

As described in the Terms of Reference, the IRP Kobe functions as the IRP secretariat and is responsible for convening IRP steering committee meetings and disseminating information on IRP activities and outcomes.

* IRP members: Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), Hyogo Prefectural Government, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Labour Organization (ILO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Cabinet Office of Japan, Swiss Agency for Development and Coordination (SDC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), United Nations Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN/OCHA), the World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), and Asian Development Bank (ADB).

6-3. IRP Activities in FY 2011

6-3-1. International Recovery Forum 2012

The International Recovery Forum 2012 – Regional Cooperation for Resilient Recovery- was held in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan on 20 January 2012. The forum aimed to explore mechanisms for regional cooperation in promoting resilient recovery, present experiences and lessons from recent recovery operations, discuss lessons on regional cooperation initiatives in the context of post-disaster recovery, and showcase new IRP tools for resilient recovery. 141 participants from 16 countries and 13 international organizations comprised of national and local officials, experts on disaster reduction and recovery, and representatives of various stakeholders, attended the forum.

Following the keynote speech on regional perspective in DRR and recovery by Ms. Marta Ruedas, Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director of Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP, Mr. Jin Sato, Mayor of Minami Sanriku Town, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan, reported the recovery initiatives from the Great East Japan Earthquake (GEJE), and Mr. Akinori Sugimoto, Chief Executive Officer of Emergency Management, Hyogo Prefectural



Fig. 6-3-1 International Recovery Forum 2012

Government made a presentation on the regional cooperation for the GEJE. There were also reports on the experiences and lessons on recovery and preparedness for regional cooperation from ASEAN, SOPAC, SAARC, CDEMA. A panel discussion on ex-ante regional cooperation for recovery was coordinated by Mr. Thomas Hockley, Head, Regional Programme Support Section, UNISDR, on the basis of the results of the group discussion at the workshop held as a pre-event of the forum on 19 January 2012.

6-3-2. Participation in the Third Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

The Third Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) organized by UNISDR was held from 8 to 13 May 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland to discuss topics around the theme "Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow: Increased Investment in Local Action." The Global Platform also included the first World Reconstruction Conference (WRC), hosted by the World Bank.

IRP set up its own booth at the DRR Market Place to showcase knowledge products and services for resilient recovery. Several posters were displayed to communicate key messages for "Build Back Better". The Guidance Notes on Recovery and the Capacity Building Module on Resilient Recovery drew a lot of attention from participants. Moreover, IRP in cooperation with ADRC, made a presentation entitled "The Great East Japan Earthquake: Rethinking the Investment for Safer Tomorrow" at the Ignite Stage. Additionally, IRP/ADRC made presentations in some sessions at the Global Platform.



Fig. 6-3-2-1 IRP Booth at the DRR Market Place



Fig. 6-3-2-2 IRP Presentation at the DRR-CCA session

6-3-3. Consultation and Review on Aceh Post-Tsunami Recovery

IRP/ ADRC team visited Indonesia in 22-25 February 2011 to strengthen partnerships in recovery, including consultation and review of Aceh Post-Tsunami Recovery both at Banda, Aceh with TDMRC and Jakarta with BRR Institute.

The recovery status report on Aceh Tsunami focuses on the learning's along sectors of livelihoods, shelter, infrastructure, and governance. Challenges and lessons were highlighted to inform other governments and relevant stakeholders of unique experience and initiatives. The IRP/ADRC team provided comments, and took advantage of the presence of key actors on Aceh Recovery by providing brief orientation on Disaster Recovery Planning as well as presentation of IRP/ADRC knowledge products and services.

In Jakarta, IRP/ADRC team participated in the BRR Institute Workshop "Governance of Recovery: Lessons from Housing, Settlement and Infrastructure". IRP/ADRC introduced the platform and the lessons from recovery focusing on identified themes. The event attracted high level participation, including vice ministerial levels and heads of development organizations in

Indonesia totaling to about 40 delegates. Some were from central government bodies, local governments, universities and research centers. IRP/ADRC publications were circulated and some displayed at the workshop. IRP /ADRC symbolically provided one set of guidance notes on recovery to BRR Institute to promote partnership. Some copies of guidance notes were also given to ministries and representatives of local governments. Among the key outcomes that relate to



Fig. 6-3-3 Consultation and review on Aceh post-tsunami recovery

IRP/ADRC were: (i) potential transfer of IRP training module to BRR Institute, including training of trainers; (ii) closer partnership in the knowledge management function of recovery; and (iii) membership of Government of Indonesia in the IRP Steering Committee.

The IRP/ADRC team also visited AHA Centre facility, President's Delivery Unit Office for Development Monitoring and Oversight, BNPB, and Australia-Indonesia Facility for Disaster Reduction (AIFDR) to strengthen partnerships in recovery.

6-3-4. Discussions on Recovery Planning

Over thirty nine government officials and representatives from civil society organizations, who are engaged in long-term recovery, participated in the discussions on recovery planning organized by the Government of Pakistan, UNISDR, and UNDP with IRP contributing the key resource persons. The three-day event was held at Hotel Best Western, Islamabad, Pakistan from 28-30 November 2011.



Fig. 6-3-4 Discussions on Recovery Planning

The discussions facilitated the sharing of knowledge and experience on recovery planning with the intention to further enhance capacities and enrich the recovery planning process before and after large scale disaster. Additionally, the discussions were organized to provide an avenue for participants to discuss different recovery issues and reflect on wide array of options and examples from global experiences. Towards the end of the event, recommendations drawn from the group discussions were fine-tuned through comments from other participants and experts from IRP member organizations.

As way forward, NDMA Pakistan, UNDP, and UNISDR are exploring the best way to forward this type of learning event down to the district and village levels. NDMA, in partnership with other development organizations, can serve as focal for dissemination of training on recovery planning at national and local governments as well as other relevant organizations. IRP welcomes opportunity to assist NDMA in this endeavor.