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The Process of Drawing up Reconstruction Plans in Extensive Disaster-hit Areas Including Community Relocation and Challenges in the Implementation of Plans (the Great East Japan Earthquake)

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Cthe Great East Japan Earthquake



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The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial

Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI)



Mission of the DRI



- Transferring the live experiences of the Disaster
- Applying lessons learned from the Disaster for a better future



- Cultivating a Disaster Resilient Culture, reducing social risk and vulnerability
- Developing Policies for Disaster Reduction
- ---- Realizing a safer and more secure civil society

Museum Exhibit



» East Building

»West Building

Remember "1.17" Learn from the Great Earthquake - for a Spelndid Future



DRI is also providing support directly to disaster-stricken governments



DRI staff directly supported Miyagi Prefecture Disaster Response Headquarters

and also planning support to muncipalities









▲Supporting activites in the stricken areas Disaster Response guidelines for municipalities▲

Outline of our presentation



- I. Introduction: the Great East Japan Earthquake and damage
- I. Challenges and outline of policy for recovery by the Japanese Government
- I. Process of drawing up reconstruction plans and challenges in the implementation of plans: Case study of Minamisanriku town in Miyagi Prefecture
- I. Conclusion: Idea for Disaster Recovery Checklist



1. Introduction: the Great East Japan Earthquake, damage and current situation



2:46 pm, March 11, 2011

9.0 magnitude earthquake
tsunami-40 meters run up
fires, nuclear accident



The Great East Japan Earthquake

March II, 2011 Shizugawa, Minamisanrikucho, Miyagi Prefecture

> TOHOKU BROADCASTING CO., LTD.

Minamisanrikuch

Miyagi



Damage



Human damage (as of June 2012, from the Japan National Police Agency)

Number of dead: 15,863 Number of missing: 2,949 more than 340,000 people evacuated from their homes

Building damage				
House:				
totally damaged:	130,435			
half damaged:	262,917			
partially damaged:	717,678			
total	1,111,030			
other building damage:	59,576			
area of land damaged:	561 km ²	(total land area Japan 377,944 km ²⁾		
Damage: \$225 billion, 4% GDP				
Great East Japan Earthquake = The Costliest Disaster of all time -the World Bank				

A wide area, multi-locational disaster

- 500 km by 200 km zone
- multiple towns/prefectures in tsunami-struck coastal area





Aomori Akita o Morioka Iwate Yamagata Miyagi o Sendai • oFukushima (COAST) Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Fukushima

Tohoku area: rias coast and Sendai plain

- different areas with different characteristics
- lack of buildable land (rias)
- land sinking







History of tsunami in Sanriku

- 1000 year tsunami
- 30/40 year tsunami
 - high awareness (social aspects)
 - evacuation
 - disaster prediction data
 - ...but EXCEEDED expectation
- historical experience rebuilding (physical aspect)
 - relocation
 - disaster prevention infrastructure

History of tsunami



陸側のブレートと; ブレートの境界で

869 Jomon Era Tsunami--similar to 2011 3.11 tsunami

- 1896 Meiji Tsunami
- I933 Showa Tsunami
- I960 Chile Tsunami
- 1993 Miyagi off-shore earthquake tsunami
- 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake



Japan times "869 Tohoku tsunami parallels stun: Research team's efforts set precedent to add history to other quake-study disciplines By REIII YOSHIDA. Sunday, March 11, 2012

Preparation and Awareness

- culture of 'tsunami tendenko'
- examples of successful evacuation on March 11, 2011
- but 3.11 exceeded all predictions





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...but 3.11 was beyond expectations 🤣

- evacuation places were not safe
- loss of life of many people who evacuated, and many government officials



The disaster management center of Minami-sanriku town





Recovery Platform



Apartment building in Minami-sanriku town



Reinforced concrete building Onagawa town 18

Many City Office staff dead/missing

Many city leaders or managers of disaster response lost their lives, making disaster response impossible in their towns.

