



Strategies for self-recovery

Reflecting on findings and moving forward



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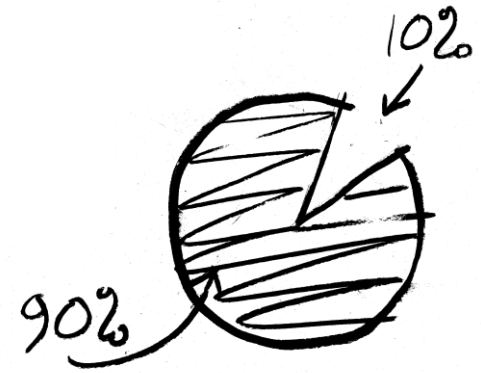
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(Self-) Recovery



The Build Back Safer (BBS) principles are founded on the idea that **“Governments, donors and aid agencies must recognize that families and communities drive their own recovery”** (Build Back Better principles, 2005)



Research Questions:

How do individual households and communities recover from disasters?

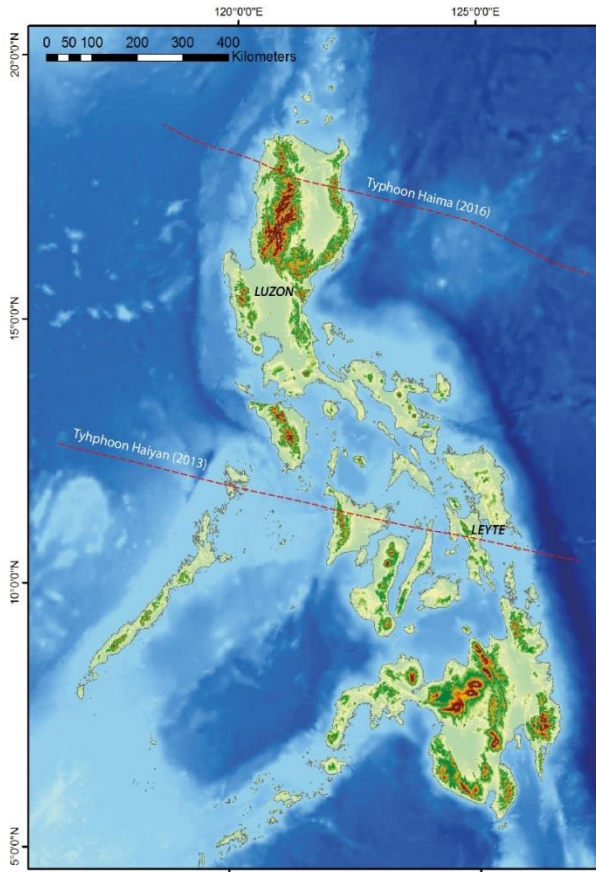
What constitutes recovery for individuals and communities affected by disasters?

What are the strategies adopted by households and communities to self-recover from disasters?

How do various actors support (or hinder) the self-recovery process?

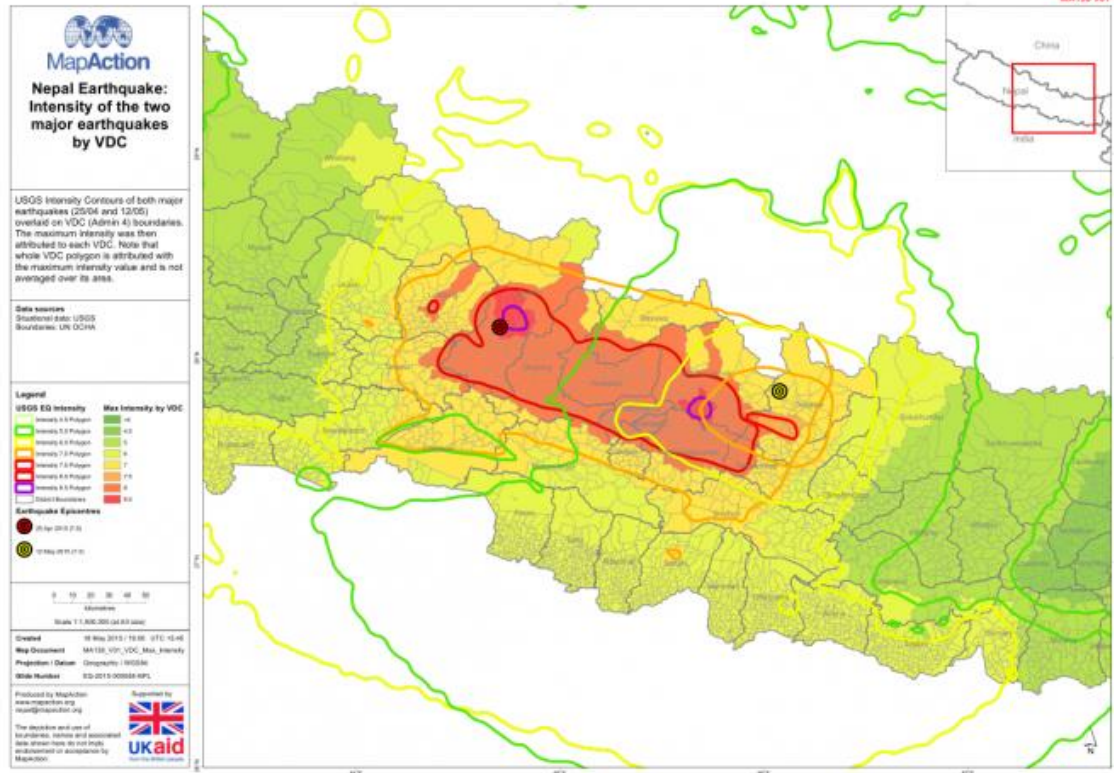
What are the specific interventions (or conditions) that may support (or hinder) safer self-recovery?

