4th Expert Group Meeting

Lessons from other mega disasters for Post-2015 Global Framework for DRR

Guidance for Group Discussions

The Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) discusses recovery and reconstruction briefly

Priority Action 4: Reduce the underlying risk factors

• Incorporate disaster risk reduction measures into post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation processes and use opportunities during the recovery phase to develop capacities that reduce disaster risk in the long term, including through the sharing of expertise, knowledge and lessons learned.



What would you recommend for post HFA after 2015, to make the agenda of recovery and reconstruction stronger and more explicit?

Key recommendations ...

- Post HFA should be linked with the MDGs (which also end in 2015) and Sustainable Development (Rio +20 discussions) as stakeholders are the same across these agendas.
- It should aim at strengthening the links between national and local governments, as a weak link means less resilient recovery.
- A greater emphasis should be placed on human security as a foundation for disaster resiliency. It is also important to engage communities in the recovery process.
- It should strengthen the capacity and support for recovery planning, specifically at regional, national, and local levels.
- It should promote and strengthen actions of putting in place legal frameworks for recovery. Otherwise recovery will continue to be an ad hoc exercise.

Key recommendations...

- It should advocate for pre-disaster recovery planning as tool to further reduce risks.
- It should have a system of monitoring and evaluating recovery.
 Indicators for good recovery are needed.
- It should set clear targets rather than policy statements. In particular, it should put more emphasis on actions by local governments.

Group 1: {Emerging Principles}

- i Do you think the reference to recovery and reconstruction is sufficient in the HFA? Does it need to be more elaborated and explicit in the post HFA?
- ii. Based on past experiences and lessons, what do you think are the emerging principles to achieve resilient recovery?
- iii. Should the post HFA specify more details, steps and tools (such as pre-disaster recovery planning, recovery frameworks) on how to integrate DRR into recovery, and into sustainable development (linking with MDGs)?

Group 2: {Development Outcomes}

- i Do you think the reference to recovery and reconstruction is sufficient in the HFA? Does it need to be more elaborated and explicit in the post HFA?
- ii. How can governments ensure that recovery efforts help to mainstream disaster risk reduction into development?
- iii. Should the post HFA advocate for **capacity building** at national and regional levels for developing recovery frameworks and for recovery planning?
- iv. Should the post HFA suggest **legal provisions** in the disaster management legislations to ensure recovery and reconstruction is given due importance, and is not an ad hoc arrangement, and more aligned to the process of economic development?

Group 3: {Local Action}

- Do you think the reference to recovery and reconstruction is sufficient in the HFA? Does it need to be more elaborated and explicit in the post HFA?
- ii. How can governments **engage community** in recovery planning, development of **recovery frameworks** and project implementation, and ensure that these actions are monitored through appropriate recovery monitoring systems?
- iii. Should the post HFA mention and suggest indicators for monitoring the recovery process?