Disaster area municipalities	Dead/ Missing workers	Workers total	Disaster area municipalities	Dead/ Missing workers	Workers total
Iwate Prefecture			Miyagi Prefecture(cont.)	
Rikuzentakata-C	68	261	Osaki-C	2	700
Ofunato-C	1	357	Watari-T	1	161
Kamaishi-C	4	362	Yamamoto-T	4	97
Otsuchi-T	32	136	Shichigahama-T	1	110
Yamada-T	2	184	Onagawa-T	1	105
Miyagi Prefecture		Minamisanriku-T	39	158	
Sendai-C	5	9,446	Fukushima Prefect	ture	
lshinomaki-C	48	848	Soma-C	2	214
Kesennuma-C	2	529	Minamisoma-C	4	427
Natori-C	5	316	Namie-T	1	128
lwanuma-C	4	193	Total of 19 cities	226	14,732



(for reference) Municipal officers who died or were not found after Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake

Disaster area municipalities	Dead/ Missing workers	Workers total
Kobe-C	15	10,677
Amagasaki-C	1	3,196
Nishinomiya-C	4	2,100
Ashiya-C	4	577
Total of 4 cities	24	16,550

International Recovery Platform

C: City, T: Town

Note:

Numbers of dead/missing workers include temporary staff in some cities. Numbers are based on hearings on 1 Aug 2011, not finalized.

Source: Commemorative speech of the opening of Disaster Education Center, University of Hyogo





Challenges and outline of policy for recovery by Japanese Government

Challenges for Life Recovery

- life recovery for victims
 - need support for livelihood recovery--including businesses, fishing and other local industry
 - continuity in housing
 - how to relocate population from hazardous area (relocation and zoning)
 - connected with the time scale of recovery/relocation
- some initiatives in for livelihood recovery
 - temporary shopping arcade
 - handicrafts for income
 - support for fishing industry



Livelihood





Livelihood: Temporary markets for rebuilding community and business













Temporary housing construction



Government role in temporary housing

national government

 funding (based on the (Disaster Relief Act)

prefectural government

 responsible for building temporary housing-can contract to private contractor of their choice

municipality

 find suitable land, select residents and provide maintanance •52,247 units built, size is standard (less than 30m2)

Officially "2 years, 3 months" (already extended to 3 years) but up to 5 or longer is is likely

Construction and material quality, location, scale of housing area, and distance varies.

Some efforts at relocating residents collectively; many scattered.

Rias coastal areas: a lack of buildable land near the coast

Coastal plains: more available land, dominated by Sendai city

Towns in Fukushima: residents evacuated for an unknown period

Temporary housing in Tohoku-varies







Examples of Innovative housing











Various types of transitional housing

	Number of housing units in use
Temporary housing (As of 1/10/2012, Source: MLIT)	<u>52,182</u>
Govowned accommodations (As of 1/9/2012, Source: MOF)	9,832
Public housing (As of 1/9/2012, Source: MLIT and MOF)	8,238
Private rental housing (As of 12/27/2011, Source: MHLW)	65,692
Total	135,944

- newly-built temporary housing
- existing governmentowned housing (dormitory, etc.)
- existing public housing
- private rental housing—actually this is the largest amount









	Design tsunami	Required performance
Level 1	Largest tsunami in modern times (return period: around 100 years)	 To protect human lives To protect properties To protect economic activities
Level 2	One of the largest tsunamis in history (return period: around 1000 years)	 To protect human lives To reduce economic loss, especially by preventing the occurrence of severe secondary disasters and by enabling prompt recovery

from 2011 urgent survey report from (PARI) and National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management (NLIM)

Land Elevation is key—for survival and recovery



Minami Sanriku Town Shizugawa



Yoshihama area, Ofunato—collective relocation carried out after Meiji Tsunami, 明 low areas became rice fields, no casualties in Showa Tsunami



Hongo area of Kamaishi, relocated after 1933 tusnmi, damaged again in 2011



Example guidelines provide by the **Reconstruction Design Council**





The case study, Minami Sanriku, is type 3.

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Recovery & Reconstruction Process

GEJET (Great East Japan Earthquake & Tsunami)

Immediate rescue & temporally housing construction backed by supplementary budgets

- the Reconstruction Design Council (April.11)
- Basic Act on Reconstruction (June.24)
- Recommendation from RDC (June.25)

"Towards Reconstruction – Hope beyond the Disaster"

- Basic Reconstruction Guidelines (July.29) from RH
- Reconstruction plans from prefectures (Aug.-Oct.)
- Reconstruction plans from municipalities (Oct.-Dec.)
- 3rd supplementary budget 9.2 trillion yen (Nov.21)






Recovery Agency

Reconstruction Agency organization

* Numbers indicate staff in each location



Bureaus and offices will hire more local staff as operations grow.

source: Reconstruction Agency faces urgent problems, Daily Yomiuri, 2/12/12



Special Zone for Reconstruction DRI



Municipalities or Prefectures in this area can apply for **Reconstruction Acceleration**

Then can apply for individual recovery projects Grants

Funding by the National Government, Recovery projects can include tax incentives, zoning, medical, housing etc. projects.