Research locations



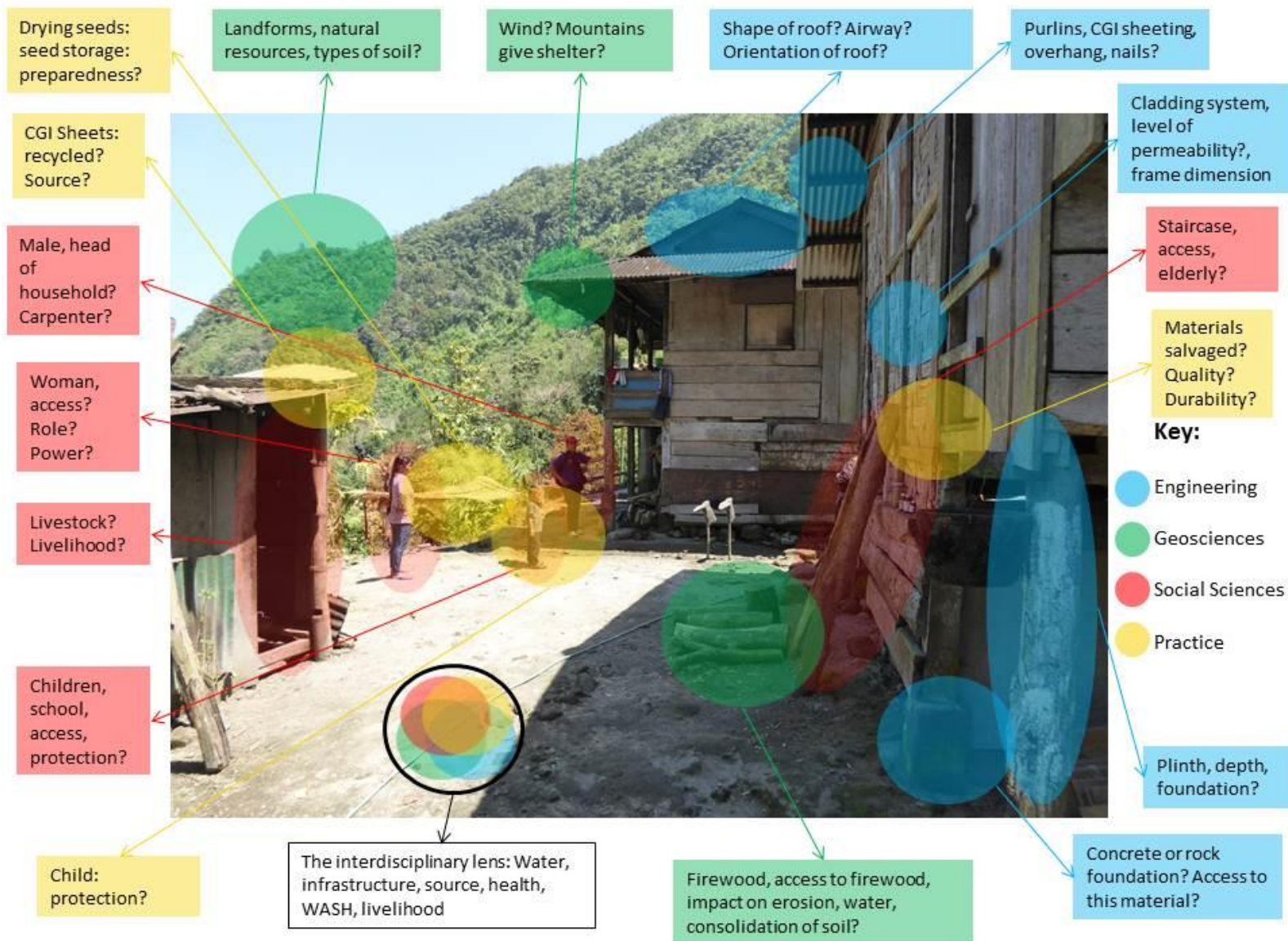
Philippines

Tracks of typhoons Haiyan (2013) and Haima (2016) across Leyte and Luzon (A. Finlayson)



