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Drought Management Challenges and Opportunities

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”Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies”

UN-Water Initiative, which brings together the expertise of several UN agencies to advance capacity in targeted drought-prone countries so as to enable them develop National Drought Management Policies



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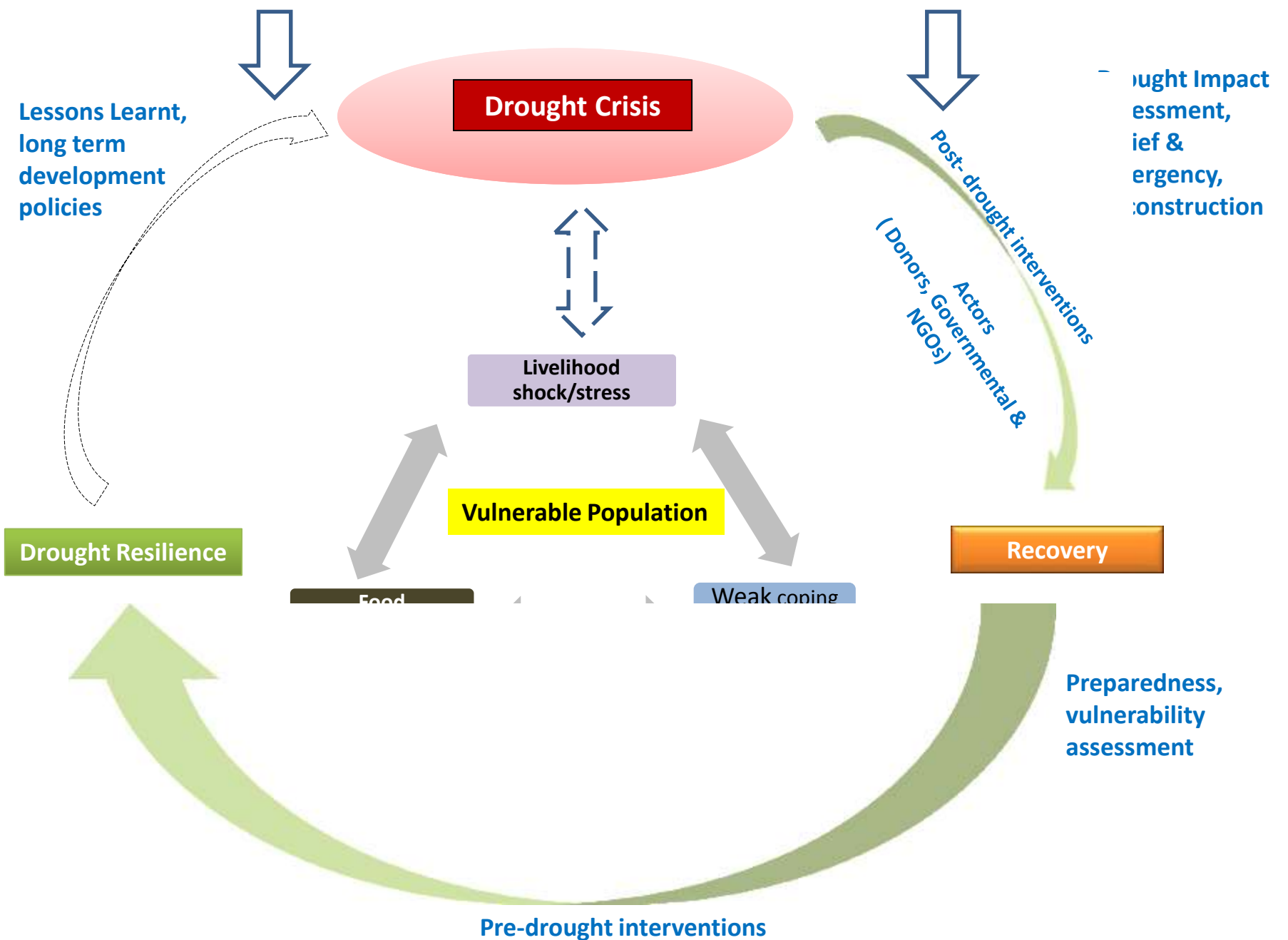


Causes of Concern . . .

