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Post-Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction from an International Development Perspective: Impact and Challenges for Land and Geospatial Professionals.

Land-related issues are always sectorally cross-cutting, especially in international development support. However, the issues and challenges are even more profound following a disaster where the rights of the vulnerable - especially survivors and heirs, the poor and women - are at risk. The many issues encountered include security of tenure, the land administration system, overall governance, access to land for relocation and infrastructure, land use planning, renters, the landless and displaced persons. Support for land administration and spatial data infrastructure should be fit-for-purpose, highly participatory, open, and transparent. Importantly, support should also be demand-driven rather than supply imposed. Caution is required in dealing with vested interests. Engagement requires an understanding of the local actors and political economy. Land-related professionals must work closely with other disciplines concerned with social, resettlement, environmental, governance, legal, monitoring and evaluation. The local participation of survivors, communities, local administration and government itself, is fundamental to success. This paper discusses the author's experience with the World Bank supporting for post-disaster reconstruction.

Topic Focus:

- Post-Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction – A World Bank Perspective
- The subsequent impact on and the challenges ahead for the surveying and geospatial professional