

Introduction

The International Seminar on Post Disaster Recovery, in support of the International Recovery Platform (IRP), was held at the JICA Hyogo International Centre in Kobe and the Hyogo House, in Kobe, Japan on 11-13 May 2005. The Seminar was organized by Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), Cabinet Office of Japan, Hyogo Prefectural Government, International Labour Organization (ILO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN/OCHA) and The World Bank (WB)¹. The Seminar was attended by representatives of UN and international organizations, donors, disaster prone programme countries, International Financial Institutions (IFIs) as well as NGOs and academia. Participants from Italy, India, Turkey, and the Philippines joined the Seminar through video-conferencing using facilities of WB and JICA.

Dates: 11-13 May 2005

Venue: Kobe-Hyogo, Japan

Organizers: ADRC, Cabinet Office of Japan, Hyogo Prefectural Government, ILO, JICA, UNDP, UN/ISDR, UN/OCHA and WB

Participants: Representatives of national governments implementing post disaster recovery programmes, donor countries, UN agencies, international organizations, civil society, NGOs engaged in recovery programmes and media.

Objectives:

- (1) To present the current situation of recovery operations in countries affected by natural disasters and highlight the activities on recovery contributing to sustainable economic and social development;
- (2) To identify gaps and challenges in promoting efficient and effective recovery through incorporation of risk reduction;
- (3) To review the current recovery operations of the Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami.

Working languages: English and Japanese

¹ Alphabetical order