

SUSTAINABLE RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Strategic shifts and actions

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MAINSTREAM RITUALS



- Disaster Preparedness
- Emergency relief
- Restoration of basic services and infrastructure
- Damage assessment
- Immediate relief package
- Shelter recovery
- Livelihoods restoration
- Reconstruction
- Long term rehabilitation linked to development

TSUNAMI RETHINK



Multi-laterals and Governments are now challenged to rethink

- Are we leaving people better or worse off ?
- Does infrastructure investment meet efficiency criterion?
- Are mechanisms established accountable to communities?
- Are information networks adequate for disaster preparedness
- Was information flow & participation inclusive ?
- Is there synergy between govt civil society, private and community sectors?

WHO BENEFITS AT WHAT COST ?



- High way charity replaces organized relief
- Damage assessment without LOSS assessment
- Entitlement criteria creates new neglected groups (gender/class/caste)
- “Temporary” shelter without services
- Sub-standard housing by private contractors
- Poor water quality and lack of adequate sanitation
- Disconnect to livelihoods
- No planned alternatives for youth

TURNING THE TIDE



- Community level conflicts are prevented
- Local level corruption is reduced
- Access to credit and enterprise resources increase
- Information is generated and collaborative relationships with Government and others are sustained
- Infrastructure and basic services delivery is monitored and maintained in long term
- Speedy restoration of education, health, food security
- Disaster resistant construction and awareness of safe construction increases

NEED OF THE HOUR



Consensus needed that Shifts to gender equitable policy and programmes to strengthen women's participation bring better results Examples :

- Perspective :as risk bearers and safety net esp for poor participation
- Policy Initiatives: for scaling up SHGs as community planners
- Structured Dialogues between community based groups, civil society and Government
- Pilot Projects: community-public private partnerships
- Results based participation : by donors, govt, pvt and NGOs
- Code of Conduct for Government, donors and NGOs
- Investment in building capacities of women in SHGs & elected members