Building resilient cities and communities

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RESILIENT CITIES NETWORK

For a safe and

equitable world

Who We Are

- **Resilient Cities Network (R-Cities)** is the world's leading urban resilience network.

- We bring together global knowledge, practice, partnerships, and funding to empower our cities.

- Arm in arm with those member cities, we build a safer, more equitable, and sustainable future for all residents.

97
member cities worldwide

220M
urban dwellers around the world

$10M
channelled through R-Cities to invest in resilience projects directly in cities

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Urban resilience

Urban resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what type of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.

Resilient cities are better prepared to survive, adapt and grow, no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience
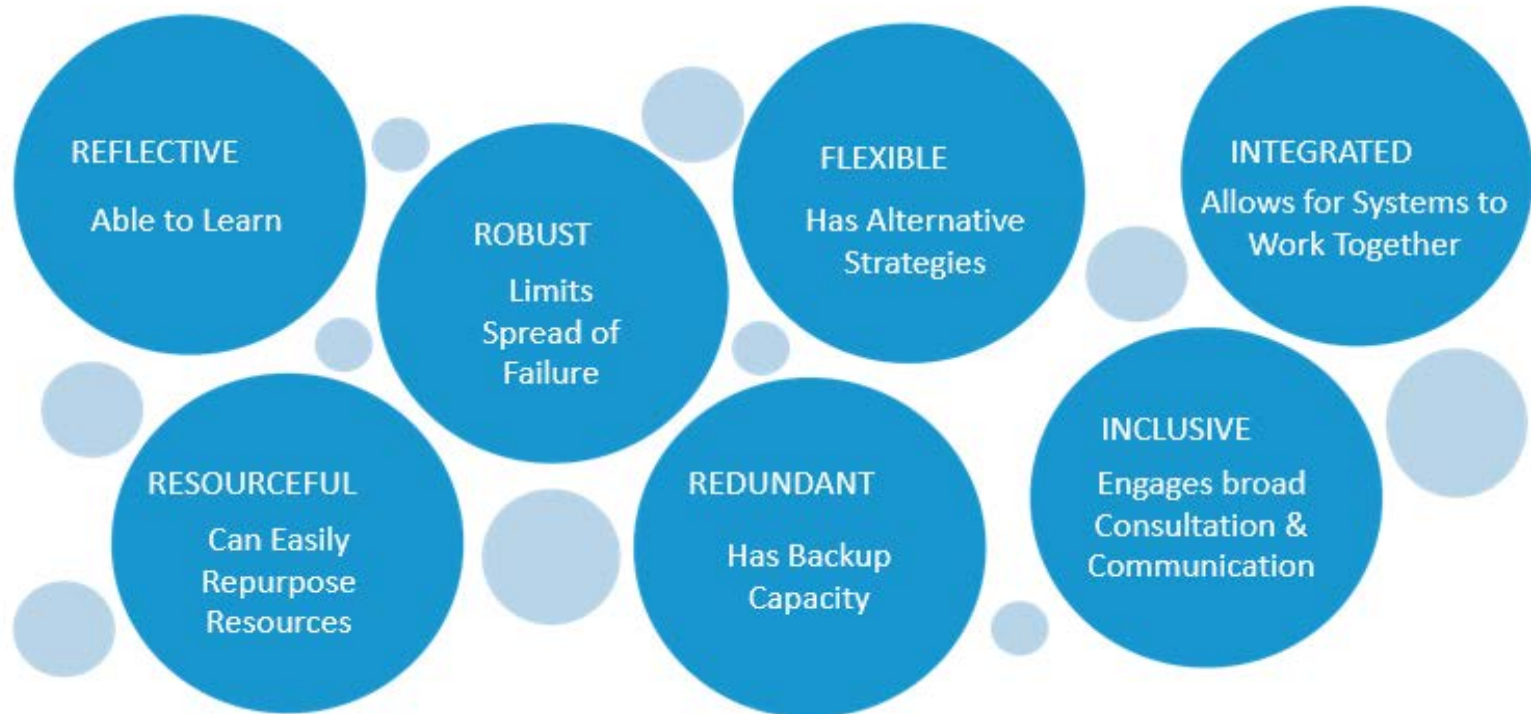
Adopting a Resilience lens helps to design better business models, capable of addressing multiple challenges at one time

