

Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Change

Communities' Perspectives



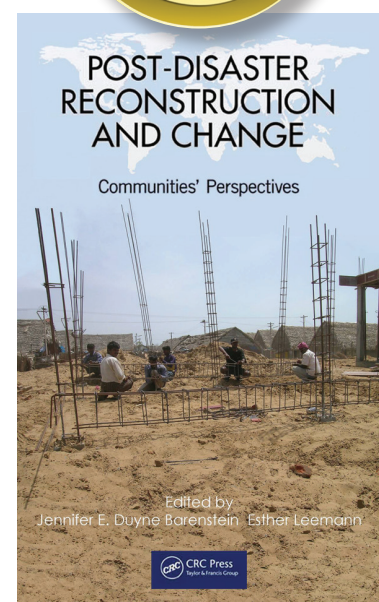
This book outlines the complex changes that result from post-disaster reconstruction and their impacts on local communities—highlighting communities' roles in the reconstruction processes. It shows how communities deal with and respond to various external interventions and also explains how to choose between different post-disaster reconstruction strategies for greater community resiliency and disaster risk reduction. Focusing on housing reconstruction and restoration of livelihoods, the authors demonstrate that changes in settlement location and morphology as well as housing materials and design entail multiple consequences for the inhabitants of reconstructed settlements.

Features

- Presents numerous ethnographic case studies focusing on the social impact of post-disaster reconstruction after hurricane Mitch in Nicaragua; the 2001 earthquake in Gujarat, India; the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and southern India; and the floods of 2003 in Santa Fe, Argentina
- Provides an understanding of how reconstruction efforts affect communities' long-term coping capacity and preparedness to face future events
- Highlights the communities' active roles to self-advocate and work with the various governments and public and private agencies in the reconstruction process

Contents

- Managing Recovery and Reconstruction: Approaches and Processes
- Socio-cultural Dimensions of Housing Reconstruction
- Resettlement, Reconstruction, and Restoration of Livelihoods



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