

“Necessary but not sufficient” -

Why improving the evidence base on community based adaptation is not enough for effective and equitable climate action



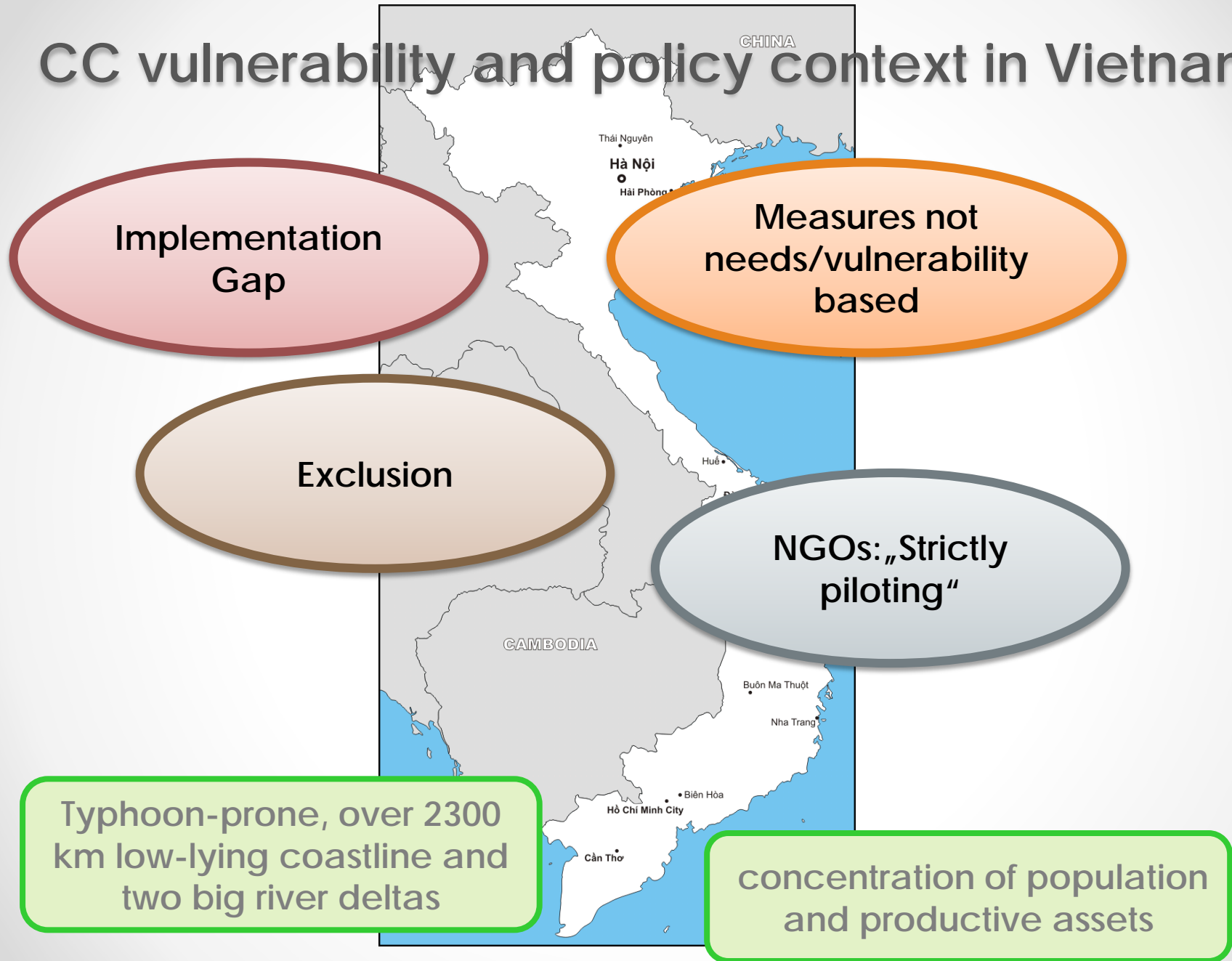
Experiences from Vietnam from the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG)

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CC vulnerability and policy context in Vietnam



CCWG approach: Making the most vulnerable resilient through Community Based Climate Change Initiatives (CBCCI)

Benefits:

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| 1. Reduced vulnerability to disasters and climate change | 2. Protection of natural resources (and sometimes GHG mitigation) |
| 3. Poverty reduction, food security and economic development | 4. Empowerment and solidarity |

CBCCI:

- multiple benefits
- local needs, realities, ownership
- addressing climate change risks
- root causes of vulnerability.

We know CBCCI work, what about policy makers?

