

# Beyond Levees: Zurich And Its Alliance Members

## Proactively Tackle The Challenge Of Floods

Zurich Applies Expertise, Resources And Local Organizations To Advance Our Understanding Of 4-Stages Of Floods

	Mitigation	Preparedness	Response	Recovery
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventing a disaster from happening before it occurs</li> <li>Reducing the damage a disaster causes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating action and response plans for a disaster</li> <li>Ensuring early warning systems are in place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Putting preparedness plans into action</li> <li>Saving lives and preventing damage during a disaster</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rebuilding after a disaster</li> <li>Assessing what did and did not work during the response to a disaster</li> </ul>

Zurich is especially focused on preventing future disasters, using **Post-Event Review Capability (PERC) assessments**, that take a consistent, analytical approach to uncovering the root causes of a disaster. PERCs:

- Draw from the field of forensic investigation to enhance preparedness, mitigation and recovery.
- Assess all disasters in the same way, allowing patterns and lessons emerge.
- Take 3-6 months to complete, so their results are quickly implementable.

### Zurich Collaborators:



**Preparedness And Response:** Zurich works with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Mexico to help build flood resilience in communities that face floods several months per year.

**Mitigation:** Zurich collaborates with IIASA to conduct research on the benefits of investing in resiliency and turning that research into actionable recommendations for communities.



**Recovery:** Zurich supports the St. Bernard Project and other groups to conduct publicly available post-event review capability (PERC) assessments that analyze the true causes of disaster and present actionable recommendations for preventing future ones.

**Mitigation And Preparedness:** Zurich works with Practical Action in Nepal to help communities deal with and recover from floods in the Karnali highlands.

