



# The EU Approach to Resilience: Learning from Food Security Crisis



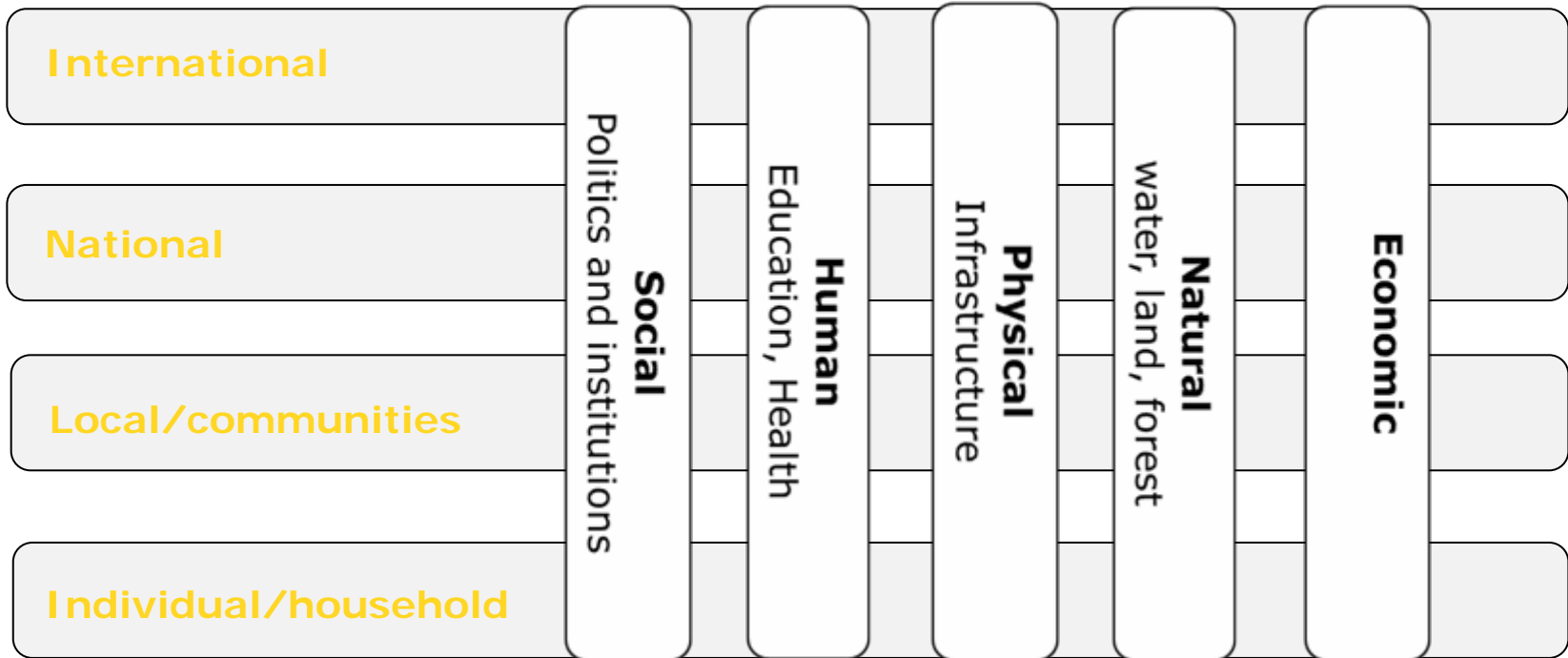
# An increasingly fragile world

- Environmental degradation and Climate Change
- Exposure to Political instability and conflicts
- High and volatile food prices
- Exposure to natural hazards and economic shocks
- Demographic pressure and urbanisation

# Resilience - Definition

**Resilience is the ability of an individual, a household, a community, a country or a region to withstand, to adapt, and to quickly recover from stresses and shocks.**

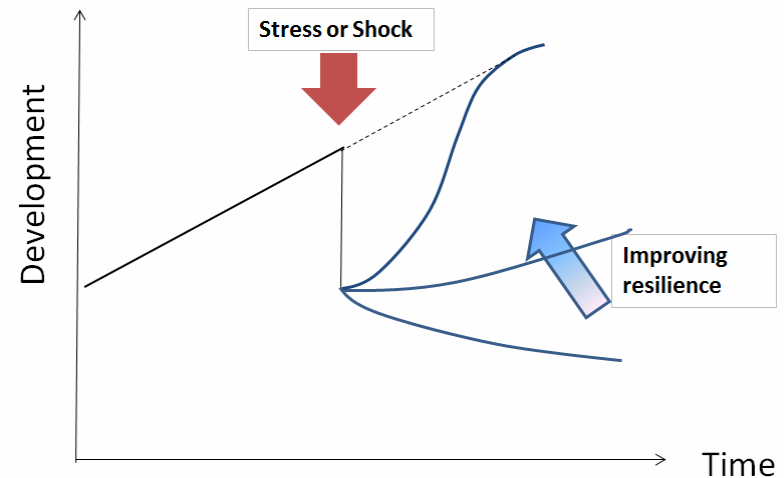
# Resilience at different levels, with various dimensions