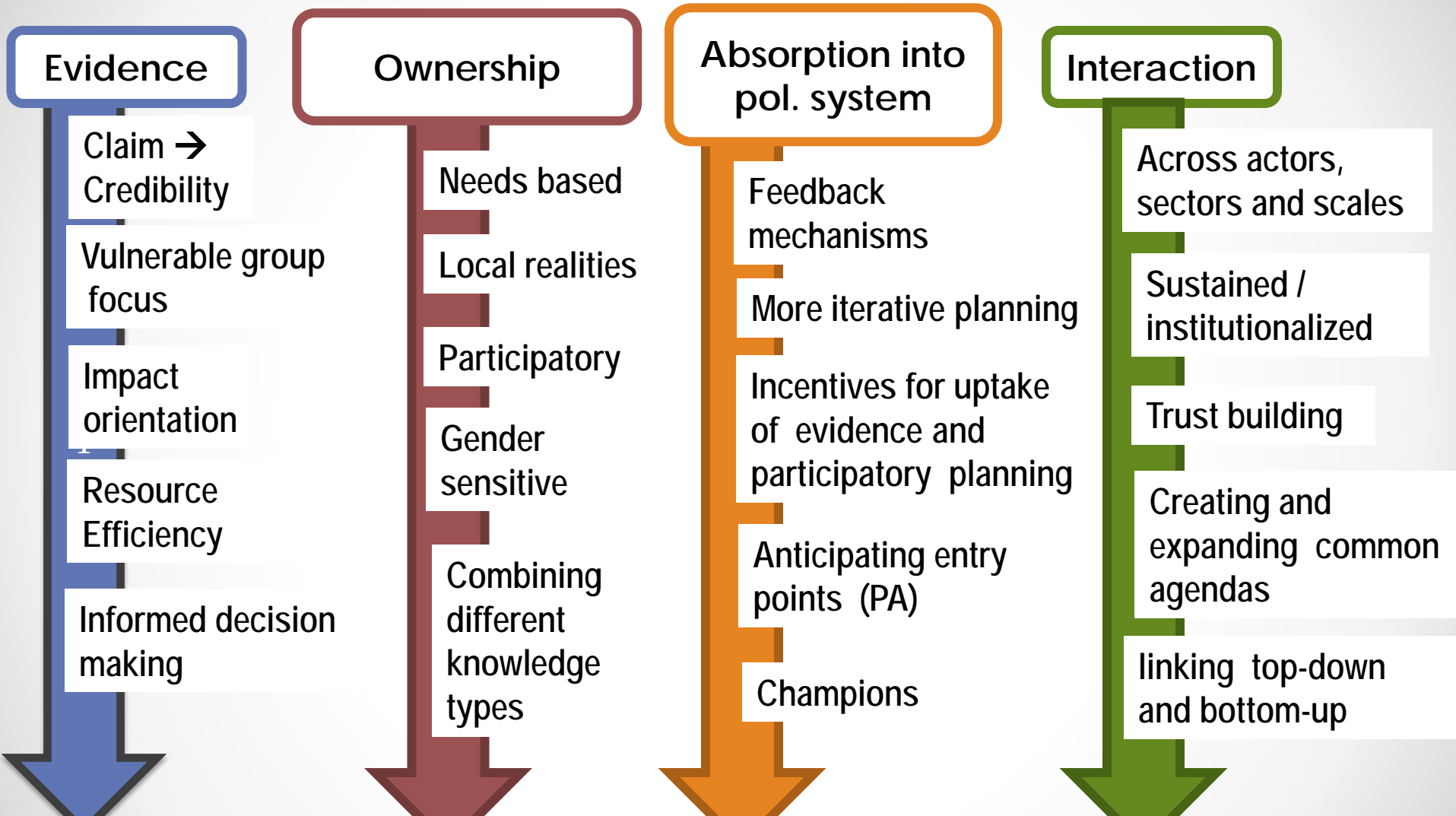
Documenting/disseminating the evidence (initial impact assessment and report, policy brief, fact sheet)



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& strengthening (pending): e.g. CBCCI Participatory Social Return on Investment Studies ...

Why is this necessary but not enough?



All four elements are necessary to overcome the disconnects/issues in the Vietnamese context.

3 early Lessons / Food for thought from Vietnam and beyond

- **Fear of contamination** exists on both sides (Government → NGO, NGO → Government. Can investing time, efforts and process orientation overcome this?)
- **We know what it takes, but have no time for it:** Building trust between two stakeholder groups is essential for effective and systemic approaches, but we are running out of time to engage one stakeholder at a time and adding others step by step. How then can we create lasting government, researcher, practitioner, VG, private sector partnerships/ research and action agendas for more effective and more equitable climate actions? Are there examples where it has worked and what can we learn from it?
- **Framing of CC:** How to better integrate psychology of climate communications into our work, which clearly suggests more evidence does not necessarily lead to more effective climate action (E.g. Per Stoknes 2015)



Thank you very much.

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