

# Tailoring Research and inclusion Strategies for vulnerable migrant contexts

*The RAISD co-expert and  
actor-oriented approach*



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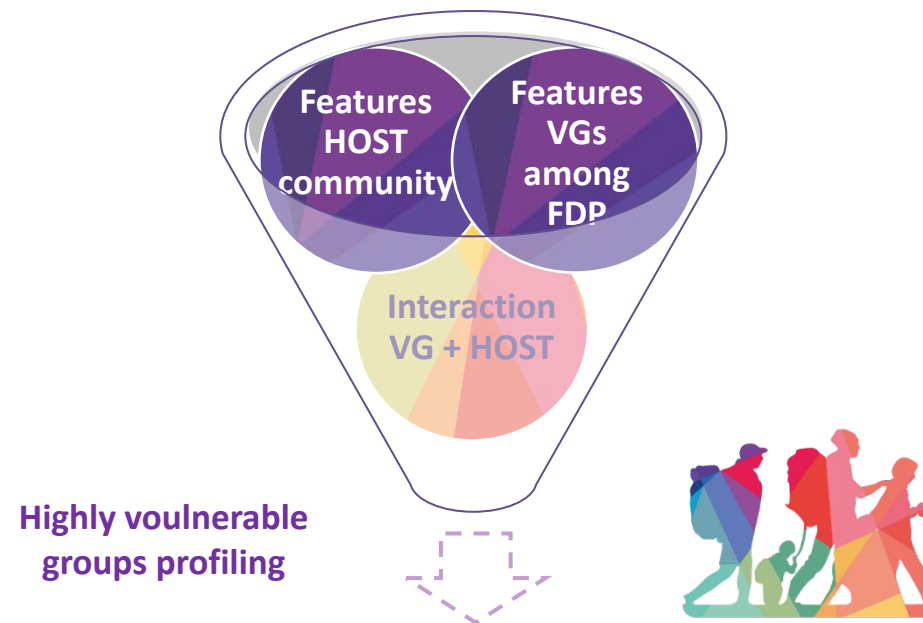
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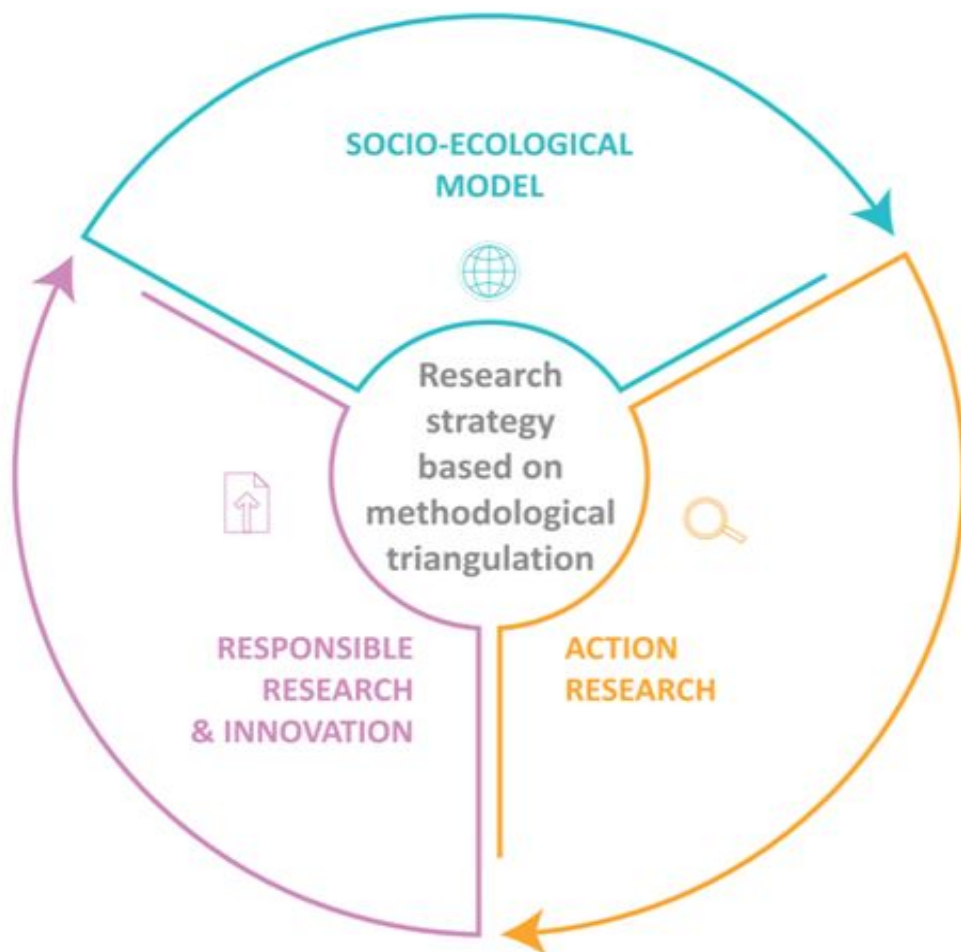
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RAISD  
methodology  
and practices

