

The 30-minute Vulnerability Assessment Worksheet

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Using the information provided on the handout, rate the exposure and sensitivity of villages A, B and C for floods and landslides and then the adaptive capacity for each village. Add the ratings across all categories to determine the overall vulnerability score for each village. Notice that the ratings for adaptive capacity are different than those for exposure and sensitivity. The village with the highest score is the most vulnerable.

	exposure		sensitivity		adaptive capacity	overall vulnerability score
	floods	landslides	floods	landslides		
village A						
village B						
village C						

rating system

for exposure and sensitivity: 0 = none or not applicable, 1 = low, 2 = moderate, 3 = high

for adaptive capacity: 1 = high, 2 = moderate, 3 = low, 4 = none

definitions

exposure: the degree to which something experiences a climate-related hazard

sensitivity: the degree of impact that a climate-related hazard can have on something

adaptive capacity: the ability to modify circumstances to respond to and prepare for changing climate-related hazards and their impacts