

6-3. Activities of IRP in 2005

6-3-1. International Seminar on Post Disaster Recovery

The International Seminar on Post Disaster Recovery, in support of the International Recovery Platform (IRP), was held at the JICA Hyogo International Centre in Kobe and the Hyogo House, in Kobe, Japan on 11-13 May 2005. The Seminar was organized by Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), Cabinet Office of Japan, Hyogo Prefectural Government, International Labour Organization (ILO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), 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) and The World Bank (WB). The Seminar was attended by representatives of UN and international organizations, donors, disaster prone programme countries, International Financial Institutions (IFIs) as well as NGOs and academia. Participants from Italy, India, Turkey, and the Philippines joined the Seminar through video-conferencing using facilities of WB and JICA.

(1) Opening of IRP Office (Wednesday, 11 May 2005 10:00- 10:50)

Before starting the seminar on the morning of 11 May 2005, an opening ceremony of IRP office was held in front of the building where IRP Office was to be located on the 6th floor. The ribbon-cutting was conducted by the representatives from UNDP, UN/ISDR, UN/OCHA, ILO, Cabinet Office of Japan, Hyogo Prefectural Government, and ADRC, each of which is to be actively involved in the IRP activities.

(2) International Seminar on Post Disaster Recovery

(1) Plenary Session I: GLOBAL VIDEOCONFERENCE

15:00-18:00, Wednesday 11 May 2005,

Theme: How can we transform disasters into opportunities?

Coordinator: Mr. Emmanuel de Guzman (ADRC)

Rapporteur: Ms. Takako Izumi (OCHA), Mr. Mohamed Abchir (UN/ISDR), Mr. Hossein Kalali (UNDP)

Speakers: Mr. Andrew Maskrey (UNDP), Mr. Esteban Leon (UN-HABITAT), Mr. Edgar Ollet (Office of Civil Defense, Philippines), Dr. Carmencita Banatin (Department of Health, Philippines), Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Khan (ADB, Philippines), Ms. Meriaty Subroto (ADB, Philippines), Dr. Arturo M. Pesigan (Regional Office for the Western Pacific, World Health Organization (WHO/WPRO)), Mr. S.K. Swami (Ministry of Home Affairs, India), Mr. N. V. V. Raghava, (World Bank, India), Mr. G. Padmanabhan (UNDP, India), Mr. Manu Gupta (SEEDS), Mr. Ryu Fukui (World Bank, Tokyo), Mr. Selahattin Durmaz (Turkish Emergency Management (TEMAD)), Mr. Bekir Tuzel (Ministry of Public Works, Turkey), Mr. Murat Sungur Bursa (Prime Ministry of Turkey), Mr. Giuseppe Deodato (Development Cooperation (DGCS), the Government of Italy), A Representative, DGCS, Mr. Claudio Lenoci (ILO Rome)

Addresses by: Mr. Chihiro Oishi (JICA Hyogo), Mr. Alfredo Lazarte (ILO)

The session was conducted in connection with ADB in Manila, GDLN (Global Development Learning Network) in Delhi, JICA Center in Ankara, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy in Rome and Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC), using the JICA Net and World Bank's GDLN systems. In the session, speakers, including representatives from various countries affected by disasters, gave their presentations focused on (1) the key opportunities revealed by the disasters, (2) institutional comparative advantages of international agencies to leverage these opportunities and support national recovery, (3) role of national government agencies and line ministries in utilizing post disaster recovery to contribute to sustainable economic development, and/or (4) best practices in transforming disasters into opportunities for sustainable socio-economic development. Besides, the effectiveness to utilize the video conference system for sharing information among the stakeholders worldwide was

recognized.

(2) Plenary Session II

9:30-12:30, Thursday, 12 May 2005,

Theme: Challenges in incorporating disaster risk reduction in recovery

Coordinator: Dr. Allan Lavell, Secretary General, Latin American Social Science Faculty (FLACSO)

Rapporteur: Mr. Mihir Bhatt, Disaster Mitigation Institute (DMI), India

Speakers: Dr. Yoshiteru Murosaki (National Research Inst. of Fire and Disaster, Japan), Ms. Fukiko Ishii, (Collabonet, Japan), Dr. Djillali Benouar (University of Bab Ezzouar, Algeria), Mr. Mohammad Hossein Havaei Tarshizi (Housing Foundation, Iran), Dr. Carlos Villacis (International Consultant), Mr. Md Wazed Ali Khan (Ministry of Food & Disaster Management, Bangladesh), Ms. Dilruba Haider (UNDP, Bangladesh)

The speakers introduced the challenges in incorporating disaster risk reduction in recovery through their countries' or regional experiences in recovery from the great impact caused by disasters, such as the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake, Algeria Earthquake, Bam Earthquake in Iran, and water-related disaster in Bangladesh. Ensuring effective and sustainable collaboration among various stakeholders is essential for integrating risk reduction into recovery plans.

