

# Analysis Tools for Protection

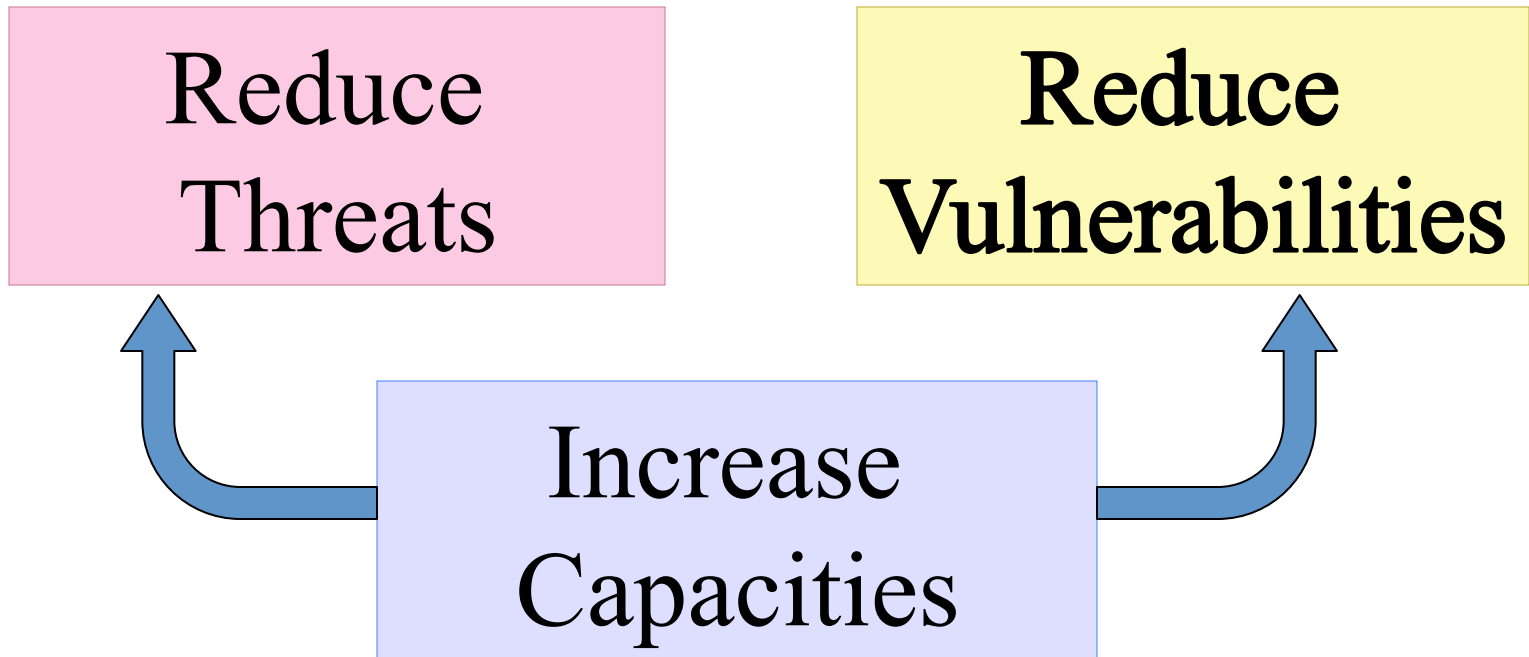
- Frameworks for Analysis
- Risk Factors analysis tool

# Analysis Models

- Models are ways of organising information
  - They help us be rigorous, avoid prejudgments
  - We may see things we might have missed
- Models *complement* and strengthen judgment and intuition
- Many different models available
  - No single model is best
  - Worth the trouble to experiment
  - Risk Equation is one...

# RISK FACTORS

THREAT, VULNERABILITY, CAPACITY



# How to apply Risk Factor Analysis

- Consider a specific violation or damage
- With a causal agent
  - a perpetrator, or a decision-maker whose actions lead to the violation
- We should think of our protection impact as something incremental to:
  - reduce the severity or level of damage;
  - reduce the frequency or number of people affected;
  - reduce the probability of the violation affecting a certain group.

# Identify Threats

- Who is responsible for the violation/abuse?
  - perpetrators
  - decision-makers
  - Who influences/supports them?
- Why are they doing it?
  - Intentions, motivations, attitudes
  - What do they gain?

# Reduce Threats

- Change the abuser's mind/behavior
- Persuasion
- Change the cost/benefit of the attack
- Coercion
- Alliances – demonstrating power

# What makes someone vulnerable to this threat

- Their work? Their organization?
- Their location?
- Their routes of movement?
- Their relationships?
- Their identity (gender, ethnic, etc.)?

# Reduce Vulnerabilities

- Get out of the way
- Change your behavior – reduce activities that might motivate the threat
- Comply with an abuser's demands



# Recognising Existing Capacities

- Most of the time communities use their own resources:
  - Community strength; unity; leadership
  - Contingency plans
  - Political capacity to react quickly
  - Alliances
  - Communication and ability to persuade
  - Access to justice – state capacity to protect
  - Ability to defend oneself

# Increase capacities

- Facilitate alliances
- Support access to justice
- Support community organizing/mobilization
- Leadership training
- Other...

# Example: Women being raped while collecting firewood

Reduce threats?

Action which changes the motivation or capacity of rapists: sensitization campaigns, prosecutions, community pressure, etc.

Reduce vulnerability?

Reducing the need or frequency of collecting firewood; changing patterns or routes; etc.

Increase Capacity?

Facilitating communication and early warning systems; Going out in groups;

# Risk Factors interact

- Reducing threats might reduce capacity
- Reducing vulnerability might reduce capacity
- Increasing capacity could increase threat
- Reducing one kind of risk can create new risks.

# Exercise

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| Issue 1 | Threat   ↓Threat | Vul. Factors   ↓Vul. Factors | Capacities   ↑Capacities |
| Issue 2 |                  |                              |                          |
| Issue 3 |                  |                              |                          |