



Community-led Recovery Shelter and Settlements Perspective

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What? Why?

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

How?

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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