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REPORT ON INDIVIDUAL EVENT

Date of event: Your name:

Event type (tick the box):

- Pre-session
- High-level panel
- Round Table
- Informal Plenary
- Special Event
- Other

Event name (write the name below):

SE8 World Bank Partners' Consultation on the Draft Global Handbook

Number of participants -

(Please count or estimate this, as not all will be recorded in the list.)

Total: about 25

(including 3 panelists)

1) Key questions or issues raised, main challenges or constraints identified (say, max 5):

Panel: Mr. Abhas K. Jha, Regional Disaster Risk Management Coordinator, East Asia and the Pacific,
 The World Bank (Chair)
 Mr. Graham Saunders, Head, Shelter Department, IFRC
 Mr. Kamal Kishore, Senior Programme Advisor, Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery Team, BCPR, UNDP

Objectives:

- Discuss lessons learnt from recent major housing reconstruction programs:
- Make the audience aware of the Housing and Community Reconstruction Handbook project and solicit feedback.

Main issues raised:

WB explained the Handbook for Post-Disaster Housing and Community Reconstruction (joint initiative of WB GFDRR, UNDP, IFRC, EMI, RICS, Shelter Centre and ISDR) highlighting the following.

- Damage loss assessment should be done effectively
- Put reconstruction policy into place very early
- Reconstruction means rebuilding community
- Owner-driven reconstruction is important
- Right authority can handle right aspect. Effective relationship between different authorities, agency coordination and donor coordination is important.
- Effective monitoring and assessment is a key.
- Avoid resettlement if possible
- Use reconstruction to mainstream disaster management
- Effective training is needed
- Civil society and private sector should work with the government

2) Principal proposed solutions, messages or recommendations:

If possible, record who offered these.

IFRC emphasized importance of connecting immediate humanitarian assistance after disasters with longer term reconstruction efforts that takes for several years.

UNDP raised the five important points for reconstruction of housing namely,

- 'Community based system' to raise key issues are necessary for reconstruction (entitlement, etc)
- Enabling environment is important
- Reconstruction of housing can be used for creating opportunities for new livelihood
- Better to monitor "doing it differently" by paying attention to most vulnerable household during the reconstruction process
- Transition phase and longer time housing should be connected

Participants suggested other important components related to reconstruction process including risk transfer (i.e. reinsurance), using the reconstruction opportunities by granting land rights to disadvantaged groups (i.e. female household). Some lessons from Pakistan, India, China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka etc were also shared.

3) Conclusions by the Chair of the event:

Participants agreed on the utility and importance of the initiative. Important aspects to be considered in the finalization of the Handbook would be to integrate seamlessly the relief and recovery process into the reconstruction process, recognizing that decisions taken in the immediate aftermath of a disaster set the stage for the reconstruction phase. In this regard effective partnerships between all stakeholders including government, international development partners, civil society and the private sector would be a key factor.

4) Your additional thoughts on the event:

(E.g. on tone and success of event, unresolved issues, commitments made by participants, etc.)