Framework of the law for Special Zone for Reconstruction

Municipalities located in the "disaster afflicted zones", stipulated in the Act on Special Provisions of Article 3 of the Public Finance Act, can formulate plans on the Special Zone for Reconstruction to be submitted to the Government for the package of special arrangements.

 Basic Guidelines for Basic guideline for Reconstruction Basic guideline for necessary assistance and other measures to be taken by the Government for afflicted municipalities for smooth and swift reconstruction in the Special Zone for Reconstruction in the Basic guideline for afflicted municipalities for smooth and swift reconstruction in the Special Zones Basic elements of approval system of Reconstruction Acceleration Plans Special measures and arrangements to be taken in the Special Zones 					
Consultative body of Central and Local Governments established in each Prefecture, held in regions affected by the disaster and directed by the future Reconstruction Agency	Reconstruction Acceleration Plan Plan to apply for special measures and arrangements involving deregulation, reduced procedures, tax incentives and other special measures. Formulated by Prefectures and municipalities separately or jointly. Private enterprises are entitled to make proposals.	Land Restructuring Plan Plan to apply for special arrangements involving approval, procedures, etc. for land restructuring Formulated by municipalities alone or jointly with Prefecture.	Reconstruction Grant Projects Plan Plan involving grant projects (projects for reconstruction in areas severely affected by the disaster) Formulated by municipalities alone or jointly with Prefecture.		
to discuss proposals from local authorities on special arrangements and other related elements (working groups can be set up by region)	Approval by the Prime Minister	Public hearings, announcement and inspection when necessary -Consultation and agreement in the process of consultation on restructuring Disclosure of Plans	Submission to the Prime Minister Reconstruction Grant to support		
Add and/or enhance special arrangements	 Special deregulation and reduced procedures covering housing, industry, town- building, medical services, nursing care and others. Tax incentives to promote employment and industrial activities Interest substitute for loan lenders 	Special arrangements for land use restructuring • Special arrangement of concession necessary for projects • Integrated "one-stop" procedures • Creation of new types of project system related to land use.	regional reconstruction • Unified subsidy projects for municipalities (originally 40projects at different ministries) • Secure resources with flexible use for local governments • Central government will finance all the local expenditures • Flexible implementation and simplified procedures		

Recovery & Reconstruction Process







3. Process of drawing up reconstruction plans and

challenges in the implementation of plans

- Case study of Minamisaniriku town, Miyagi Prefecture -

DRI Support in Minamisanriku town Office (April 2011 ~ October 2011)



- O Advice to draw up reconstruction plans
- O Advice to land use planning
- O Assistance to residents' consensus building (Town meeting workshop, Questionnaire to residents etc.)





Location of Minamisanrikucho





Central Town (Before 3.11)





Central Town (After 3.11)





Damage



☐ Human damage

Number of dead:	511	(Ratio of dead 2.	89%)
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Number of missing 268 (Ratio of missing 1. 51%)

※ population 17666

Damage of houses etc.

Houses	3 3 1 1 Family	(Ratio of damage houses 6 2 %)
Farmland	452 h a	
Forest	12 h a	

Minami Sanriku Town - entire city destroyed and government paralyzed

- Entire urban area destroyed; one of the most heavily damaged places in the disaster area
- Half of the population sent to evacuation centers; town hall destroyed/government paralyzed.







Process of Drawing up Reconstruction Plans and Challenges in the Implementation of Plans



(to talk about specific relocation site candidates and land deals)

Local Round-Table Conference Held at 23 Places DRI (at various facilities within the town, evacuation centers outside of town etc.)





