Fundamentals of Disaster Risk Finance

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Master the Disaster Game and the fundamental principles of DRF
Why Disaster Risk Finance?

**TO PROTECT LIVELIHOODS AND DEVELOPMENT**

**WHAT?**

Increasing the Financial Resilience of the governments, businesses, households, farmers, and the most vulnerable against natural disasters by implementing sustainable and cost-effective financial protection policies and operations.

**WHO?**

- Governments
- Businesses
- Farmers
- Households

**How?**

- Ensuring money reaches people who need it the most when they need it the most
- Planning on how to meet the cost of disasters before they happen
- Increasing the speed, predictability, and transparency of disaster response
- **X** Raising funds from International partners after a disaster
Disaster Risk Finance is one component of a comprehensive DRM framework

Pillar 1: Risk Identification
Improved Identification and understanding of disaster risks through building capacity for assessments and analysis

Pillar 2: Risk Reduction
Avoided creation of new risks and reduced risks in society through greater disaster risk consideration in policy and investment

Pillar 3: Preparedness
Improved capacity to manage crisis through developing forecasting and disaster management capacities

Pillar 4: Disaster Risk Finance
Increased Financial resilience of governments, private sector and households through financial protection strategies

Pillar 5: Resilient Recovery
Quicker, more resilient recovery through support for reconstruction planning

Complements, but does not replace, risk reduction and resilience
Effective risk financing and insurance programs

COORDINATED PLAN For post-disaster action agreed in advance

Fast, evidence-based DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

PRE-PLANNED FINANCING to ensure the plan can be implemented

- Ensures funds are available quickly when—and only when—they are required
- Binds partners to pre-agreed objectives, decision processes, and implementation and modalities
- Promotes greater discipline, transparency, and predictability in post-disaster spending
- Ensures rapid mobilization of funds, reducing humanitarian costs and potentially saving money

Source: Based on Dull Disasters (2016). Clarke and Dercon. OUP
Adoption of the 4 core principles helps ensure predictable and timely access to financial resources when needed

**Timeliness of Funding**
Speed matters but not all resources are needed at once

**Disbursement of Funds**
How money reaches beneficiaries is as important as where it comes from.

**Disaster Risk Layering**
No single financial instrument can address all risk

**Data & Analytics**
Sound financial decisions require the right financial information and data.

- Market Based Instruments
- Contingent Financing
- Budgetary Instruments
Risk layering: combining different instruments to balance risk retention and risk transfer for efficacy

SHOCK IMPACT

RISK PROFILE

SEVERITY

High/catastrophic

Moderate

Low

FREQUENCY

RISK LAYERING STRATEGY

FINANCING INSTRUMENT

Market-Based Instruments
Insurance. Derivatives. Cat Bonds

Contingent financing
Credit. Grants. Reserve Funds. Grain reserves

Budgetary instruments
Contingency Budget. Reallocation. Emergency Tax

Humanitarian Assistance (uncertain)
Disaster Risk Layering in Practice

Sovereign Risk Transfer
(Catastrophe bond 2019-2022)

Public asset Insurance
(National Indemnity Insurance Program; under preparation)

Insurance for households, farmers (Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation)
Parametric insurance program
25 LGUs, DepEd (2017-2019)

Philippines Catastrophe Insurance Facility
(reinsurance)

Contingent Financing
Such as from the World Bank (Cat DDO) and other development partners

Unprogrammed and Contingency Funds; Budget Reallocations

National / Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Funds
Quick Response Funds

Emergency Funding

Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

Asset Data and Risk Data
National Asset Registry System (NARS); GeoRiskPh; Philippines Cat Risk Model

Low Frequency/High Severity

High Frequency/Low Severity

Donor assistance
Core Principle 1

Timeliness of funding - Tradeoffs

Most programs that use parametric triggers for finance or action, e.g. Kenya’s Hunger Safety Net Programme, Caribbean, Pacific and African sovereign risk pools.
Core Principle 4

To Make Sound Financial Decisions you need to have the right information

DRFI ANALYTICS

- Loss Data (Historical Data/CAT Risk Model)
- Microeconomic Data
- Financial and other Data

Quantitative Analytics
- Financial Decision Making Tools
- Financial Impact Analysis
- Cost Benefit Analysis

Understanding Financial Impact of Disasters
- Make evidence based financial decisions
- Leverage private financial markets using quantitative outputs
- Monitor and evaluate DFRI strategies
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Thank You

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