(3) The 1st Public Symposium on Post Disaster Recovery (Plenary Session III)

14:00-17:00, Thursday, 12 May 2005,

Theme: What are the challenges and solutions for effective recovery?

Facilitator: Ms. Helena Molin Valdes, Deputy Director, UN/ISDR

Rapporteur: Mr. Anil K. Sinha, ADRC

Opening Speech: Mr. Toshizo Ido, Governor of Hyogo Prefecture, Dr. Shigeru Itoh, Chairman of ADRC

Keynote Speech: Dr. Allan Lavell, Secretary General, Latin American Social Science Faculty (FLACSO)

Presentations from Countries:

Dr. Oktorialdi, BAPPENAS, Indonesia

Mr. Mohamed Imad, Director, Ministry of Planning and National Development, Maldives

Dr. Jemilah Mahmood, President of MERCY, Malaysia/Chairperson of ADRRN

Panel Discussion:

Mr. Toshizo Ido, Governor of Hyogo Prefecture

Mr. Fumio Takeda, Deputy Director-General, Cabinet Office of Japan

Mr. Ian O'Donnell, ProVention Consortium

Dr. Johan Schaar, Special Representative for the Tsunami Operation, IFRC

Mr. Larry Roeder, Policy Adviser on Disaster Management, US Department of State

Commentator:

Mr. John Richardson (Australia),

Ms. Farah Najam (Dubai Humanitarian City),

Dr. Gianmarco Macchia (Italy),

Mr. Thomas Schaefer (GTZ)

Comments and Closing Remarks: Ms. Norah Niland, Chief, Policy Development Section, UN/OCHA

The symposium was intended to draw the attention of the public to the proposed IRP's efforts. It also contributed to producing an action plan of IRP as output of the symposium. Following the keynote speech by Dr. Allan Lavell, representatives from Indonesia, the Maldives and MERCY Malaysia (NGO) made presentations on their experiences in recovery from the recent tsunami in the Indian Ocean. Facilitated by Ms. Helena Molin Valdes of UN/ISDR, a panel discussion was held with five panelists and four commentators, and

discussed three main points: a) Reflection on the existing gaps in promoting efficient recovery, b) Proposals for supporting, solutions, mechanisms and frameworks for assisting post disaster recovery, and c) International support to close the gap between relief and development. In the comments from the floor, the participants including donor countries expressed interests in contributing to the IRP activities.

(4) Group Discussion (Plenary Session IV)

9:30-13:00, Friday, 14 May 2005 ,

<With participation of the World Bank Washington D.C. & Tokyo by GDLN>

Theme: What do we expect from IRP?

Coordinator: Mr. Andrew Maskrey, UNDP

Rapporteur: Mr. Mihir Bhatt, DMI, India

Group A: Advocacy and knowledge management of recovery information and experiences
(with special focus on Lessons Learned and Best Practices in recent recovery operations)

Co-Organizers: ADRC (lead agency), UN/ISDR, UNDP, WB

Coordinator: Mr. Anil K. Sinha, ADRC

Rapporteur: Dr. Carlos Villacis, International Consultant

Group B: Capacity building

(including human resource development (Training and International roster of experts))

Co-Organizers: ILO (lead agency), WB's GDLN, UN DMTP

Coordinator: Mr. Alfredo Lazarte, ILO

Rapporteur: Mr. Angel L. Vidal, ILO ITC Turin, Mr. Mohamed Abchir, ISDR

Group C: Enhancement of recovery operations and promotion of cooperation

(With emphasis on post disaster assessment tools and methodologies)

Co-Organizers: UNDP (lead agency), UN/OCHA, UN/ISDR, ECLAC, GTZ, WB, DesInventar, UN-HABITAT

Coordinator: Mr. Andrew Maskrey, UNDP

Rapporteur: Mr. Emmanuel de Guzman, ADRC

The participants examined and identified what the keys are and how to promote the main pillars of the IRP activities effectively in each group. They also expressed their collaborative contribution for making the activities efficient and active. In the Plenary Session following the group discussions, a matrix of the work plan which shows the specific activities of IRP and commitments by various stakeholders based on the discussion was presented to the participants as a result of the three-day continued seminar.

