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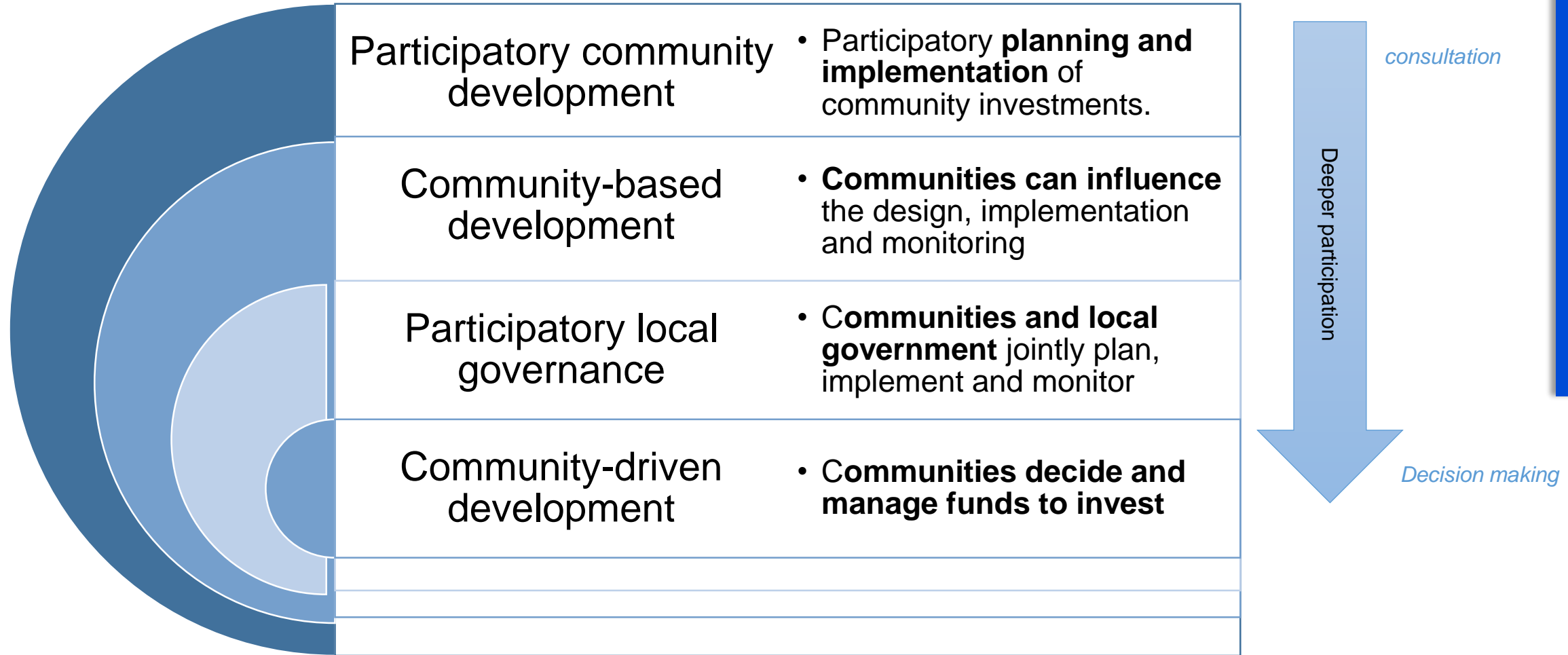
# Whose reality counts?

