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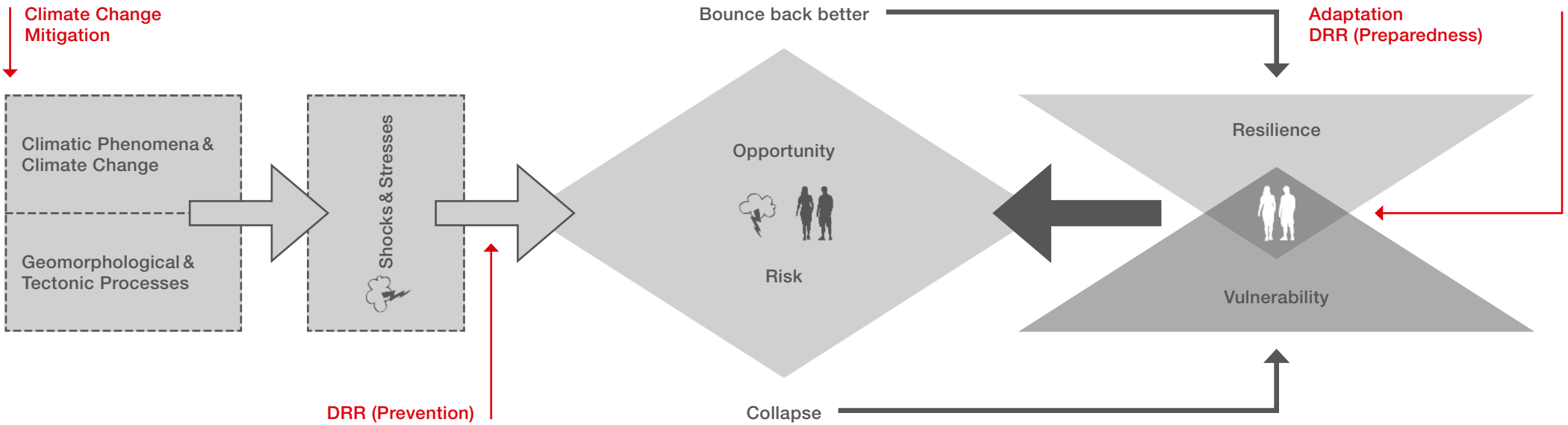
# Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction




Disasters occur when vulnerable people are faced with hazards, that is potentially damaging shifts and shocks. The level of risk people are confronted with therefore depends, on the one hand, on the extent of the shifts and shocks happening, on the other hand on the people's own resilience or vulnerability.

Disasters are tragic events for the people affected. However, in the rehabilitation phase Caritas Switzerland aims not only at re-establishing the status quo ante, but to initiate positive developments allowing to reduce future risks. This bounce back better approach includes e.g. the introduction of better building standards, improving livelihoods and infrastructure as well as initiating preparedness measures such as disaster response committees at the community level.

## In order to reduce risks, Caritas Switzerland uses three entry points:

**Climate Change Mitigation**
Climate change is one of the causes leading to more and heavier shifts and shocks. Therefore, Caritas Switzerland implements mitigation projects which aim at reducing the emission of greenhouse gases thereby contributing to slow down climate change.

**DRR Prevention**
Prevention projects aim at reducing the likelihood and damaging potential of hazards. By building dams, for example, the potentially damaging effect of heavy precipitation, that is a flooding, may be prevented.

**Adaptation and Preparedness**
Caritas Switzerland aims at reducing the vulnerability and strengthening the resilience of the people concerned. Preparedness projects ensure that in case of emergency communities may react in the best way possible and can save human lives and reduce economic losses. Adaptation projects strive at strengthening the resilience of communities in the long-term by enhancing their capacities, their know-how and abilities to adapt to new climatic conditions.