We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

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Community-led Recovery
Shelter and Settlements Perspective

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Community-led recovery for shelter and settlements is the process in which individuals, families, community groups and local businesses are in charge of decision-making and/or implementation of recovery program interventions, with governments, agencies and NGOs assuming supporting roles.

- Scales up and multiplies recovery levels
- Supports importance and role of local markets
- Builds household and community resilience
Habitat for Humanity implements community-led recovery by strengthening community resilience through one or more complementary methodologies:

- Community-based enumerations
- Community contracting/partnerships
- Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter and Awareness (PASSA)
- Habitat Resource Centers (Technical Assistance)
- Cash assistance
- Mobile Response Units (MRUs)
Where?

Haiti

Indonesia

Philippines

Pakistan

Nepal

India
Lessons Identified (Learned)

• Capitalize on local knowledge and experience
• Focus on sheltering process, not products
• Switch from “provider” interventions to “enabler” interventions (e.g. transfer of skills, capacity-building, technical assistance, etc., etc.)
• Involve community leadership, local governments.
• Requires time to identify and get buy-in of community power-brokers
• Prioritization processes and decision-making practices are required
• Empowering processes go beyond the focus on reconstruction
Thank you!

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