



## Fiji Floods: Early Recovery Experiences and Lessons Learned

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## Early Recovery Activities

1. Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (Nadi and Ba) with SOPAC and Fiji Red Cross
2. Disaster Risk Management: Support to Ministry of Primary Industries – Department of Agriculture, on DRR
3. *Early Recovery Framework*
  - Budget of \$100,000 (from BCPR)

## Lessons Learned (1)

### Socio-Economic Assessment:

- Method: socio-economic assessment was a comprehensive and detailed process
- Timing: designed more for advocacy purposes for future programming rather than for Early Recovery

### Agriculture:

- Focus on building capacity for preparedness and response
- Scope could have been broader to include livelihoods of farming community

## Lessons Learned (2)

### ER Framework:

- 'Report' Fatigue and lack of understanding of ER and ER Framework
- Consolidated Report: formed similar functions
- Could have benefitted from formal adoption of Early Recovery phase and Cluster for ER
- Livelihoods: missing link

## Way Forward

- **Timing:** Relief AND Early Recovery
- **Benefits of ERF:** more dialogue and awareness raising with Government / Partners on ER
- **ER Assessment:** guidance / templates for ER needs assessment; timing
- **ER Mainstreaming** across clusters
- **UNDP's role:** enhancing our own capacity
- Recent Tsunami was an opportunity to move forward on some of these lessons learned



Thank you

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