(Temporary houses outside of town in July 2011)



(gymnasium outside of town in July 2011)



Reconstruction A town with peace and vitality created through Policy

intertwining nature, people and works



Minamisanrikucho Earthquake Disaster Rehabilitation Plan (Target Year: March 2021)

Goal I Development of a town where people can continue to live at ease

- (1) Shift to the land use to protect people's lives
- (2) Promotion of town development for disaster management and mitigation to protect property
- (3) Maintenance, improvement and enhancement of disaster management and mitigation systems
- (4) Maintenance and improvement of transport networks to protect people's lives and livelihoods
- Establishment of information and telecommunications networks and promotion of regional (5) informatization
- (6) Stable supply of health, medical care, welfare and educational services
- (7) Function consolidation and proper placement of public facilities and the like

Goal 2 Development of a town coexisting with nature

- (1) Challenges to eco-town development
- (2) Construction of a water and green network
- Creation of a recycling society system (3)
- (4) Nurturing people who love their hometowns and support rehabilitation
- (5) Creation of new lifestyles

Goal 3 Development of a town full of works and vitality

- (1) Early rehabilitation and enhancement of industrial infrastructure
- (2) Regeneration and vitalization of the fishery and marine products industries
- Farmland re-creation, forest industry promotion and reestablishment of management bases (3)
- Revitalization of commerce, industry and tourism and creation of new industries (4)
- (5) Creation of employment and expansion of exchange population

Measures | A town to be developed in collaboration of the town and the region

Measures 2

A town to be developed in collaboration with the nation and the prefecture with the town taking the initiative

Issues for recovery of the Great East Japan Earthquake

for Community & Victims

Disaster risk reduction (DDR)

in recovery planning including community relocation

- Disaster risk reduction
- People based recovery
- Housing

Livelihood Recovery

- Long term assistance for victims
- Recovery of industry, Employment
- Assistances for evacuees living wide area

Movement of population ,aging society

- Recovery of village
- Smart shrinking



Results of Town People's Questionnaire Essentials for Disaster-Resistant Town

What they think is a key to the development of a natural disaster-resistant town.

• The largest number of respondents (60%) think "to locate homes at higher ground" is essential, while the second largest (58%) choose "to locate schools, hospitals, town hall, etc. at higher ground" and the third largest (35%) choose "to enhance lifelines such as water, gas, etc."



Rehabilitation of Fishing Villages



- (Disaster risk reduction)
- Workplaces and marine products processing factories to be located at lower ground.
- Residential area to be relocated to higher ground
- Building regulation of lower ground (prohibit building house)
- Road planning not to be isolated
 by Tupami damage

Points of discussion

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- Priority depends upon where people stand."To live at ease by fast building a house", "to resume fishing operations is the first consideration as residence has been secured by temporary housing"...
 - Villager prefer "Individual community relocation" (but...Many aged people, Decrease number of families especially young families go out of the town)
- Land use plan of low land have not be arranged





Plan to choose individual or collective relocation case-by-case taking local characteristics and residents' intentions into account

Village Discussion



- Meeting with local land owners (Contracting Societies, etc.)
- Transfer to common land at higher ground
- Explanation on project method institutions
- Road maintenance and re-planning





Results of Town People's Questionnaire Desired Workplace



Future work

- 81% of respondents desire to have jobs within the town.
- As long as primary industries are concerned, 93% of workers in "the agricultural industry" desire to continue their jobs, while 90% of workers in "the fishery and fish culture industry" desire to continue their jobs.



Reconstruction of Central Town area



land use; Sharp distinction between residential area and industrial area (Disaster risk reduction)

Move of Town central zone to highland; New town office, hospital... (Land adjustment projects, Nodal urban improvement projects)

Residential committee to plan recovery project central area

Evacuation road from industrial area to residential area, highland



Points of discussion & problems

- Long time project ; because of large lot, many landowners
- Bustle of commercial zone, Invite manufacturing companies, Employment

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- Many victims live outside the town, Residents hard to discuss about recovery plan
- Rubble(560thousands ton) \rightarrow dispose only 2% (2012.6)





Housing issue

Permanent Public Housing for Victims

Plan of Permanent Public Housing for Victims 2012.3

• • • Construct 1000 units (- 2015.3)

Assistance for family build house by themselves

2million yen (aid) per family+ Community relocation assistance(prepare housing site etc.)