# Resilience - Definition

An individual, a household, a community a larger human structure is more resilient when it is able to:

- better resist to stress and shocks
- bounce back rapidly after the impact



Preparedness	Tolerate / Withstand	Restore / Recover
Prevent		
Survey / analysis / learn		

# Sahel and Horn of Africa crises

## Sahel recurrent drought

### Environmental crises

- 18 million affected people
- Major agricultural losses
- Food crisis

## Horn of Africa protracted crises

### Political, economic and environmental crisis

- 12 million affected people
- Soaring food insecurity and undernutrition
- Food crises



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# Vulnerability to stress and shocks



# SHARE and AGIR: 2 pilot initiatives

Sahel recurrent drought

## AGIR Initiative

- end hunger and malnutrition
- achieve a substantial and durable improvement in the resilience of the most vulnerable populations

*Global Partnership between West Africa countries and regional organizations (ECOWAS UEMOA and CILSS) and their international partners, civil society and private sector*

**500 m € for the EU Action Plan (1st phase)**  
**11<sup>th</sup> EDF to follow**

Horn of Africa protracted crises

## SHARE Initiative

- treatment of severe malnutrition in infants
- improved management of natural resources, livestock health and trade, agriculture
- alternative income generating activities
- basic services (water, sanitation)
- DRR

*Partnership with IGAD-Global Alliance*

**271 m€ for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase (2012-2013)**  
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# What is the Commission proposing? (1)

1. Resilience as a priority for EU funding: support to partner countries' own resilience strategies

2. A new strategic approach

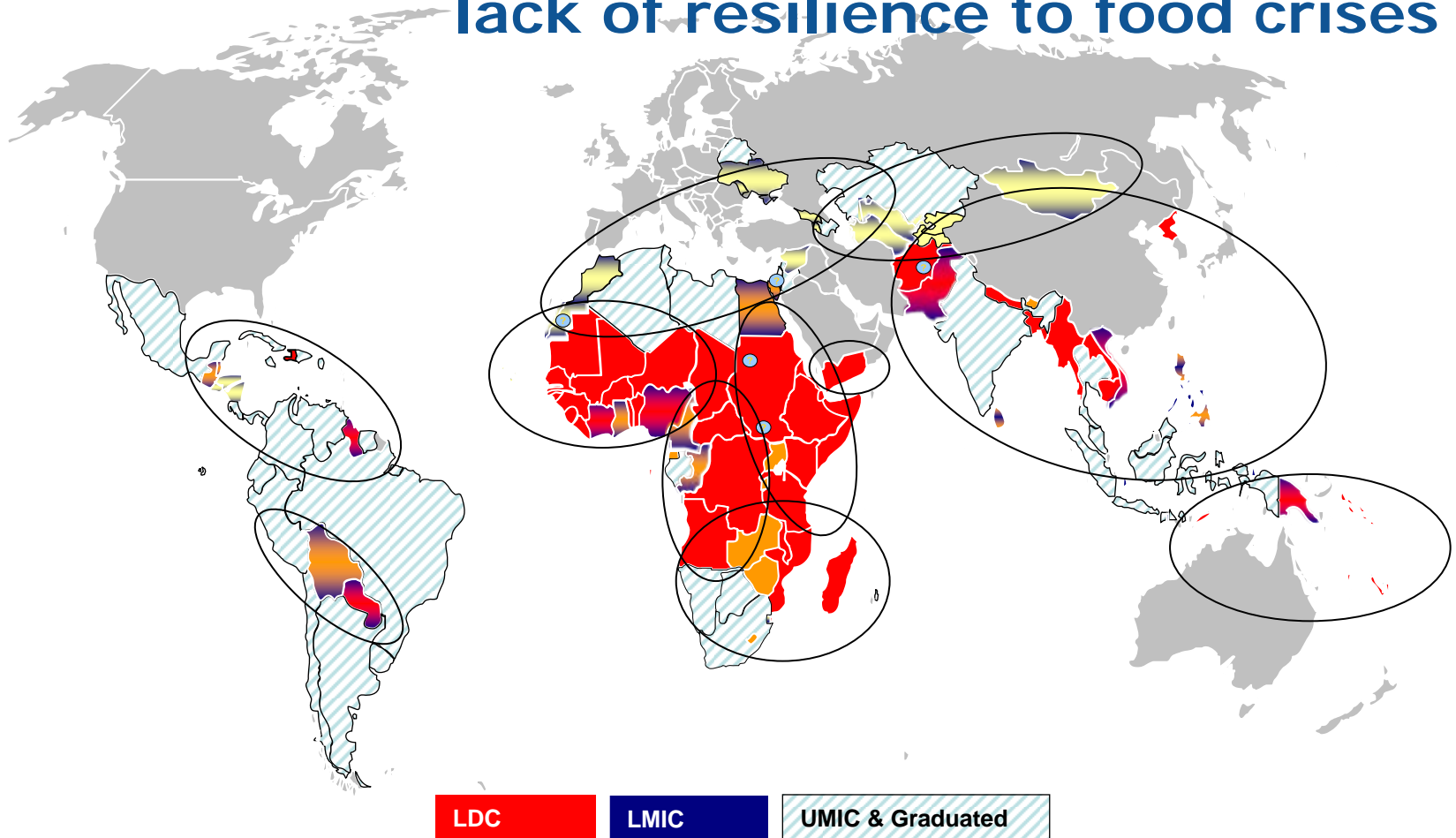
- Address root causes of vulnerability
- Long term commitment
- Strengthening capacities at all levels – from individual to regional institutions
- Coordinated planning and programming between humanitarian and development actors
- Flexibility and adaptation to changing circumstances
- Local ownership and working in partnership