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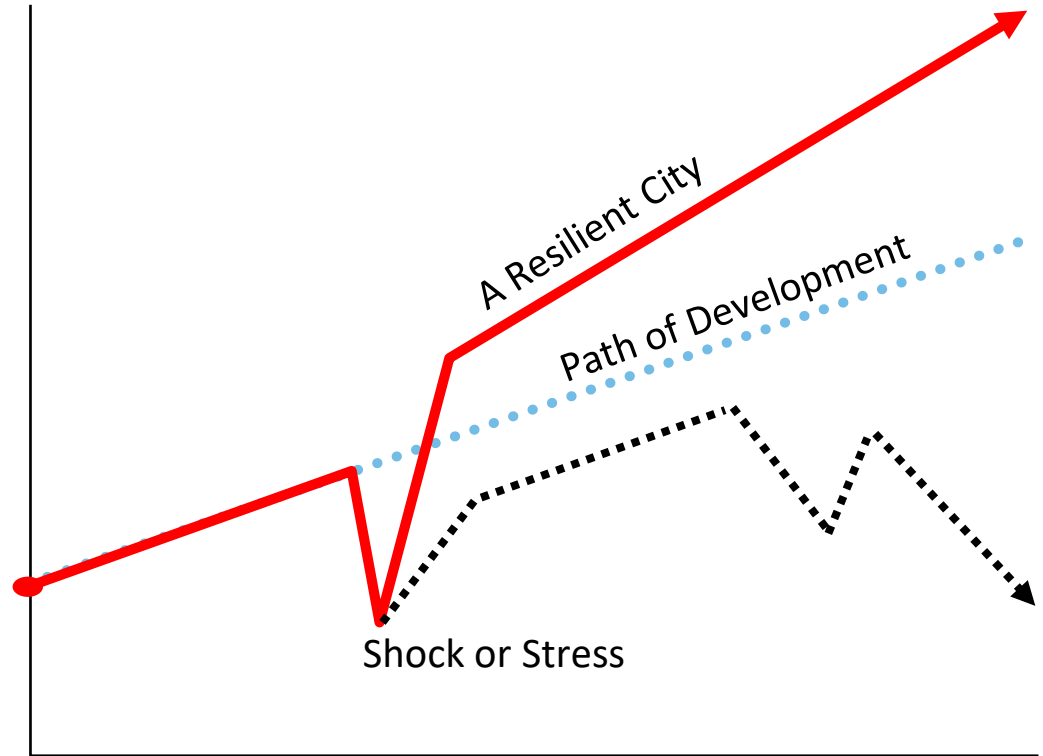제5차 유네스코 학습도시 국제 컨퍼런스

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Qualities of Resilience

Resilient systems exhibit certain qualities that enable them to withstand, respond, and adapt more readily to shocks and stresses.

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Rather than simply returning to a pre-existing state, a resilience approach can mean changing to a new state that is more effective in the altered environment (Maguire and Cartwright, 2008).

A Resilient City

Path of Development

Shock or Stress

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Role of the Chief Resilience Officer (CROs)

- Bringing together diverse stakeholders to address shared challenges

- Designing innovative resilient projects and programs

- Informing decision making and advising city leaders on future risks and trends

- Leveraging opportunities for funding for the city

- Implementing resilient projects and programs

- Liaising with local communities and communicating with the public

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COVID-19 what have we learned?

Resilience and the frameworks within which CROs operate have increased visibility.

✓ Covid has led to a heightened awareness around the importance of resilience that goes beyond crisis management

✓ framing the topic of resilience in relation to news stress and new changing conditions for the city

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The Art of Reflective Learning in Cape Town: Protecting the vulnerable during COVID-19

It was the investment into reflective learning during the drought crisis that put Cape Town's leadership in a position to act swiftly once they identified their biggest COVID-19 needs.

