

— Earthquake Recovery Approach

Working with partner using the Learning from tsunami experience

- Advocacy on Build Back Better
- Knowledge generation - documentation and awareness to support the process (radio programmes & bulletins)
- Technical support – training programmes on technical and community involvement

— After landslides in Sri Lanka

Using the project learning to advocate community-led infrastructure

– e.g. of local government including these best practices on action plans & policies



— Holistic approach

- building community capital
- Infrastructure
- social organization
- livelihood linkages
- market opportunities
- building links with local authorities

— Lessons Learnt

A **purely community-based** approach without adequate focus on governance and capacity of local authorities and institutions is **not sustainable**

- A convergence between the bottom-up and top-down where community participation - a more practical model
- Governments (state, district and local) are responsible for development decisions, disaster policies and exercise control over natural resources (forest, coastline, water bodies). Community control over these factors is limited.
- Tsunami opened the doors to a number of platforms and mechanisms where GO/ NGO/ community could interact but the long-term sustainability of these is still in question (VDC)

— Beyond Lessons...

- Working in selected locations in Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan to promote integrated, disaster resilient development planning by bringing together community, local government and other development stakeholders
- Merging disaster management plans and livelihood plans to a single village development plan managed by village committees that includes local government/ representatives of central government agencies etc.

— Beyond Lessons...

- Curriculum, training manual and capacity building programmes for local government officials on decentralised disaster management