Through this seminar, it was agreed by all parties that the IRP will be the inter-agency mechanism for taking forward the agenda of the Hyogo Framework for Action relating to post-disaster recovery. The IRP will thus be a major thematic pillar of the ISDR system. The IRP will be organized around three components: Knowledge Management and Advocacy; Training and Capacity Building and Enhancing Recovery Operations.

6-3-2. The 2nd Public Symposium on Post Disaster Recovery

The Symposium was held at the International Conference Center Kobe, Japan on 19 January 2006. The Symposium was organized by IRP Secretariat, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), Cabinet Office of Japan, Hyogo Prefectural Government, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) and United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN/OCHA) Kobe, in cooperation with Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Disaster Reduction Alliance (DRA). The Symposium was attended by officers in the field of disaster management and post disaster recovery, experts involved in disaster reduction and post disaster recovery, IRP Stakeholders and the general public.

The objectives of the Symposium was to review the activities carried out in the framework of IRP, to learn from the past post disaster experiences including good practices and not-so-

good practices, and to identify the challenges faced in the recovery process of the recent major disasters. It also sought suggestions for the future IRP activities from the invited representatives of countries affected by recent major disasters and experts on disaster reduction and post disaster recovery.

Date: 19 January (Thu) 2006, 14:00 - 17:15

Venue: International Conference Center Kobe, Hyogo, Japan

Organizers: IRP Secretariat, ADRC, Cabinet Office of Japan, Hyogo Prefectural Government, UNDP, UN/ISDR and UN/OCHA Kobe

In Cooperation with: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, JICA and DRA

Participants: Officers in the field of disaster management and post disaster recovery, experts involved in disaster reduction and post disaster recovery, IRP Stakeholders and the general public. (Approximately 180)

Working languages: English and Japanese

Programme

Opening Ceremony and Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Hyogo Prefecture Disaster Relief Fundraising Committee for the Indian Ocean Tsunami and the Tsunami Education Rehabilitation Monitor Trust (TERM) for School Rehabilitation for the Uppara Al Hidaya Vidyalaya Project in Sri Lanka

- Mr. Toshizo Ido, Governor, Hyogo Prefecture
- Mr. Sivaji De Zoyasa, Chair Trustee, Tsunami Education Rehabilitation Monitor Trust, Sri Lanka

Welcome Remarks

- Mr. Hossein Kalali, UNDP/BCPR (on behalf of Ms. Kathleen Cravero, Assistant Administrator, UNDP / Director, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR))
- Mr. Fumio Takeda, Deputy Director-General for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office
- Mr. Takahiro Shinyo, Director-General, Global Issues Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Keynote speech by Prof. Ian Davis, Professor, Cranfield University, UK

Panel discussion

Part I: Presentations by Panelists

- Ms. Sadia Ahmad, Instructor, Federal Civil Defense Training School, Ministry of Interior in Pakistan
- Mr. Chatchai Phromlert, Deputy Director General, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Ministry of Interior, Thailand
- Mr. Suporn Ratanakin, Director, Research and International Cooperation Bureau, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Ministry of Interior, Thailand
- Mr. Masahiko Murata, IRP Secretariat / Senior Expert, ADRC

Part II: Discussion

Coordinator: Mr. Anil K. Sinha, Programme Advisor, IRP Secretariat

Panelists:

- Dr. Fouad Bendimerad, Chairman, Earthquake and Megacities Initiative (EMI) / Visiting Professor, Kobe University
- Dr. Puji Pujiono, Regional Disaster Response Advisor, UN/OCHA Kobe
- Ms. Sadia Ahmad, Pakistan
- Mr. Suporn Ratanakin, Thailand
- Mr. Masahiko Murata, IRP Secretariat / ADRC

Commentators:

- Prof. Ian Davis, Professor, Cranfield University
- Dr. Salvano Briceno, Director, UN/ISDR

<Video Message>Mr. Bekir Tuzel, Head of Earthquake Research Department, General Directorate of Disaster Affairs, Ministry of Public Works and Settlement, Turkey (from JICA Turkey)

