

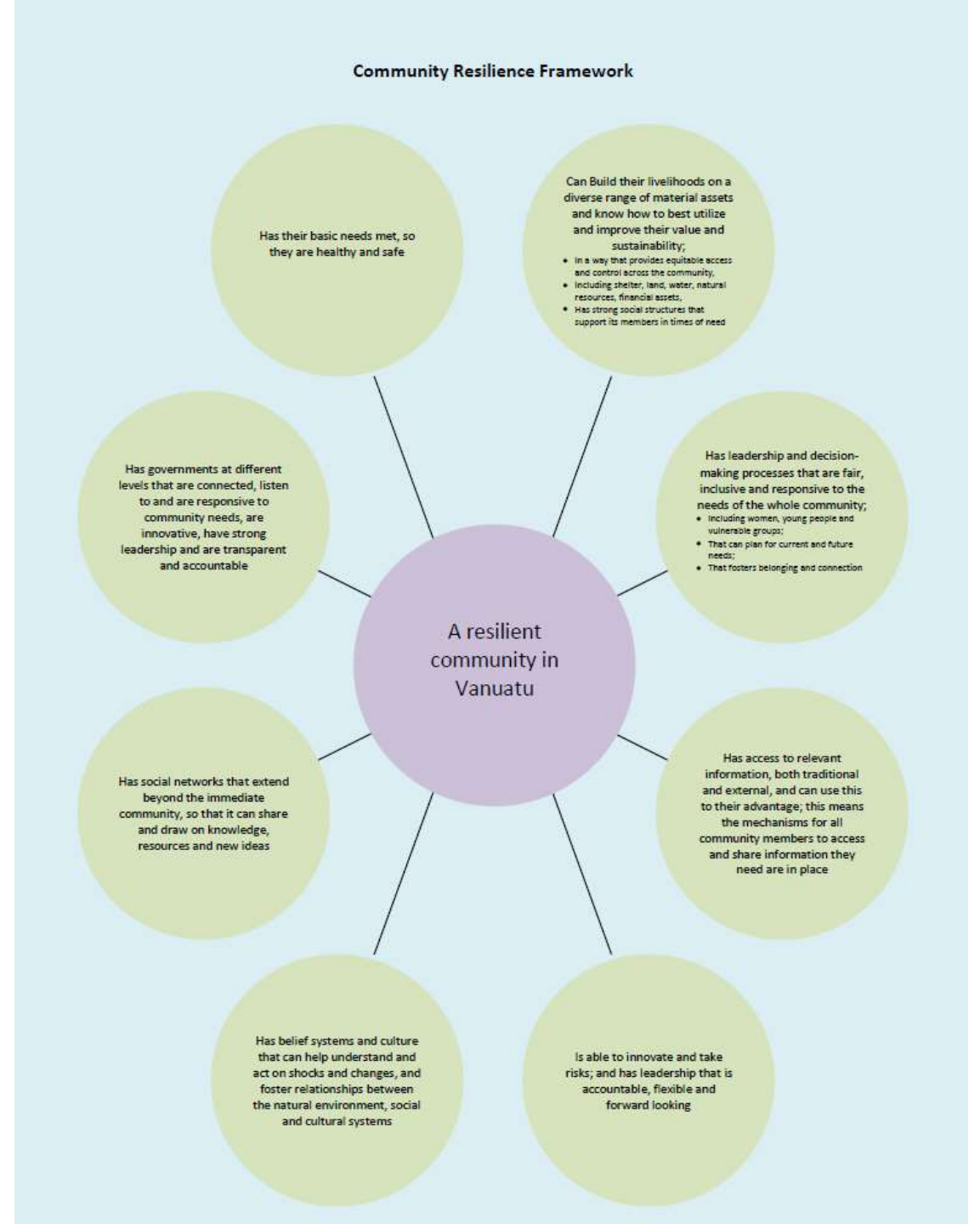
Vanuatu Community **Resilience** Framework



“Resilience” provided a unifying framework, based on the capacity of communities to deal with shocks and stresses and adapt to uncertain futures.

The **community resilience framework** stresses not what you can do (in sectors such as water and sanitation, HIV, agriculture etc) but how you do it.

The resilience concept draws on the “characteristics approach” used in the humanitarian sector, which attempts to identify the characteristics of a resilient community or household.



Vanuatu Community Resilience Framework

defines eight factors that enable a community to become more resilient to climate variability and change.

- basic needs;
- diverse livelihoods assets;
- fair, inclusive and responsive decision-making;
- access to traditional and external information;
- ability to innovate and take risks;
- a culture and belief system that helps to understand and act on shocks and stresses;
- internal and external social networks;
- connected and responsive government.

Resilience Framework Insights....

Building resilience to climate change at the community level must be **anchored in what women, men and young people themselves identify as important.**

Adaptation solutions are far more likely to be sustainable when they are **grounded in a community's own strengths and values.**

The Vanuatu Community Resilience Framework helps ensure climate activities **build on existing community structures** and also provides a useful means to **measure progress.**

