## Human-Nature Linkages in Mountain communities and their adaptation

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### Cryosphere via Human-Nature Links

- \* Visible seasonal melting of mountain snow and ice supplies freshwater for more than half of humanity (Milner et al., 2017; Qin & Ding, 2010; Xiao, Wang, & Qin, 2015)
- \* Cryosphere, although less visible, together contributes to climatic conditions ...

Water supply, quality availability

Health and human security

Economic models i.g crop agriculture, livestock, horticulture, forestry, fishery,

Culture and cultural services

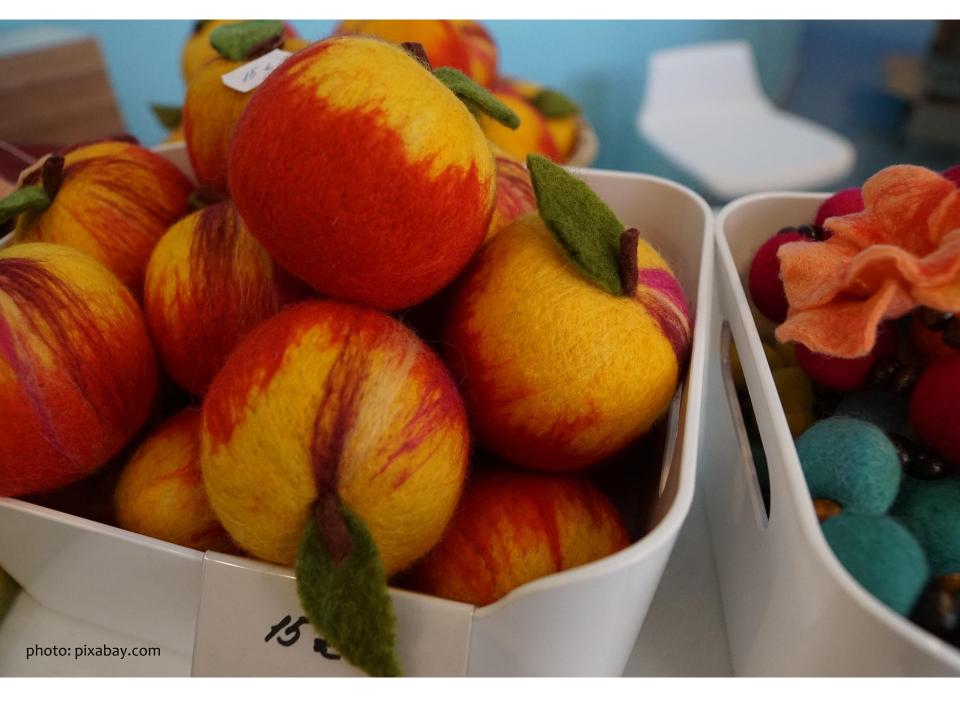
Settlement planning and infrastructure

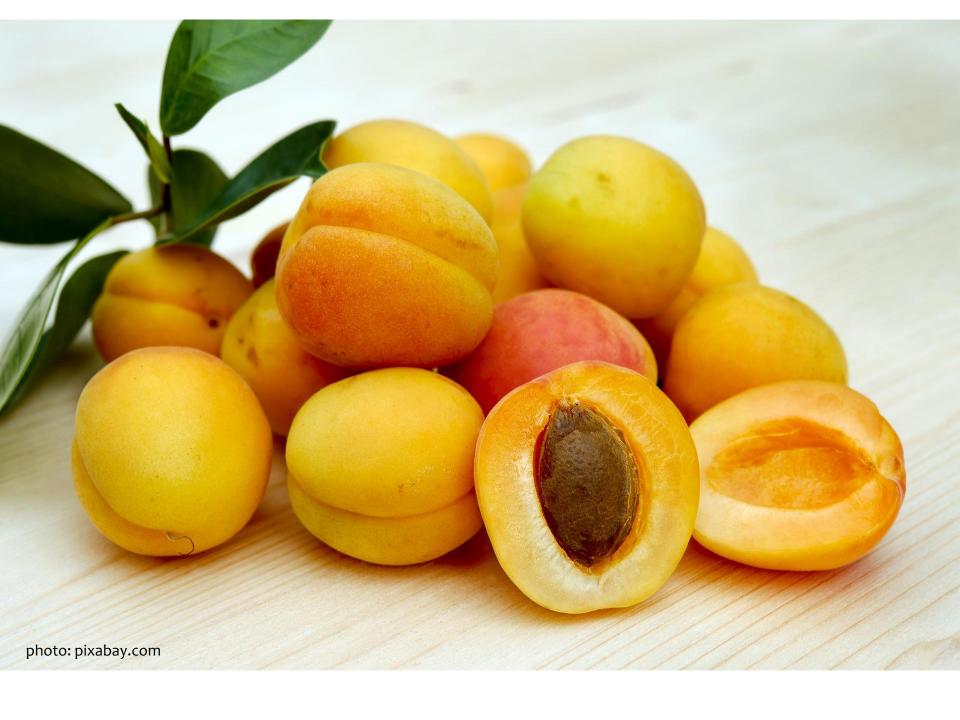
Hazards Prevention and Disaster Risk Management

