In 2011, the world experienced the highest number of disasters ever recorded, continuing a trend that has seen economic losses triple over the past 30 years. In that same year, the World Reconstruction Conference held in Geneva in May 2011 recommended the development of internationally-applicable and practice-based guidance on recovery. The goal of this guidance would be to assist senior policy makers and practitioners in designing and implementing more efficient and effective post-disaster recovery programs.

After a disaster, the reconstruction process is an important opportunity to promote resilience against future disasters. The World Bank’s Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) is working with United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the European Union (EU) to develop a Disaster Recovery Framework (DRF) Guide that will help governments and partners design resilient recovery plans.

Natural disasters often create the need for large, multi-faceted recovery and reconstruction programs. Many governments lack the knowledge or capacity to design, plan, and manage such complex programs. Unprepared institutions and ineffective policies make coordination difficult and hamper the recovery process.

The Disaster Recovery Framework and the DRF Guide complement the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)—a government-led exercise that brings stakeholders together after a disaster to present damages and losses in a single consolidated assessment report. The DRF Guide will add value to the PDNA process by using its outputs to help governments develop comprehensive, integrated, multi-sectoral recovery plans and define management strategies. Over time, the DRF is intended help improve government readiness for disaster recovery.

Key Elements of Good Recovery

- Institutional and Implementation arrangements for Recovery
- Sequencing and Criteria-based Prioritization of Recovery Needs
- Public-Private-Civil Society Synchronization and Collaboration
- Projectization of Recovery Needs and Capacity Building
- Recovery Financing, Aid Harmonization & Tracking
- National Recovery Vision Setting and Strategy Development
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Recovery Programs

Recovery Framework is the bridge between disasters and disaster risk reduction

Recovery Framework translates Post-Disaster Needs Assessments (PDNAs) into resilient recovery

Recovery Framework helps make recovery sustainable

Recovery is about rebuilding lives and livelihoods

Recovery is a development imperative

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The DRF Guide will provide guidance to help governments build back better, by designing and implementing disaster recovery programs that reduce vulnerability, capitalize on the strengths of various stakeholders, and incorporate strategic interventions such as building code enforcement, disaster-resistant housing, and climate change adaptation. By following the Guide, disaster recovery will be seen not as a short-term, remedial response, but an opportunity to build resilience and contribute to long-term development.

The DRF Guide addresses key elements such as:
• Institutional framework for recovery
• Policy making and planning for recovery programs
• Costing and financing recovery programs
• Managing recovery and monitoring the delivery of results

The Guide will promote:
• Strengthened coordination on PDNAs and recovery planning between governments, UN, World Bank, EU, civil society, private sector and other development partners.
• Increased financial capacity to manage and respond to disasters.
• Enhanced national and international recovery preparedness and institutionalization.
• Greater continuity between preparedness, recovery and prevention.

RESPONDING TO DEMANDS FOR IMPROVED RECOVERY

The Disaster Recovery Framework Guide is being developed with input from:
• An International Advisory Group (IAG), composed of senior international experts with first-hand recovery management experience, who will contribute to and oversee development of the Guide.
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IMPORTANCE OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The stakeholder engagement process for the DRF is aimed at identifying and encouraging government officials, civil society organizations, and private sector entities familiar with large-scale recovery efforts, to collaborate in the development and dissemination of the DRF Guide. Stakeholders with relevant expertise in recovery should contact GFDRR to discuss their interests and potential contributions at recoveryframework@gmail.com.

The DRF Guide is scheduled to be launched at the Second World Reconstruction Conference in 2014.

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International Support for Recovery Framework

The Recovery Framework concept received general endorsement from the GFDRR Consultative Group meeting in May, 2012.

At the International Recovery Forum in Kobe, Japan in January 2013 and at the World Bank Sustainable Development Forum in February 2013 it received additional support.

At the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in May 2013, it was further endorsed by a wide range of stakeholders and partners.