



## POST DISASTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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## The Mobilization of the PDNA

**Common elements** that lead to a PDNA:

- **Government request** for assistance in assessing the impact of a natural disaster
- **Rapid financial commitment** to facilitate the PDNA
- **Inter-agency communication** at national and global level, now formalized in the “**Tripartite Statement on Post-Crisis Assessment and Recovery Planning**”, signed in **October 2008** by **UN, EC and WB**
- **Identification of local and international experts** for the assessment team



## Maximizing Partnership

**Common elements** that ensure **participation and coordination**:

- **Government leadership** from start to finish
- Commitment of **United Nations RC/HC** and **World Bank Country Director**
- Participation of **civil society organizations**
- Inclusion of **donor community**
- A **management organization** that includes a **steering committee** (strategic direction) and a **secretariat** (day-to-day management) that is **chaired by the Government** with participation of UN, World Bank and a donor representative



## Assessment and Analysis

**Common elements** that ensure **quality output**:

- **Training** of Government and agency staff in the methodology
- The **Standardized methodology**
- **Sector team composition** that includes **government staff and agency experts**
- **Access to baseline information** and preliminary assessment reports
- **Sector team members' participation** during the assessment
- A **dedicated team of writers and editors** works in-country to finalize the report



## Ensuring Resilient Recovery

Common elements that ensure the **recovery is disaster proofed**:

- Including **DRR expertise (and Climate Change Adaptation)** in the assessment **team**
- Providing **guidance on DRR to sector teams**
- Making sure the combined needs assessment is disaster proofed
- Dedicating a **separate chapter** to disaster risk management in the PDNA report



## PDNA as building block

Common elements that ensure **follow up to the PDNA**:

- **Presentation of findings to Government, in-country donor community**
- An **international event** to mobilize interest and resources
- Further dissemination of PDNA and its findings
- Provide follow up on specific findings and recommendations (recovery financing, technical studies, institutional strengthening, etc.)
- Continue to work jointly towards a **recovery reconstruction plan**



## How to be ready

Common elements that ensure **successful application of PDNA**:

- Work with a **dedicated PDNA manager** appointed by the **Government**
- Ensure **Standby financing** to be able to mobilize a PDNA timely
- Constitution of a **virtual roster of experts**
- Apply a **consistent assessment methodology**
- **Full-time participation of assessment team** members from start to finish
- Use PDNA as **building block to formulate a recovery reconstruction plan** and strengthen disaster risk management

