

STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR CRISIS ASSESSMENT, RECOVERY PLANNING AND PEACEBUILDING (PDNA/RPBA IV)

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CONTEXT

Crises are becoming increasingly complex as fragility, conflict, violence, and climate related disasters affect about two billion people worldwide, driving poverty, food insecurity, and inequality and undermining progress toward the SDGs. Economic losses from disasters are rising, especially where conflict and climate shocks overlap, yet knowledge on this disaster conflict interface remains limited. Although the Sendai Framework emphasizes “building back better,” recovery is still often viewed narrowly as rapid physical reconstruction, resulting in poorly planned efforts that fail to reduce vulnerabilities and may worsen inequality, particularly for marginalised groups. This project aims to more effective and resilient recovery approaches.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To assist national and regional stakeholders to improve their abilities to prepare, assess, plan, implement, and sustain recovery and peacebuilding activities.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1) Institutionalisation of recovery frameworks and Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) tools.
- 2) Capacity building for national and regional stakeholders on post disaster assessments and recovery planning.
- 3) Producing knowledge products on recovery and advancing information exchanges.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Recovery planning and capacity assessments adapted and institutionalised by selected national governments and regional organisations.
- Expanded number of practitioners trained on PDNA, Recovery and Peacebuilding Assessment (RPBA), Disaster Recovery Framework (DRF) and recovery planning at the regional and national levels.
- Knowledge products for crisis/post crisis recovery formulated.

ACTIVITIES

- Undertake recovery capacity assessment and develop recovery frameworks for two Intergovernmental Organisations.
- Adapt PDNA and DRF guides in four countries.
- Roll out PDNA, RPBA and DRF trainings in two regions and four countries.
- Complete the formulation and updating of four PDNA sector guides to inform post disaster recovery processes.
- Compile four case studies and lessons learnt on PDNA/DRF adaptation and application.
- Develop damage and loss toolkit for enhancing countries' access to UNFCCC's damage and loss fund.
- Update and enhance PDNA, RPBA and Conflict Sensitivity Toolkits to strengthen their linkages.

AMOUNT

€ 2,745,574

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

DURATION

September 2023 - September 2026

COUNTRIES COVERED

More than 35 countries across Asia, Africa, LAC and Central Asia Regions

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recovery capacity assessments were conducted for Albania and Central Asia (CESDRR).
- Regional Recovery Frameworks were developed for CESDRR and SADC, along with a Flood Recovery Framework for Montevideo City, Uruguay.
- PDNA sector guides were adapted for Albania, Mozambique, Thailand and Kazakhstan.
- More than 500 professionals were trained in PDNA, RPBA and DRF methodologies across global, regional and national platforms.
- PDNA Guides for gender, health and agriculture sectors were updated.
- The following case studies were conducted:
 - A case study from the 2019 Post-Disaster Needs Assessment in Albania.
 - Lessons Learned from Recent RDNAs and PDNAs in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings (Mozambique, Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Ukraine).
 - Lessons from the recovery process following the 2016 earthquake in Tanzania.
 - Technical paper on impacts of glacial retreat.



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