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

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

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