

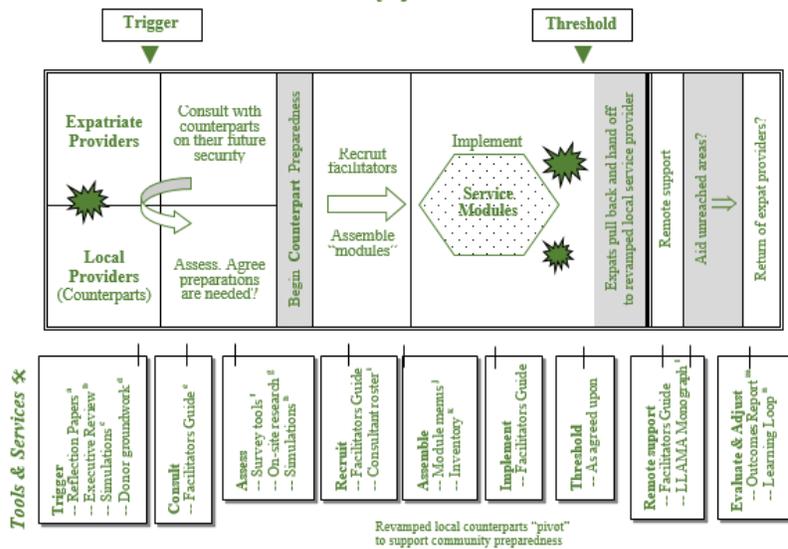
As violence approaches, an aid agency can do more to help prepare the capacity of its *counterparts*—its local staff and partners—to serve alone amid danger. As violence approaches, that agency can, with those counterparts in the lead, do more to support the capacity of *communities* to survive alone in the face of danger. That is, we as an aid community can help local providers and populations physically prepare today for the violence they will face after being separated from us tomorrow. The Center for Civilians in Harm's Way offers a prototype approach for making this happen called **preparedness support**.

Many renowned individuals and institutions in the aid world have long urged us to support local capacity for self-preservation before we ourselves are incapacitated, but no such approach has yet been systematized throughout the industry. It is unlikely to happen through such urgings or one-off publications and forums.

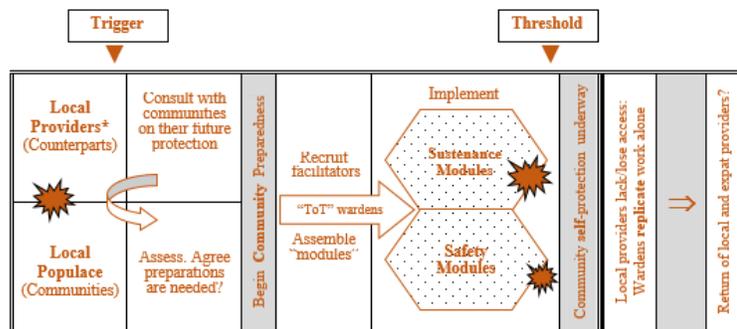
Agencies need (and deserve) to be offered a full spectrum of guidance and incentives. The Center thus is building tools and services which help agencies *commit in policy* to prepare for a day they may lose access and need to work in remote fashion with local counterparts who, once retrofitted, pivot and help brace communities in harm's way. As noted below, the guidance also covers the steps of consultation, assessment, recruitment, implementation, and evaluation in non-permissive settings.

The Center will provide systematic justification, in terms of *strategic self-interest* and *ethical obligation*, for agencies to engage in preparedness support. It will also help agencies *lay donor groundwork* for the fairly minor expenses associated with preparedness support. Likewise, it help agencies *strengthen public appeals* by honing the powerful narrative of supporting local ability for self-preservation in the face of violence that won't be stopped. Further detail about the Preparedness Support Process is found on this website.

Counterpart Preparedness — Local Staff & Partner Security:
Duty of Care



Community Preparedness — Civilian Self-Protection:
Do No Harm "2.0"



* Expatriate providers may have backstage catalytic role as long as conditions allow