Closing

- Mr. Masayuki Kitamoto, Executive Director, ADRC
- Dr. Salvano Briceno, Director, UN/ISDR

6-3-3. Development of a Database on Good Practices & Lessons on Recovery and its Utilization

(1) Background

Various booklets, research reports on good practices, lessons learned, and case studies of major disasters on recovery already exist. They are mostly summarized and analyzed by each major disaster except for some examples. However, when experts on recovery visit disaster affected countries, they are frequently asked to provide them with so to say “cross-disaster” knowledge support on topical thematic lines* which are urgently necessary and crucial for recovery planners/ decision makers of national and local level for post disaster recovery to realize safer and more secure society.

(2) Project Objectives

This project will be led by the ADRC and ISDR Secretariat, and supported by UNDP using the world-wide network of the IRP. It aims to quickly & effectively provide the key persons in charge of planning and implementing the recovery activities of disaster affected countries and local governments with useful, important and on-target knowledge for post disaster recovery through cross-disaster analysis of lessons learned from the recovery experiences from recent major disasters, which are accumulated and stored in a new database by IRP.

(3) Methodologies

(1) Collect “Good practices” and “Lessons learned” of post-disaster recovery

- Developed a preliminary database linking to around 70 data sources on good practices, lessons, case studies mainly on post disaster recovery using the IRP network.
- Other examples such as presented at the WCDR / IRP related seminars and governmental documents will also be used as the data resource.
- Above data resources will be stored in a list and publish on the IRP web with hyper-link to each data owner for easy access.

(2) Development of a database by filling the templates along the thematic lines

- Target major disasters will be selected from disasters occurred from 1984 to 2004 world-wide.
- A template to summarize recovery experiences and lessons will be finalized including the 8 topical thematic lines and key-codes.
- The templates will be filled by each selected major disaster

(3) Compile a Comprehensive Recovery Knowledge Book to support better recovery for policy makers and planners

- Using the above database, cross-disaster review and analysis will be carried out based on each thematic lines, and the Comprehensive Recovery Knowledge Book with effective and efficient cross-disaster analysis by each thematic lines* will be edited.
- The Comprehensive Recovery Knowledge Book will be published

(4) Utilization of the Book

- The Book together with the background database will contribute to the key persons in charge of planning and implementing the recovery activities of the disaster affected countries and communities to create safer and more secure society.
- The Book together with the background database will be used as a training module for IRP Capacity Building Activities led by ILO at Turin Hub.

<Annex> Topical Thematic Lines and Database Items

Thematic Topics
1) Organizational/ Institutional Development for Recovery
2) Risk Reduction in Recovery
3) Damage, Needs, and Capacity Assessment
4) Dilemmas in the Recovery Process
5) The Continuum from Emergency to Long-term Recovery
6) Recovery Sectors and Linkages
7) Housing and Property Rights
8) Resources for Recovery

Item	Sub Topics
1.1	Development of Recovery Policy, Plan and Programs
1.2	Recovery Program Implementation
1.3	Knowledge Management for Recovery
2.1	Organizational/Institutional Development for Recovery
2.2	Integration of Disaster Risk Reduction
3.1	Damage and Needs Assessment methodologies
4.1	Key dilemmas in recovery management such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • political pressure for speed of recovery vs. safety • to relocate unsafe communities or not? • speed of recovery vs. the full participation of the affected community in decision making or actual involvement in the building process. • balancing essential reform with essential continuity
5.1	Long term consequences of decisions taken during the emergency relief phase
5.2	Sheltering process: Examining the continuum from initial shelter to permanent reconstruction of dwellings.
5.3	Growth or reduction of vulnerability within the recovery process
6.1	Linkages between various sectors of recovery: psycho-social, economic (livelihood development), physical, environmental and institutional recovery actions based on local experience or evidence on the recovery process
6.2	Relevant conclusions or findings of case studies or analyses on the recovery sectoral linkages
7.1	Implication of housing and property rights issues in recovery operations and the recovery process as a whole
7.2	Possibility or necessity to change land tenure structures in rural or urban areas
8.1	Major resources mobilized or provided for the recovery process and their sources
8.2	Above implications for (a) designing of programmes, (b) institutional structures, (c) coordination between government and international funders, and (d) transparency and corruption issues