

# V2R+ : From Vulnerability to Resilience: Capitalizing on Public Investments

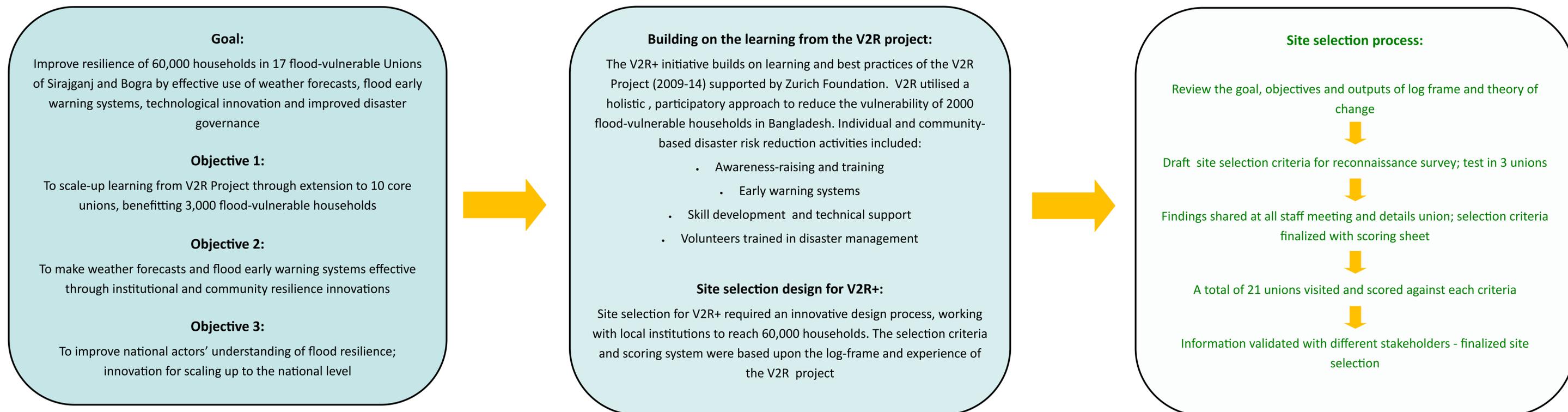
## Site selection for effective monitoring and evaluation of adaptation in Bangladesh

### Introduction to the V2R+ Project

Bangladesh is experiencing increased intensity and unpredictability of natural disasters, including floods, erosion, cyclones, tornadoes, freezing weather, heavy rainfall and drought, as a result of climatic change. Every year lives and livelihood assets are damaged and destroyed by the disasters. The riverine Char areas and the people of Jamuna basin are particularly vulnerable to floods and erosion.

The V2R+ project focused primarily on Unions - the most decentralised government unit - and its associated institutions, including: the governing body, the Union Parishad (UP); the Union Disaster Management Committee (UDMC); and the Union Information and Service Centre (UISC). The project developed a strong monitoring framework for which 17 Unions were selected in Sirajganj and Bogra districts.

Effective monitoring and evaluation of adaptive capacity must be informed by sound baselines, a key component of which is appropriate site selection.



Discussion with UP Chairman,  
Ratankandi

### Challenges

- Arranging appointments with government officials was challenging due to multiple scheduled priorities. This was easier following the devastating floods in 2014 (July-September)
- Infrastructure projects were undertaken by all UPs, with financial and input support; however, Chairmen were less interested in working at a systems level for DRR and climate change adaptation (i.e. soft technologies)

### Remarks

The site selection process of V2R+ Project has been highlighted risk, hazard and disaster related issues which hampers normal livelihoods of the households. The process identified the strength and limitations of different public institutions of all unions. The tools will help practitioners for real planning and implementing such type of project's activities. The tools may be useful for researchers, policy-planner, donors, and project developers or any other of interested stakeholders.

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