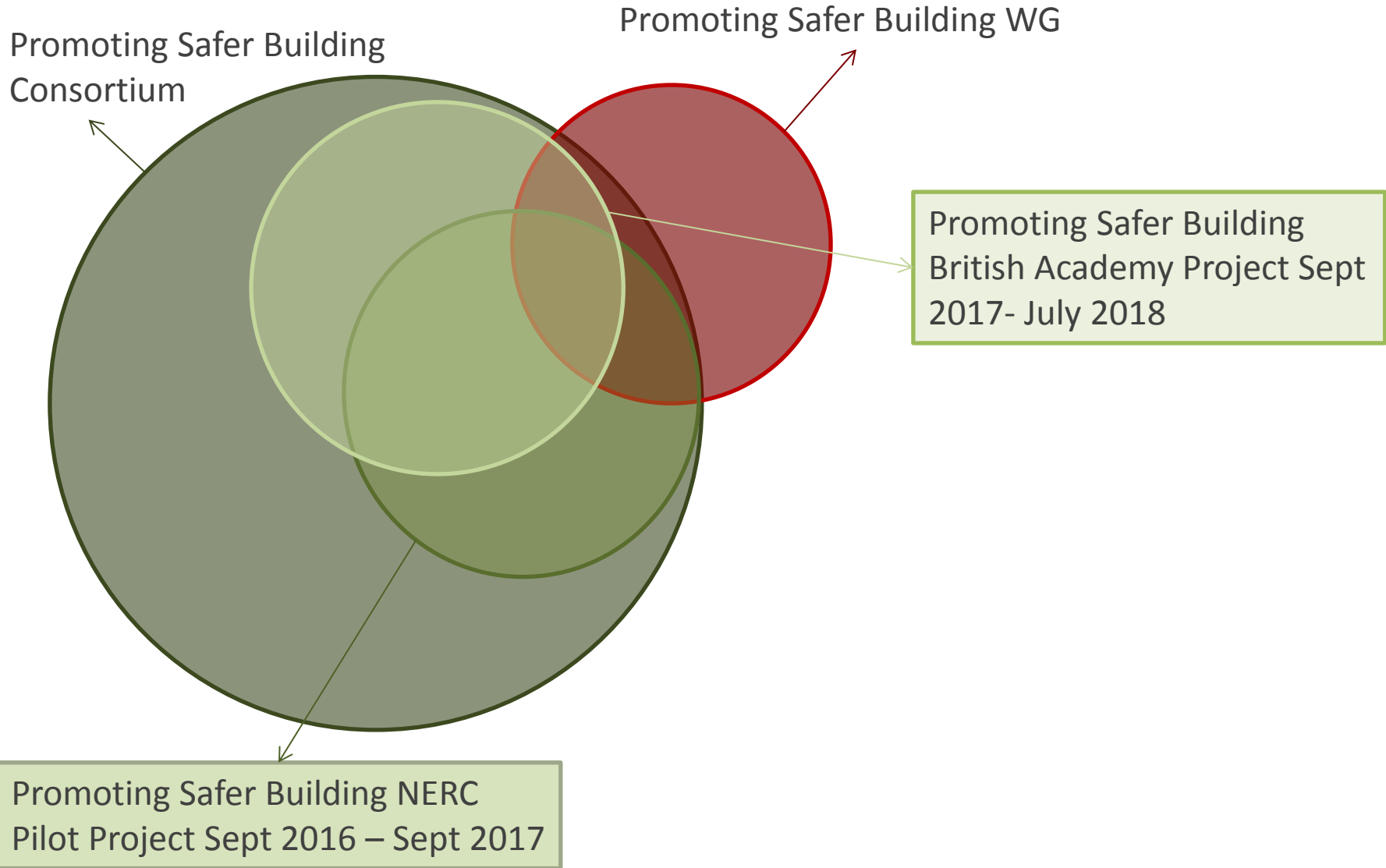
Nepal

People in Dhadhing District experience some of the strongest shaking in 2015.



Source: Twigg et al., in preparation

Locating the Promoting Safer Building project





Implications for practice:

- Whose recovery is it? Ownership, choice and empowerment
- Context, needs and pathways
- Defining 'better' better: What is a 'good house'?
- Learning from one another: Knowledge building and exchange

Going Forward...

Emerging themes in self-recovery:

Whose recovery? Stakeholders

Social organisation

Shelter

Livelihoods

Land Tenure

Infrastructures, planning and scale: the built and natural environment

Safer Self-Recovery

Promoting resilient urban reconstruction after disasters

Research interests:

Existing and emerging 'urban' tools of post-disaster context analysis

Self-recovery strategies in urban environments

Knowledge exchange mechanisms in urban environments

How can urban humanitarian practice support self-recovery and safer reconstruction after disasters in urban environments?

Thank you for your feedback!

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