... and beyond ...

Nutrition, Diets and Cuisines







'The process of adjustment to actual or expected climatic and its effects' (IPCC, 2007, 2014)

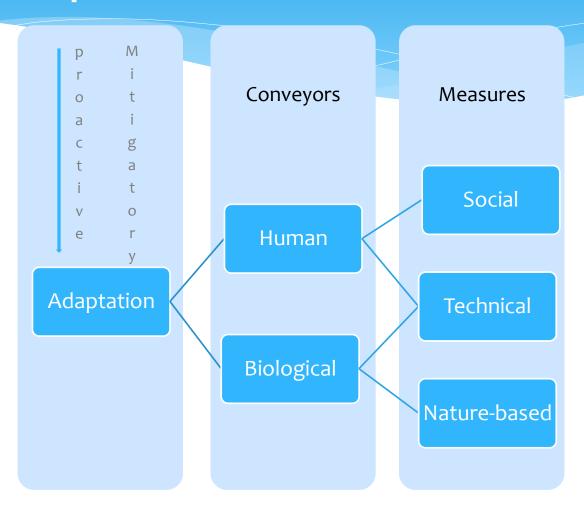
- Adaption in mountainous communities is ongoing
- Mountain communities are diverse, however have in common vital influence of nature to livelihood and wellbeing
- \* Mountain environment is multihazardous, uncertain, complex
- \* "sociohydrological interactions" (Nusser et al 2012)

What if scientists take allencompassing understanding of community lenses on cryosphere?

## Multidimensional Conceptual Framework

Events (GLOF, avalanches)

Slow-paced,
incremental, not
explicit
(landscape,
hydrology
changes, etc)

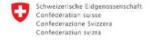












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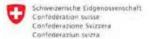
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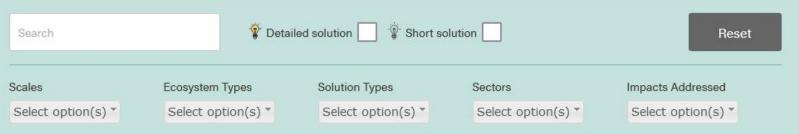
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### STRENGTHENING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AGAINST NATURAL HAZARDS PROJECT: TAJIKISTAN

The objectives of the Strengthening
Critical Infrastructure Against Natural
Hazards Project for Tajikistan are to
strengthen Tajikistan's disaster risk
management capacities, enhance the
resilience of its critical infrastructure



#### WOMEN-CENTRIC APPROACH TO ENHANCE RESILIENCE IN KAVRE DISTRICT, NEPAL

This solution is based on The Resilient
Mountain Villages (RMV) approach, which
was developed by the International Centre
for Integrated Mountain Development
(ICIMOD). Since 2014, the approach has
been applied in a pilot project in eight



#### SEIZING LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

The project "Strengthening adaptation capacities for communities close to the protected areas of Khosrov Forest State reserve and Dilijan National Park" is ongoing initiation to strengthen the communities' availability to adapt to climate change in Armenia. The project is financed by the Adaptation Fund and the

## When planning Your next Adventure of Science:

- \* Aim for genuine friendship with a community
- \* Identify and strengthen local knowledge bases
- \* Think what accessible scientific methodologies can be shared with a community for monitoring and measuring cryosphere processes
- \* Do stakeholder mapping and apply your scientific knowledge it for linking issues with the solutions
- \* Be inspired and understand that big things are result of many small steps!

\* Thank you!