried out.

Ebadon: No, rely mostly on imported goods. Our vegetation doesn't produce like they once did. Now days with climate change our vegetation are smaller and grow in different seasons.

Is food that is nutritious, which contributes to health and wellbeing, easily accessible in your community, if not, why?

Mejato: No, imported goods are also a part of lives. A big issue in getting nutritious food is transportation. Usually have to travel by boat to get supplies from the Ebeye. Our vegetation is only a few.

Ebadon: No, mostly rely on goods that are bought from Ebeye.

How have natural hazards impacted your community's access to food and the quality of food?

Mejato: With natural hazards it has impacted the community's access to food their quality. The growth of the vegetation has gotten smaller and with dried soil and not enough water sometimes they with grow and not produce anything.

Ebadon: With natural hazards it has impacted the community's access to food their quality. The growth of the vegetation has gotten smaller and with dried soil and not enough water sometimes they with grow and not produce anything.

Has your community's access to nutritious food increased or decreased during the last 5 years?

Mejato: Decreased

Ebadon: Decreased

Do you foresee climate change impacting your community's access to nutritious food in the next 5 years?

Mejato: Yes

Ebadon: Yes

What are some of the problems this community is facing regarding access to nutritious food?

Mejato: Some of the problems this community is facing regarding access to nutritious food are community health, social wellbeing, social-economic failure.

Ebadon: Some of the problems this community is facing regarding access to nutritious food are community health, social wellbeing, social-economic failure.

Rate the strength of the community's access to nutritious food from 1 (poor) -10 (excellent)

Mejato: 3

Ebadon: 1

Selection of Mitigation Intervention

Please circle which vulnerability you think is most relevant to your community and should be addressed under IMPACT?

- a. Shelter Security
- b. Water Security
- c. Food Security

Please clarify once again as to the main issues that your community is facing in regard to this vulnerability?

Both Mejato and Ebadon:

- Vegetation is weak
- Import goods-no vessels go there- rely on imported goods/travel to ebeye just to get food and supplies
- No Garden on Ebadon to grow own produce
- Very far from resources, need an alternative resource to rely on.

What solutions do you propose to address the issue mentioned in the previous questions?

Both Mejato and Ebadon

- **To grow a community garden**

Are there organizations that are already working to implement these solutions in your community? If so, who are they and what are they doing?

Mejato: WUTMI, R&D

Ebadon: No

How can the IMPACT Project help implement the solutions mentioned in the question prior to the previous one?

IMPACT can help implement the solutions by providing these needs that were addressed, along with these:

- Provide training for gardening
- Provide seedlings
- a Garden that is not long term not short term, not to depend on seedlings every time crops are taken out.
- Proper tools for gardening/wood chipper /shovels/gloves
- Transportation/wheel barrows
- Fence for the garden so animals don't destroy the crops

Write down any additional comments or other points you would like to share with us regarding the vulnerability and/or what can IMPACT do to address the vulnerability?

- When will it take place?