

# Executive Network

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# Continuing Disaster Support in Turkey, Syria & Ukraine

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# One Year On\*

## Ukraine by the Numbers

- 21.8 million Ukrainians in need
  - 7 million in Ukraine
  - 8 million refugees (86% women & children)
- Over \$5.6 billion requested in UN's 2023 Appeal

## What do Ukrainians need?

- Peace
- Relief assistance and protection services
- Market stability / livelihood generation
- Economic investment to address unemployment, inflation and social assistance needs

## Protracted, yes, but different

- 81% of Refugees desire to return home
- EU Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) gives Ukrainian refugees residency and work rights for three years.
- Pace of push/pull factors will play a role in their return

# Meanwhile, additional demands arise....



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## Türkiye / Syria earthquakes

### Needs

- Vast and diverse needs for 100s of thousands of people.

### Geopolitics

- Turkey generous with hosting refugees
- Not a friendly government to international civil society (v limited registrations provided and lots of constraints and controls). More a tolerance approach in their efforts to buffer Syria conflict.
- INGOs present for cross-border into non-government areas of Syria.

### Opportunities

- US Government Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) has authorized for 180 days certain transactions related to earthquake relief efforts that would otherwise be prohibited by the Syrian Sanctions Regulation. [Compliance Communique \(treasury.gov\)](#) and UNSCR 2664 (more protections for operational agencies)
- Two new border crossings opened

