

# Why communities continue to live in risk?

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### **Climate Change and Disasters in Pakistan**

While the contribution of Pakistan is minimal in the global climate change discourse, Pakistan ranks seventh among the most adversely affected countries by climate change (Global Climate Risk Index, 2017).















### Aga Khan Development Network's (AKDN) efforts to combat climate change

"... a proper home can provide the bridge across that terrible gulf between utter poverty and the possibility of a better future."

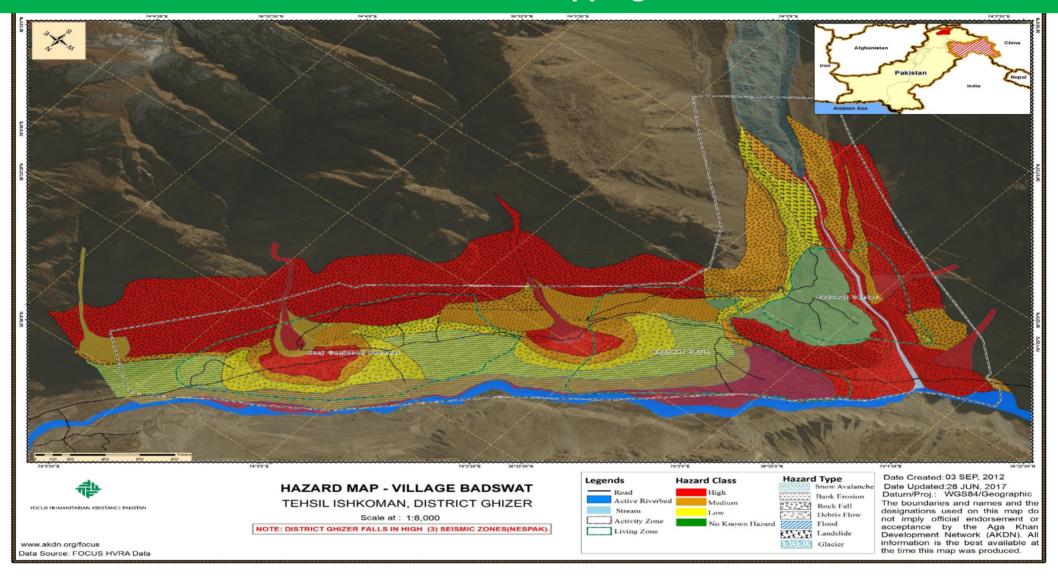
### ~ His Highness Aga Khan IV

### Problem Analysis

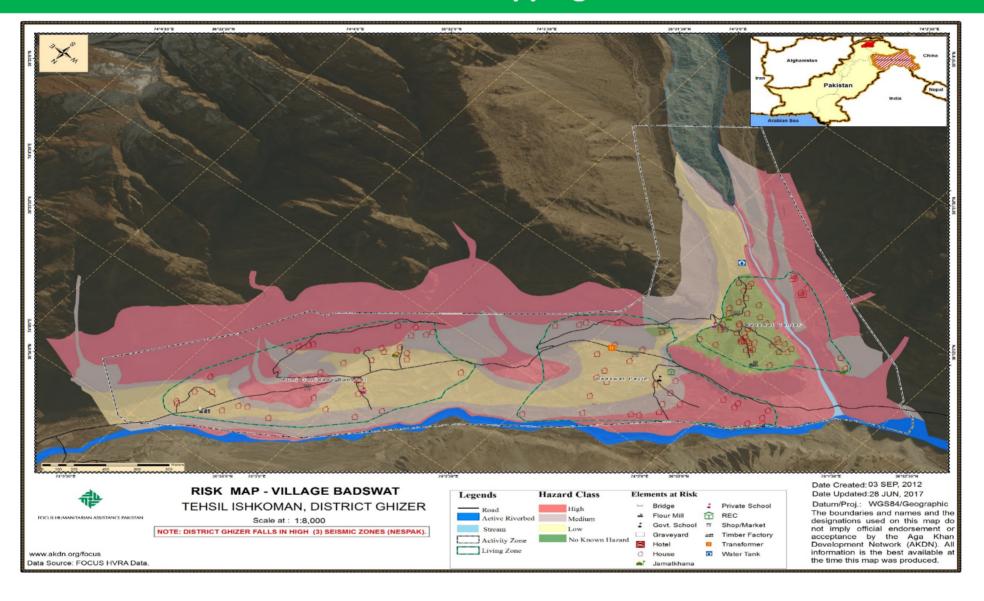
Hazard Vulnerability and Risk Assessments to rank the most vulnerable settlements

Criteria for Village Ranking
Hazard Exposure
Infrastructure at Risk (Schools, Health Facilities, Religious Spaces and Houses)
Historical events and damages in recent disasters (2014 - 2015)
Availability of Safe Areas within Village
Remoteness of the village

### **Hazard Mapping**



## **Risk Mapping**



#### Findings: Why people continue to live in risk?

- Lacks of the government's capacities and resources to improve disaster risk resilience of vulnerable households.
- Lack of community's sensitization on the importance of disaster preparedness
- Emotional attachment to ancestral land
- Fear of not being welcomed in a new village
- Lack of adequate resources and skills to pursue new livelihood generating activities in their new settings
- Uncertainty regarding access to basic amenities
- Lack of institutional support to facilitate relocation





#### **Contextual Solutions for Sustainability and Community Empowerment**

- Using communities as agents of change through capacities in DRR
- Multi-stakeholder involvement
- Formation of Village-led Relocation Committees
- Land Barter
- Technical support in relocation within the village
- Community mobilization for support from the government (e.g. electricity)

