Disaster Recovery Framework

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

After a disaster, the reconstruction process is an important opportunity to promote resilience against future events. The Disaster Recovery Framework program gathers best-practices from a variety of stakeholders to ensure that affected countries recover efficiently and build back better.

In response to the growing demand from developing countries for sustained technical assistance after a disaster, GFDRR partnered with the EU, UNDP, and the World Bank to develop a Disaster Recovery Framework Guide (DRF Guide). The DRF Guide supports governments in planning, prioritizing, financing, and implementing recovery programs to ensure resilience. Focused on medium to longer-term recovery efforts, a disaster recovery framework is designed to help policymakers, financial managers, and others accomplish the full range of recommendations from post-disaster assessments.

Based on good practices compiled from the disaster recovery experiences of nine countries, it is now being utilized by governments globally as a tool to inform efficient and effective recovery.

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AREAS OF SUPPORT:

Recovery framework development is a government-led exercise. Through the use of the DRF Guide, GFDRR is providing technical and financial support to the disaster-affected countries in four key areas of recovery planning: (i) policy & strategy setting; (ii) institutional arrangements; (iii) financing mechanisms and (iv) implementation arrangements. Demand-based trainings are also catering to the needs of disaster-affected regions and countries. In addition, governments can work to strengthen recovery systems and put in place a recovery framework before a disaster strikes. This would enable specific roles to be clarified prior to a disaster, including the roles and responsibilities of all potential stakeholders in recovery and the definitions of coordination mechanisms.

Finally, governments need to explore practical ways to set aside funds for recovery to reduce budget shocks from natural disasters. Disaster risk finance strategies and tools, such as contingent credit lines and catastrophe bonds, can assist.