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Multisolving resiliency: case studies prioritizing climate, equity, and collaborative benefits

Resilience policies have the potential to create win-win-wins, offering benefits in areas such as climate and health, while also improving equity. Along with reducing the greenhouse gas pollution that contributes to the need for resilience in the first place, such multisolving policies can benefit other sectors with a single budget and align constituencies that might not otherwise see their common interests. However, barriers including disciplinary boundaries, budgetary silos, and fears of slowing down progress on urgent topics have often prevented our social, economic, and political systems from seizing these opportunities for synergistic wins.

Our recent report, Multisolving at the Intersection of Health and Climate, explores cases like a walk to school program in the UK, where these opportunities were realized in the health, resilience, and climate sectors. Using FLOWER, our Framework for Long-Term, Whole-System, Equity-Based Reflection, we evaluated the policies for each sector of benefits and whether they were targeted toward marginalized populations or those already well off.

Building on the health and climate report, we are now researching case studies in the Carolinas and other areas of the US where resilience, climate, equity, and other benefits were created with a single investment of resources. We are looking at the challenges that were addressed, the inspiration for their multisectoral view, and how project teams overcame obstacles to ensure success. These will be used to produce a series of case studies showing that working toward better resilience can be leveraged to improve our climate and our communities.

Along with sharing lessons from our global health case studies as they relate to the Carolinas, this presentation will share our resilience case study findings, FLOWER, and the themes that emerge from our comparisons. Our goal is to support and encourage collaboration to bring about multiple benefits as more policies to address resilience are brought into our communities.