Building back better through community-driven development

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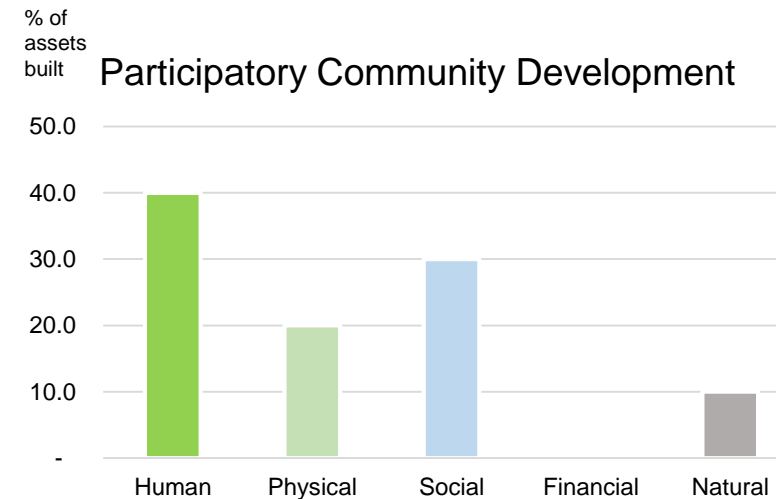
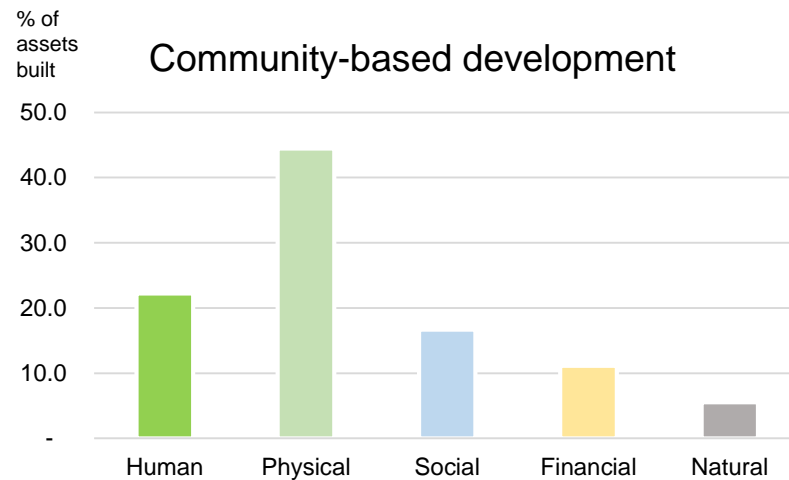
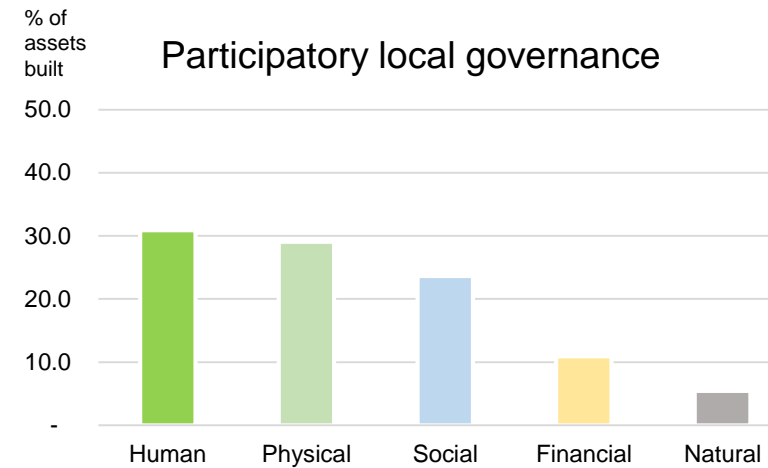
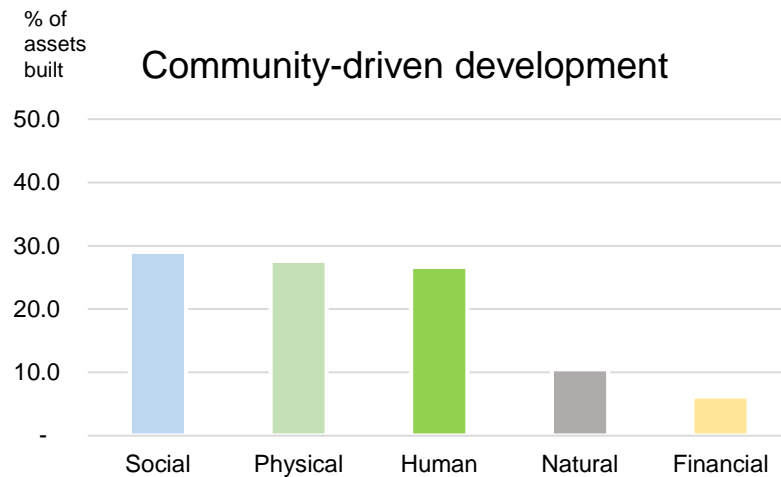


# Types of community development



Source: IFAD Evaluation synthesis CDD, 2020

# CDD builds livelihoods assets



Source: 28 sample projects, ESR CDD 2020

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# Conclusions from IFAD synthesis

- Effectiveness of CDD
  - Community development funds perform better where strong community structures are in place.
  - CDD more effective than other approaches in remote and marginalized areas
  - Better results through long term/ programmatic approaches
- Relevance of CDD
  - **Local knowledge** relevant for problems that require local solutions (food insecurity, climate change)
  - **Local ownership** for sustainability
  - Effective, accountable and transparent institutions
  - Responsive, inclusive and participatory decision-making

Source: 133 projects; evaluation synthesis CDD 2020

# Mutuality, participation and inclusion

- *“Reaffirming values of mutuality could refresh and restore politics, business and the environments in which people live”.* (Collier and Kay, “Greed is dead”, 2020)
- Better decision making: Participation and deliberation can lead to more trustworthy decisions that people are willing to accept.
- *“Hearing the voices of those who are rarely listened to can radically change accepted ideas about what needs to be done.* (Graham Smith, [what-role-should-public-play-covid-19-recovery](#), 23 MAY 2020).