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LESSONS from Hurricane Mitch 1998:

Recognize social marginalization
(gender, race, class...) in order to
implement fair, effective response
Recognize the capabilities of communities, esp. grassroots women
Build on local knowledge, traditional culture
Peer learning
Support and resource communities in women-centered, pro-poor recovery

This leads to sustainable development, governance accountability AND risk mitigation
Recovery must ensure livelihoods
Women’s roles and approach facilitated this AND resulted in environmental protection
Recovery programs must be long term, collective, holistic, & democratic participation.

Grassroots women’s & marginalized communities’ resourced participation critical for real recovery and resilience.