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Workers build houses at a resettlement place in Hanzhong northwest China's Shaanxi Province, Oct. 17, 2008.

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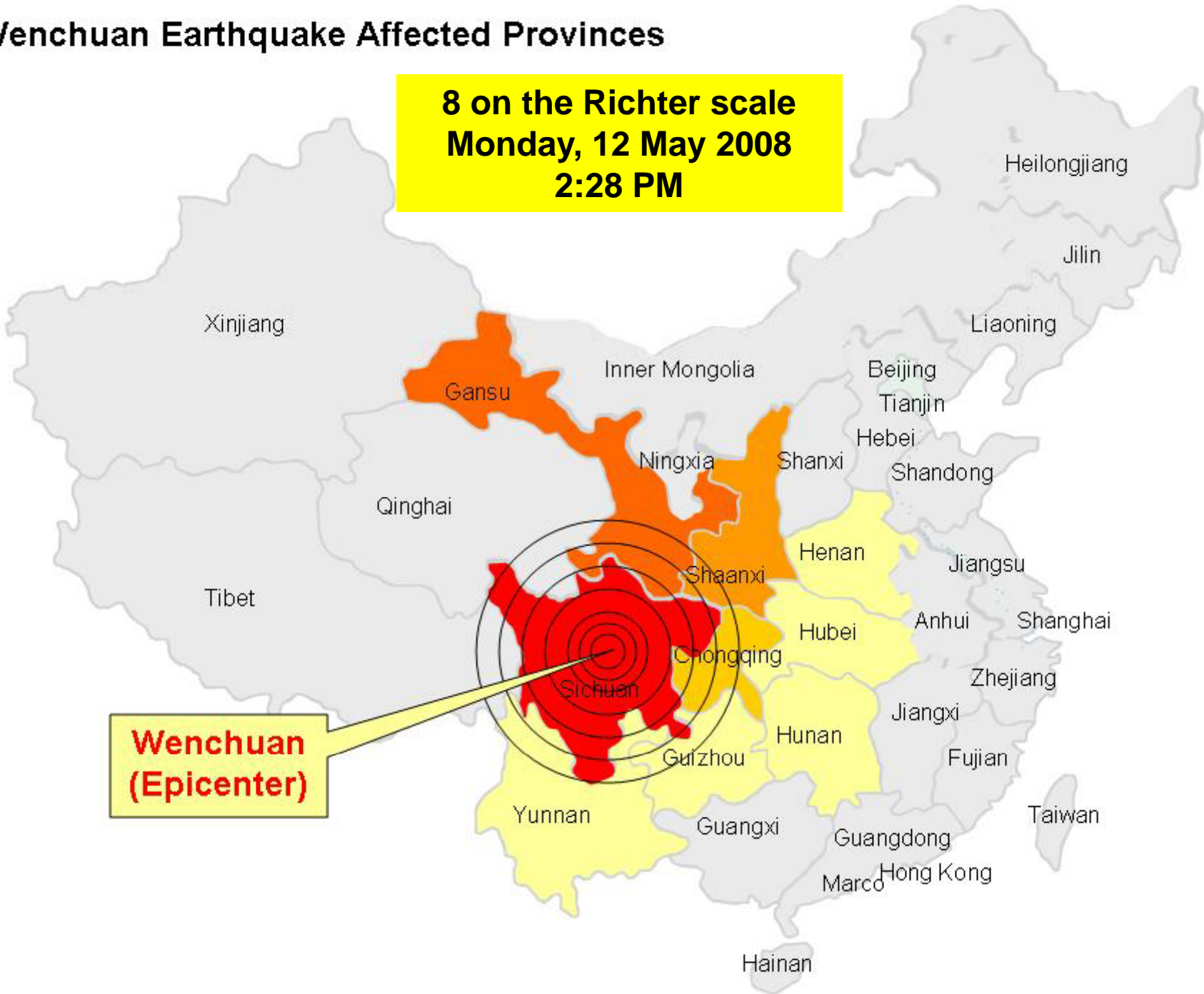
**International Recovery Forum
Kobe, Japan**

26 January 2009

**Presentation by
Constance Thomas (Director, ILO China)
on behalf of
UN China Country Team**

Wenchuan Earthquake Affected Provinces

**8 on the Richter scale
Monday, 12 May 2008
2:28 PM**





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IMPACT

- Deceased: 69,000
 - Missing: 18,000
 - Injured: 370,000
 - Affected: 46 million
 - Displaced: 15 million
 - Homeless: 5 million
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- Estimated loss: \$123 billion in losses in Sichuan, Gansu and Shaanxi provinces.





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IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS

- Hazardous chemical leaks
- Quake Lakes



*Aerial view of Tangjiashan quake lake near Beichuan County.
May 26, 2008 (Xinhua/Zhu Wei)*



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UN CHINA HOSTED WORKSHOPS

- 8-10 July Workshop on post-earthquake environmental restoration
- 14-15 July Workshop on Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Experiences



Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Experiences Workshop, Beijing, 14 July 2008



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UN Appeal for Wenchuan Earthquake Early Recovery

Purpose:

- bridge the relief and reconstruction phases.
- leverage international best practices and technical expertise.
- focus on early recovery by providing people with resources to rebuild their lives in 9 key sectors



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Environmental elements of the UN China Appeal

- Debris disposal**
- Green reconstruction**
- Restoring sustainable livelihoods**
- Water and Sanitation**
- Restoring ecosystems and habitat**



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VISION FOR FUTURE:

Bolder steps in reconstruction to transform Wenchuan earthquake-affected areas into a model of green low-carbon economy



Students set up Shigeru Ban Research centre temporary paper tube housing structures



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THANK YOU!