### World Bank Group Report Launch: Financial Protection of Critical Infrastructure Services

### **IGNITE PRESENTATIONS**

Financial Instruments to Strengthen the Financial Resilience of Critical Infrastructure Services against Shocks

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# • ACTIONS: Role of Financial Instruments

- Governments, infrastructure owners and operators can incur significant costs to restore critical services and reinstate assets and this can have a **big impact on the balance sheet**
- Having a financial plan and appropriate financial instruments in place before a disaster strikes has three benefits:
  - Reduces the financial impact on the balance sheet smooths cost over time and increases financial efficiency so reducing overall costs
  - Ensures that finance is available quickly after a disaster, and so can help to reduce the economic impact of a disaster
  - Gives predictability enables better planning and preparedness



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	Low frequency/ High severity		
MARKET-BASED INSTRUMENTS		Parametric Insurance (risk pools) Catastrophe Bonds/Derivatives	
			Public assets Insurance
FINANCING		Contingent financing instruments e.g. contingent lines of credit (Cat DDO)	Post Crisis Financing e.g. emergency lending, MDB reconstruction financing
CONTINGENCY FUNDS		Contingency Funds or Reserves	
BUDGETARY INSTRUMENTS		Budgetary reallocations	
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Short-term liquidity			Long-term financing needs

# **LESSONS:** What's different about critical infrastructure services?



Quick, reliable liquidity is most critical for rapid recovery of services

Contingent credit or insurance

Disaster contingency budgets

Regular O&M Financing including allowance for regular repair from natural hazards

# Service Disruption Costs

#### X: disaster events

# LESSONS: What's different about critical infrastructure services?

- Quick, reliable liquidity is most critical. So-called parametric products can play an important role
- Embed within systems: finance has to be hard-linked to capacity to respond (e.g. examples from US and Japan)
- **O&M bedrock:** how do we design financial instruments that also support operations and maintenance?
- Role of the private sector: how to ensure good financial resilience throughout the whole infrastructure system?



# **NEXT STEPS**

- Fundamentals: building systems and capability
- Innovation in financial product design
- Investing in basic data, including asset level data and risk information

Mutual Assistance Fund with risk transfer to cover tailrisks

## SEADRIF

Hybrid Parametric and Indemnity Product for Public Assets

### **Cat Warranty**

Shockresponsive operations and maintenance funds

