Strategies for self-recovery
Reflecting on findings and moving forward
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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?

Padang earthquake, West Sumatra 2009
People in Dhadhing District experience some of the strongest shaking in 2015.

Philippines

Tracks of typhoons Haiyan (2013) and Haima (2016) across Leyte and Luzon (A. Finlayson)
Source: Twigg et al., in preparation
Locating the Promoting Safer Building project

Promoting Safer Building Consortium

Promoting Safer Building WG

Promoting Safer Building NERC
Pilot Project Sept 2016 – Sept 2017

Promoting Safer Building British Academy Project Sept 2017- July 2018
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

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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?

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