



# Wrap Up of Day 1

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# Key Points

**Gaps & Needs in Recovery Processes**

**Challenges & Lessons in Recovery Operations**

**Dissemination & Application of Lessons**

# Gaps in:

- **Communicating** the strategic issues linked to addressing the environmental dimensions of disaster reduction
- **Resources** for designing and implementing environmentally sound solutions to reducing the impact of disasters
- **Mechanisms for adaptation** to climate change and to respond to that change

# Identified Needs

- Need to develop methodologies and tools to assess environmental impacts of disasters
- Need to improve recovery planning by taking into account environmental restoration
- Need to create a stable recovery funding (e.g. International Disaster Recovery Fund)

# Reported Challenges

- **Difficulties in assessing environmental impacts (e.g. Maldives & Kazakhstan)**
- **Issues in planning and coordination (e.g. Ecuador & China)**
- **Insufficient funding to forward recovery operations (e.g. Myanmar & Haiti)**



# Challenges linked to Environment

- **Heavy pressure on timber cutting for reconstruction**
- **Unsustainable harvesting of medicinal plants**
- **Massive fuel wood cutting**
- **Uncontrolled grazing**

# Some Lessons

- **Slope stabilization measures through fast growing species**
- **Environmental impact assessments for urban housing**
- **Indigenous designing and planning in harmony with local environment**

# Some Lessons (cont)

- **Sensitization of local community for environment-friendly practices**
- **Participatory approaches in disaster reduction, involving the community, private sectors, NGOs, and line agencies**
- **Promotion of alternate fuel and construction materials to save the forests**



# Strategic Framework of IRP



## Mission and Goal

Identify  
gaps and constraints

Serve as an international  
source of knowledge

Promote  
“**Build Back Better**”  
Approach

## Thematic Areas of Work

Advocacy , Networking  
and Partnership

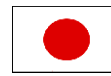
Knowledge Management

Capacity Building

Effective  
Recovery Operations



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies





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