

POST DISASTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Recent Experiences of applying PDNA in post-disaster situations

**Global Platform
June 17, 2009
Geneva**

**Doekle Wielinga
Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery
The World Bank Group, Washington DC**

About this Presentation

It outlines the experiences, lessons learned and recommendations of applying PDNA in 2008 and 2009

Contents:

- From Joint Damage, Loss and Needs Assessment to PDNA
- The mobilization of the PDNA
- Maximizing partnership when applying PDNA
- Assessment and analysis
- Ensuring resilient recovery
- PDNA as element of the recovery and reconstruction process

From Joint Damage, Loss and Needs Assessment to PDNA

Joint, Damage, Loss and Needs Assessment:

- **Bangladesh, January 2008**
- **Bolivia, April 2008**
- **Madagascar, April 2008**
- **Myanmar, (Post Nargis Joint Assessment), June 2008**
- **Yemen, December 2008**

[GFDRR Website](#)

PDNA:

- **Haiti, October 2008**
- **Namibia, June 2009**

The Mobilization of the PDNA

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

Quick Reaction Team

Maximizing Partnership

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 to facilitate the PDNA**
- **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**

Assessment and Analysis

Common elements that ensure quality output:

- **Training of Government and agency staff in the methodology**
- **The methodology that constitutes the PDNA**
- **Sector team composition that includes government staff and agency expert(s)**
- **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 PDNA 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**

Recommendations

Common elements that ensure successful application of PDNA:

- Count with a dedicated PDNA manager appointed by the Government
- Ensure Standby financing to be able to mobilize a PDNA timely
- International agencies adopt a cooperation protocol
- 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

GFDRR

GLOBAL FACILITY FOR DISASTER
REDUCTION AND RECOVERY

Reducing Vulnerability to Natural Hazards

A Partnership of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, OFDA/USAID, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, UNISDR and The World Bank

Thank you for your Attention