- Highly vulnerable groups (VGs) among Forcibly Displaced People (FDP) have specific challenges and needs, so the actual participation of all the involved actors should be a must.
- **Effective and appropriate strategies of attention and inclusion to VGs of FDP need to be tailored to their specific vulnerability context.**





Methodological  
triangulation in  
RAISD.

## Gender perspective...

...has been considered and integrated in the entire process in a structural way and adapted in the different steps of the research and innovation process.

- **Composition** of women and men of each team has been **balanced**.
- **Decision-making process** has prioritized a **shared leadership between women and men**.
- Design of **measures to assess that the gender perspective has been applied** in the process.

## What are the Socio-ecological models?

- The aim is to **analyze a social setting in a holistic way**, at **different levels** of abstraction and from different **perspectives**.
- They include three interconnected levels of intervention:
  1. **Micro level:** individual / interpersonal. Family and affective-emotional context.
  2. **Meso level:** institutional. Interactions with communities of origin, receiving communities during transit and at destination, contexts of local groups and associations, intervening aid organizations, etc.
  3. **Macro level:** policy / law.

## How does Action Research (AR) contribute to the methodology?

- Use of **context dependent procedures** that are developed through **inquiry in the specific setting**, instead of the application of general standardized practices.
- The **anticipation and reflection** of AR enable us to **visualize the impact on society and reflect the underlying values and objectives** of research in the short, medium, and long term.
- The project is **accessible to all stakeholders** (including final beneficiaries) in all its phases.
- This methodology guarantees that **the project is flexible and that it can be adapted** to the changes in the needs and opinions expressed by participants.
- Its application has been **especially advantageous due to the pandemic**.

## Responsible Research and Innovation

- RRI focuses on the need to **co-create research and innovation activities** where all relevant **stakeholders play an active role** in the definition, execution and evaluation from the earliest stages of the research.
- Who are the main actors in R&I processes? The **quintuple helix** is formed by...



POLICY  
MAKERS



RESEARCH  
COMMUNITY



EDUCATION  
COMMUNITY



BUSINESS  
& INDUSTRY



CIVIL SOCIETY  
(INCLUDING  
FINAL  
BENEFICIARIES)

- RAISD team has worked as a network of **Action Research Units (ARUs)** in countries along migration routes. The ARUs, representing the quintuple helix, **have co-designed, co-implemented and co-evaluated 8 Tailored Attention and Inclusion Strategies (TAISs)**.





