

International Recovery Platform

Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action declared at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction

Background

Launched in May 2005 in Kobe-Hyogo as a follow-up to the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDR) under the initiative of UNDP, UN/OCHA, UN/ISDR and ILO, with the support and encouragement of Government of Japan (including Hyogo Prefectural Government) and in close collaboration with ADRC, the International Recovery Platform (IRP) is a mechanism in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 4(ii)(h)*. It seeks to fulfill the strategic goal (c)** of the HFA by functioning as an international repository of knowledge and as a networking mechanism for recovery, aiming to address the gaps and constraints inherent in the current contexts of recovery.

Gaps and Constraints in the current context

- Post-disaster recovery often leads to rebuilding risk.
- Support to recovery operations by various organizations is often coordinated inappropriately, leading to a duplication of efforts and failure to factor in risk reduction.

Objectives of the IRP

Immediate objectives of the inception phase of the IRP are the following:

- To translate into practice the strategic goal of integrating risk reduction into post disaster recovery as mandated in the HFA
- To provide a coordination framework and network for post-disaster recovery
- To facilitate the dissemination of lessons learned and the development of common tools and mechanisms
- To provide advice and support on the formulation of post-disaster recovery planning and programming
- To strengthen national capacities ensuring links with longer term development programming
- To facilitate South-South co-operation between disaster-prone countries and to utilize the accumulated know-how of these countries

Priority Activities

The IRP focuses on the following three inter-related components:

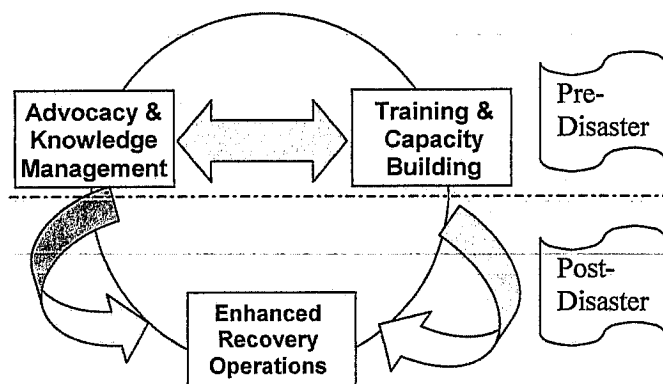
- Advocacy & Knowledge Management
- Training & Capacity Building
- Enhanced Recovery Operations

***Priorities for action 4(ii)(h) of HFA: <digest>**

Incorporate disaster risk reduction into post-disaster recovery through developing capacity and sharing expertise, knowledge and lessons learned

****Strategic goal(C) of HFA:**

The systematic incorporation of risk reduction approaches into the design and implementation of emergency preparedness, response and recovery programmes in the reconstruction of affected communities



IRP Core Members

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR)

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN/OCHA)

International Labour Organization (ILO)

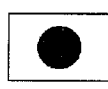
Cabinet Office of Japan

Hyogo Prefectural Government

Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)

The World Bank (WB)

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)



Launching of IRP and Opening of IRP Hyogo Office

11 May 2005 / 6F, Hitomiraikan, Kobe-Hyogo (where ADRC & UN/OCHA are also located)

International Seminar on Post Disaster Recovery

11-13 May 2005 / JICA Hyogo, Hyogo House

11th Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF/DR)

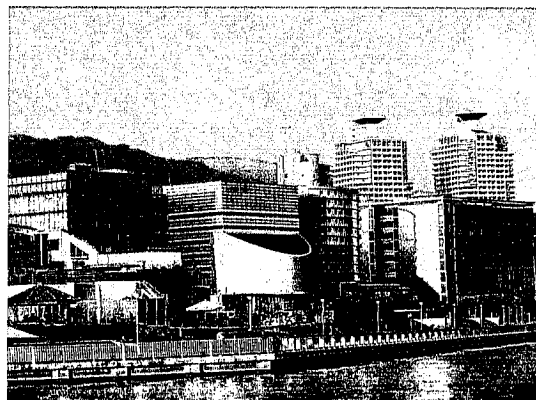
24-26 May 2005 / Palais des Nations, Geneva

1st IRP Steering Committee (SC) Meeting

16 September 2005 / Videoconference connecting Geneva (ILO HQ) and Tokyo (WB TDLC)

Outcomes

- The IRP functions as an inter-agency network for taking forward the HFA in relation to reducing the underlying disaster risk through post disaster recovery efforts
- The IRP is a thematic platform of UN/ISDR, reports to the General Assembly through the IATF/DR
- Matrix of roles and responsibilities of stakeholders including core members, relevant organizations and countries has been agreed at stakeholders meeting in Kobe, May, 2005
- Advocacy & Knowledge Management coordinated by ADRC & UN/ISDR from IRP Hyogo Office; agreed to include linkages to UN/OCHA, WB, ProVention, UN-Habitat, IFRC, ADPC, DRI, SDC and other case studies
- Training & Capacity Building coordinated by ILO & UNDP/DMTP; have developed an on line inventory of global training resources relevant to post disaster recovery and will begin certifying courses for recovery managers
- Enhanced Recovery Operations coordinated by UNDP in cooperation with partners is focusing on developing joint assessment methodology. A draft TORs is being discussed by members of the Advisory Group
- TORs of the SC, Governance Arrangements and Work Plans of the three hubs



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