# What is a disaster?

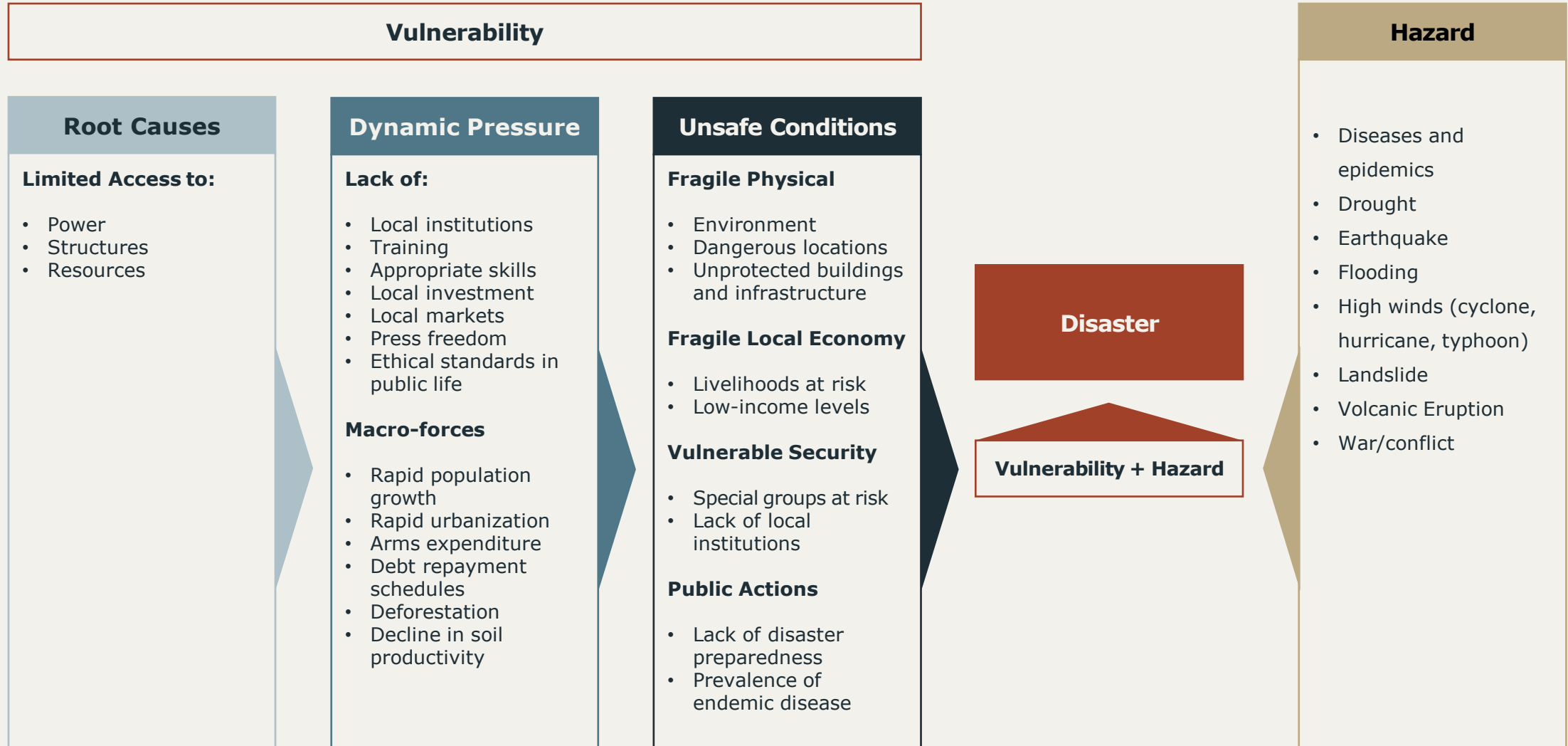




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## WHAT IS “DISASTER RECOVERY”?

Disaster recovery is the process of improving individual, family and community resiliency after the occurrence of a disaster.

Recovery is not only about the restoration of structures, systems and services – although they are critical.

A successful recovery is also about addressing sources of inequitable and unjust outcomes, and individuals and families being able to rebound from their losses and sustain their physical, social, economic, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being.

An approach, not a time.

# How can philanthropy help?

## 1

### Center dignity

When we focus on the humanity of those we seek to help, we release biases, listen better and accept our limitations. Seek to work with those most vulnerable, not those easiest to reach.

## 2

### Recognize drivers

There are no easy answers for how or where to help. Let your strategy and value guide where, when and how you help. In alignment with what you're hearing from the affected communities.

## 3

### Give creatively

Recovery from every disaster takes time for those affected. Recognize this, explore how to be a sustaining partner in longer-term solutions.



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# Key Discussion Themes

- Don't let the scale scare you! There is a multitude of disasters across the globe, leading to protracted relief and recovery. Additionally, there is not enough funding or capacity to support everything, so it is important for funders to contribute strategically to align with their values and mission.
- Disaster relief and recovery requires a multifaceted approach but should always be human-centered and informed by the community being served.
- Although it has been one year since the Russian invasion, Ukraine has been in conflict since 2014. While peace is the primary goal, we should not wait for peace to invest in recovery. Relief assistance and protection services help with the needs of today, but we need to think about how we can support the market stability and livelihoods of Ukrainians to support their efforts to create a peacetime economy and ability to rebuild.
- As additional demands arise in Turkey & Syria, there are notable differences and unique opportunities to support the hundreds of thousands impacted by the recent earthquakes. Refugees in Turkey, unlike Ukrainian refugees in the UK, are not legally able to work. International NGOs registered to work in Turkey, are only able to support cross-border efforts in certain areas of Syria. Funders need to keep an open line of communication with international NGO partners to understand their operating status & how to support. This is a moment in time to support Syria with a 6-month window of lifted sanctions to support relief efforts; now is the time to explore options to fund needs in this region.
- A disaster occurs when a vulnerability meets a hazard. As you consider your disaster funding strategy, start by identifying & analyzing vulnerabilities, and looking for opportunities to support future community resilience by investing in efforts to mitigate vulnerabilities.
- As funders, we can support communities impacted by disaster by listening to the communities in need, seeking to work with those most vulnerable and not just those easiest to reach, align your support with what you are hearing from affected communities, and recognizing that recovery is a long-term process.