Points of discussion



- Many victims live outside the town (Temporary public houses, rented apartment (rent assistance)
- Young families tend to move urban city
 →Number of residents decline after earthquake



Wisdom enabling to live in prosperity with only necessary development.

Residents over 65 years old are over 30%

Town office have to manage many permanent houses for long time...

Issues for recovery of the Great East Japan Earthquake

for Public Office

Public Service Reconstruction for recovery

- Organization of reconstruction (Roles of National, Prefectural, and Municipal governments)
- Human Recourses

Implementation of projects for recovery

- Budget
- New system for recovery





The town hall was hit by the tsunami, facilities were badly damaged and workers (39persons) dead or missing.

Basic data of residents and maps flowed to the sea

Public Service Reconstruction & Implementation of projects

How to build a system to receive assistance Pairing assistance system (対口支援 etc.)

Human Recourses support

- Activity of "Union of Kansai Governments"
- National Government coordinate visiting public
- long term-visit technical officers
- Many officers support public service reconstruction

Dispatched specialized nonofficial consultants

to each city and town (2011.5 -2012.3)

- support to draw up reconstruction plan in city planning and civil engineering
- in city planning and civil engineering
 - National government's budget





Volunteer Center 2011.6





Visiting technical public officer help to draw up reconstruction plan 2011.6



Nurses advice about health care to victims 2011.8



Minamisanriku town Organization Chart of Reconstruction Planning







Public Service Reconstruction & Implementation of projects



Issues of Implementation of projects are;

The affected **Towns and cities** had no choice but to **draw up a reconstruction plan** for their recovery on their own **before the support systems from national government were made clear**.

Small coastal towns need a lot of visiting staff,

but now, some former small towns that have been incorporated into larger towns are left behind in the implementation of relocation projects.

Coast town **population outflow** to surrounding inland cities;

Smart shrinking recovery planning and only necessary development is important for "Sustainable recovery"

Need to balance"value of **regional characteristics**" and **"importance of quick recovery"**

What should be the use of the vacant land in **low laying area where** residential use is forbidden. (To keep people from rebuilding in dangerous areas in the future **for long term Disaster risk reduction**)



4. Conclusion;

Idea for Disaster Recovery Checklist lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake

issues in Tohoku related to the disaster recovery checklist



- Smart shrinking recovery planning
 - 4.3 Resettlement of scatter households into compact communities may be considered if original sites are no longer suitable for inhabitation and production due to high disaster risks and high costs for reduction
- Land Elevation planning and DRR
 - □ 4.2 The rebuilding planning must be based on reassesment of local disaster risks
- Residents consensus building
 - 4.2 The resettlement plan will be discussed and agreed by majority of local residents and with full support from the government.
 - community layouts will be prepared by professionals in close consultations with community residents
 - Iand re-allocations for residents housing and agriculture production must be discussed with all residents.
- Pre-disaster recovery planning and training
 - I.2 As part of disaster preparedness activities, a disaster recovery framework may be prepared.

Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning (Tokyo Government)

O Training program for public officers





<Manual of recovery planning , Tokyo government>



- Program of Pre-disaster recovery planning training program
- 1 Building damage assessment training
- 2 Training of setting up the area of building regulations and land use planning based on prediction of the damage
- 3 Training of drawing up district recovery pran
- (4) Training of announce the plan at town meeting

Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning (Tokyo)



O Training program for community residents











issues in Tohoku related to the disaster recovery checklist



- DRR and Universal design
 - **I**n an aging society, universal design must be included along with DDR in recovery
- Long term land regulation and DRR
 - To ensure future safety, land use regulations must be created to prevent people from re occupying hazardous areas in the future.
- Industrial circle and recovery
 - The recovery process must consider the relationship between different parts of the industrial circle, and support these connection.
 - **T**emporary support needed for businesses during the recovery process (like temporary shopping arcade)
- Timing of announcement of national government support systems and recovery budget
- Pairing assistance system
 - lt is important to create a system to coordinate support from outside the disaster region (twinning, etc.)
- Partnerships of public office to private experts and NGOs
 - NGOS, the private sector, and public sector all are important to recovery
- Assistances for evacuees living wide area
 - **I**t is important to support all disaster victims, also those who evacuate from their hometown after disaster
- Continuous housing recovery
 - Housing recovery must be considered holistically as a continuous process, with smooth transitions between phases