

Disaster Recovery and Resilience

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Why IRDR?

- Recovery and resilience : amorphous and rapidly growing areas of study – IRDR could offer strategic global leadership.
- Practitioner desire to integrate resilience into post-disaster actions.

Object of interest

- What is resilience? From an IRDR perspective (may be multiple).
- How do recovery projects and behaviours (or lack thereof) from individual to international shape the building of resilience ?
 - Are these efforts defensive (protect existing structures) or potentially transformatory (questioning dominant values, practices and tools).
 - Trade-offs over scale, time, place and sector (deliberate and otherwise).
- What are the synergies and trade-offs between resilience and development?
 - What view does an IRDR perspective bring to this?

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Community/Audience

- Strong and rising academic interest in resilience, transformation and development – IRDR as a lead catalyst for original academic work.
- Donor and practitioner interest in (1) recovery processes and (2) resilience.
- Critical concerns for post-2015 agendas

Additionality

- Focus on (1) recovery and (2) resilience

Fit

- DATA: metrics and data-management for resilience (and other desirable attributes of reconstruction).
- RIA: decision-making and values at the heart of recovery and determining the defensive-transformatory nature of resilience.
- FORIN: A mirror? Could present as an extension to FORIN?
- AIRDR: generate new knowledge, synthesise existing knowledge on an IRDR approach to resilience – and application in recovery. Pure science to co-production.

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Potential Activity

- +10 studies, one off
- Longitudinal work through local partners
- Synthesis /leadership work on theory and practice

Possible structures

- Reject – already covered.
- Resilience and recovery to be integrated internally across existing projects
- A 'RandR champion' takes responsibility and liaises with other projects.
- A stand alone project with strong links to existing projects.