

## Early Recovery Checklist based on an ENA

- Is there evidence that environmental degradation may have contributed to the underlying cause(s) of the disaster?
- What are the main environmental impacts and risks caused by the crisis?
- What is the scale of the impact, e.g. the physical area, number of displaced people, economic losses, etc?
- Can any secondary risks be identified at this time, e.g. aftershock, additional land slippage, etc?
- Are there additional or potential environment-related impacts associated with current or planned relief operations?
- Is the region's environment more vulnerable as a result of this disaster?
- Are there potential environmental pressures once a shift towards recovery begins?
- Identify any negative response-related activities or coping mechanisms resulting from the emergency that can impact the environment or create new environmental risks.
- Identify possible gender differences in impacts and risks, including negative coping mechanisms.
- Have institutional capacities been assessed at the national and local levels to mitigate environmental risks and manage environmental recovery?
- Generate strategic, disaggregated baseline data that could eventually feed into a monitoring and valuation system to track implementation of environmental recovery interventions.
- Identify the spontaneous initiatives that can be strengthened to provide or help rebuild livelihoods and sustain human security (especially those that depend on the environment and natural resources).



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- Identify opportunities to re-orient livelihoods along sustainable pathways, using environmentally sound construction practices, introducing alternative energy options, identifying ecosystem restoration requirements; and mainstreaming disaster risk reduction.
- Provide an understanding of the specific vulnerabilities of women and other groups, and identify their capacities and needs to engage in the environmental recovery process.
- Provide a forward looking plan that aims to “Build Back Better” by integrating environmental needs within early recovery programming and across the relevant relief and recovery clusters.