- Cape Town's leadership was equipped with the means to communicate and plan efficiently

- Had the confidence to respond quickly and decisively to a public health crisis
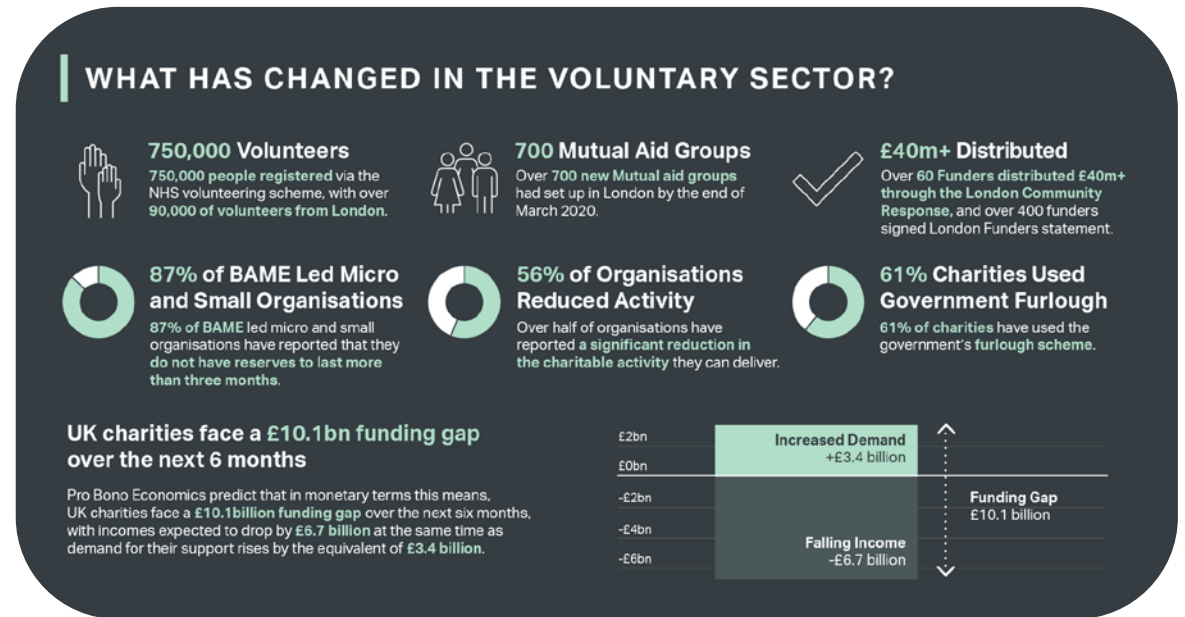
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Case studies: London

Building Strong Communities

Following the pandemic, it's clear that a well-supported civil society can improve Londoners' wellbeing, tackle inequalities and boost the city's resilience.

Mission:
By 2025, all Londoners will have access to a community hub ensuring they can volunteer, get support and build strong community networks.

WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR?

750,000 Volunteers
750,000 people registered via the NHS volunteering scheme, with over 90,000 of volunteers from London.

700 Mutual Aid Groups
Over 700 new Mutual aid groups had set up in London by the end of March 2020.

£40m+ Distributed
Over 60 Funders distributed £40m+ through the London Community Response, and over 400 funders signed London Funders statement.

87% of BAME Led Micro and Small Organisations
87% of BAME led micro and small organisations have reported that they do not have reserves to last more than three months.

56% of Organisations Reduced Activity
Over half of organisations have reported a significant reduction in the charitable activity they can deliver.

61% Charities Used Government Furlough
61% of charities have used the government's furlough scheme.

UK charities face a £10.1bn funding gap over the next 6 months
Pro Bono Economics predict that in monetary terms this means, UK charities face a £10.1billion funding gap over the next six months, with incomes expected to drop by £6.7 billion at the same time as demand for their support rises by the equivalent of £3.4 billion.

Increased Demand +£3.4 billion
Funding Gap £10.1 billion
Falling Income -£6.7 billion

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