## ARU members' statements

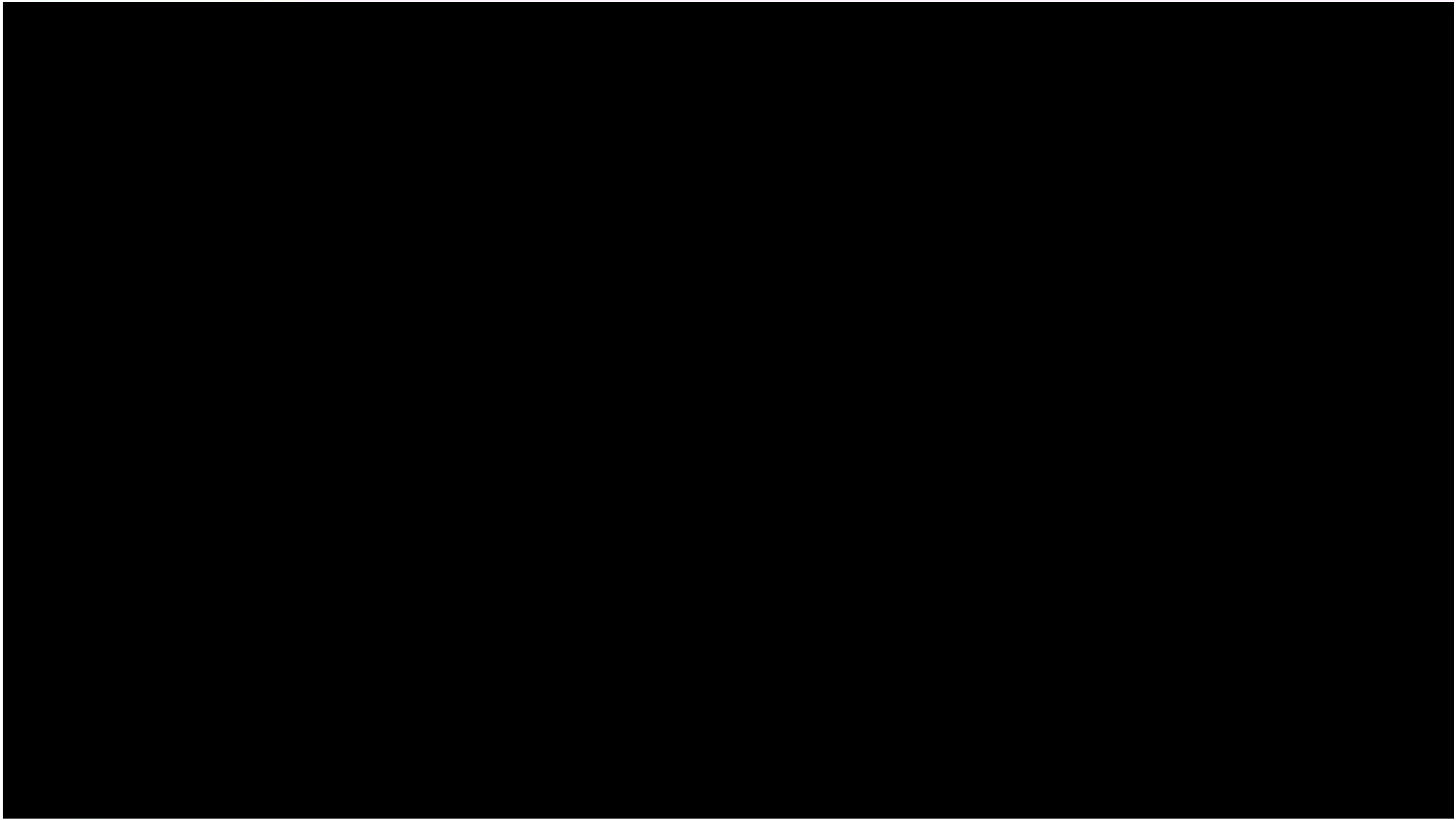
- “It is a very **motivating project and process**. It is innovative because it focuses on identification of needs, but **it is also designed and implemented**. It is **obvious, but infrequent**.”
- “What gives me the most on a professional level is **acquiring methodological keys**. Stop to think, analyze and exchange impressions is always a contribution.”
- “The opportunity to activate and co-create from a **network that considers different voices, including refugees themselves**.”
- “Universities promote **research and systematization** with a team that **complement each other**. That is a benefit and a learning, something that is **lacking in social organizations**.”
- “Personally, **listening to other people and other experiences**, other ways of doing and seeing reality fuel me. Professional experiences like this one **influence, challenge and build** my way of being in the world.”

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