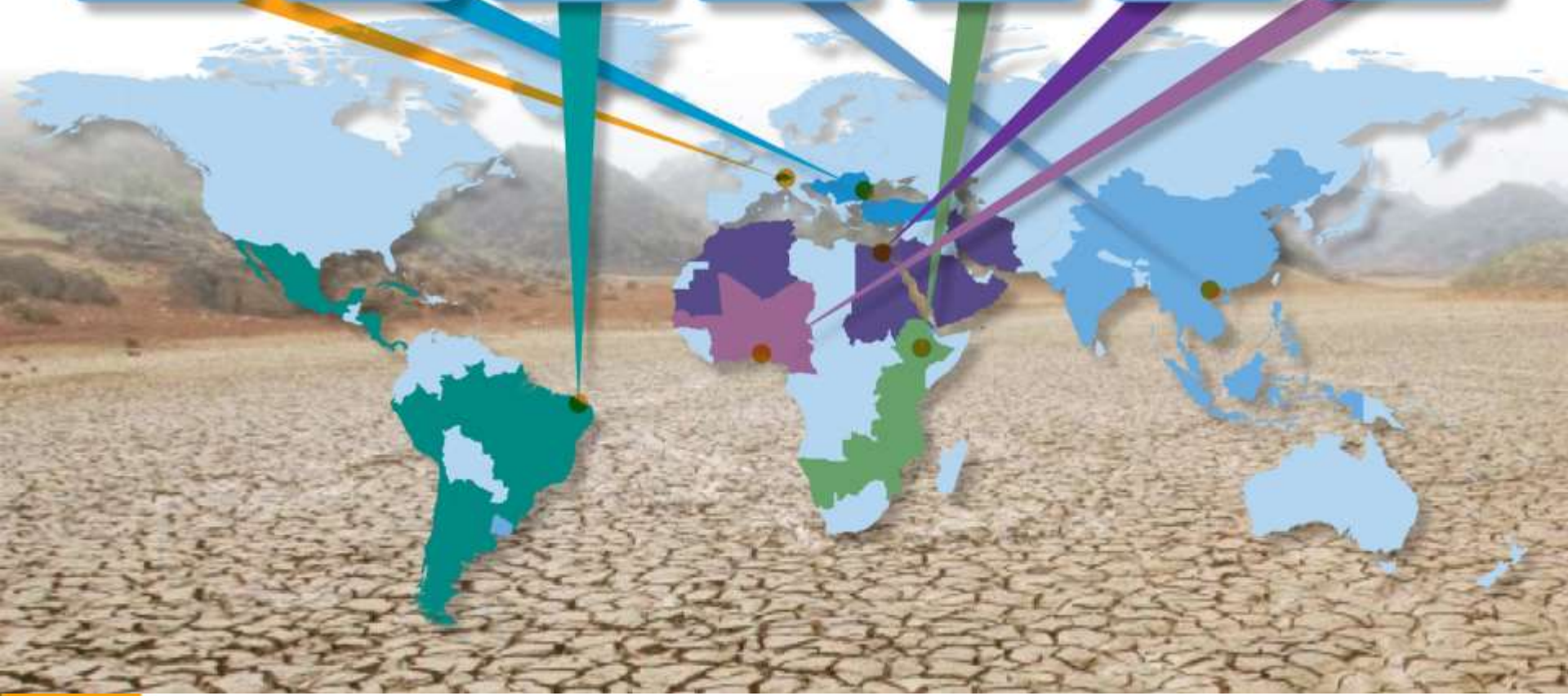
- Predominance of reactive/crisis-based over proactive/risk-based drought management approaches.
- Lack of collaboration among sectors & poor coordination among 'drought concerned' institutions/agencies and countries.
- Failure to recognize the need of developing drought management policies at country level taking into account long-term issues



Political set-up, land degradation and governance (infrastructure, peace & stability, political will..)



More than 170 High-level Policy Makers in 70 countries are trained . . .



Some of the findings



1. Policy coherence

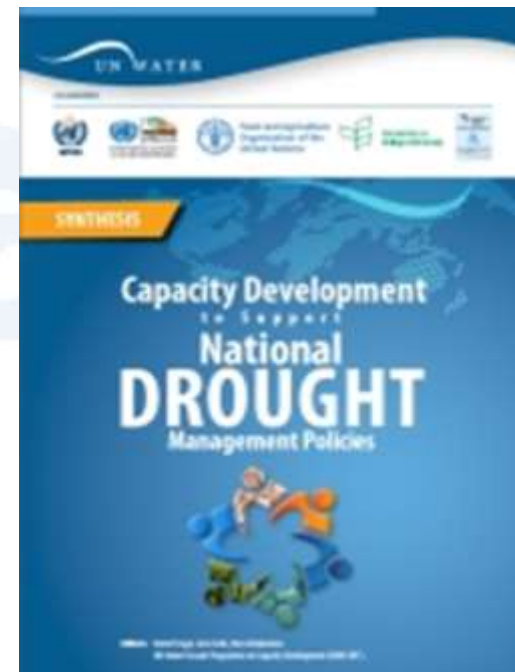
- Coordination of drought programs and response in an effective manner;
- Development of regional drought preparedness networks;
- Ineffective communication and delayed action

2. **Proactive** mitigation, preparedness and planning measures

3. Improve understanding of the Economics of Drought Preparedness

4. Creating/Strengthening Political will (Drought not a priority in many countries)

5. Improved drought monitoring tools and early warning systems and vulnerability assessment



Thank you

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Key Findings

- ❖ Misunderstanding on the concept of Drought resilience
- ❖ Inadequate Coordination among stakeholders
- ❖ Ineffective communication and delayed action
- ❖ Low Capacities esp at local level