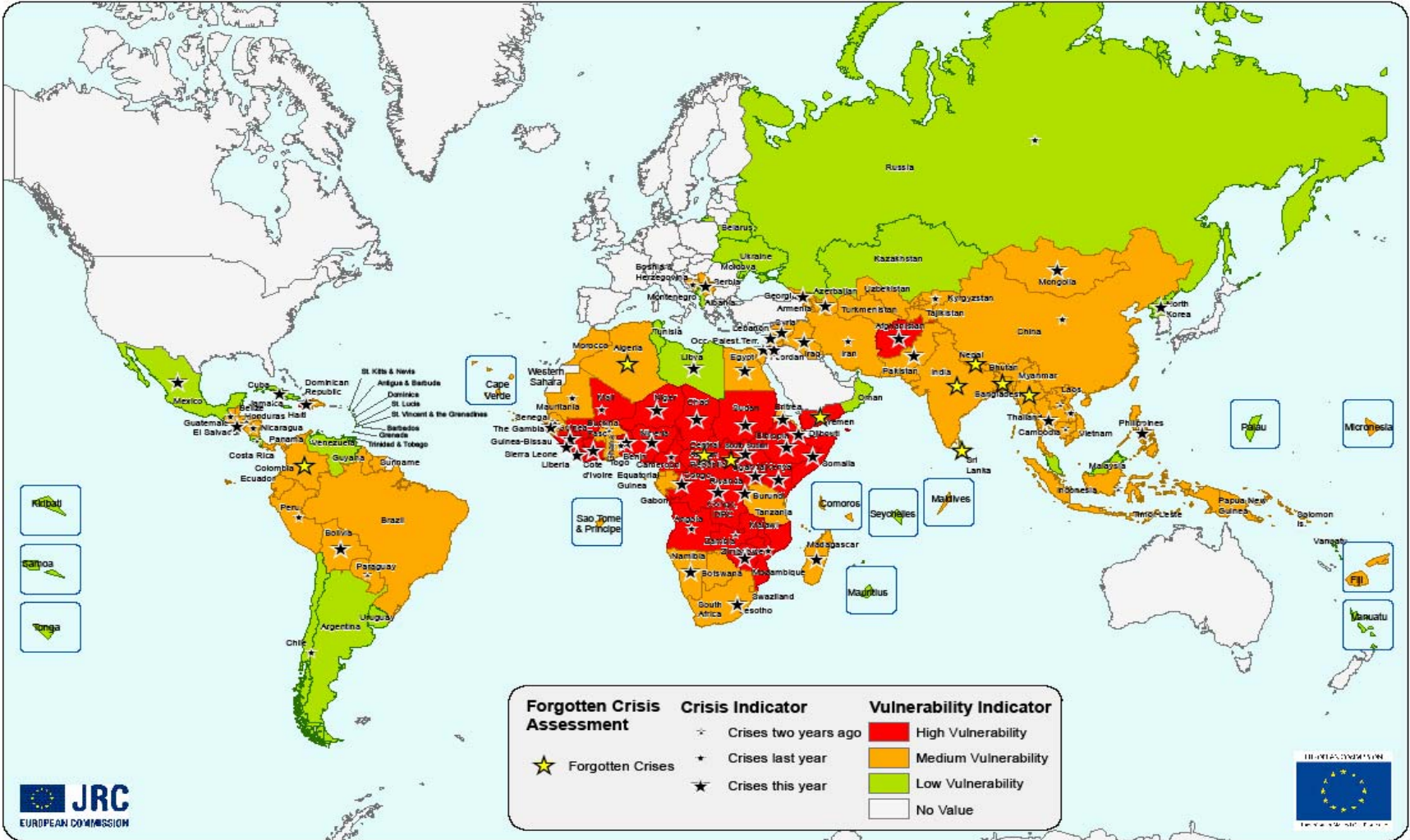
## What is the Commission proposing? (2)

3. Developing a deeper understanding of risk reduction and management (methodologies+ replication of successful approaches)
4. International advocacy
5. Developing new instruments: innovative approaches to risk reduction and management, use of trust funds...

# Way forwards: Geographical evidence - lack of resilience to food crises



# Vulnerability and forgotten crises



## Next steps:

- Action Plan in 2013
- Council Conclusions ?

***Political commitment should be translated into practice !***



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*Thank you !*

