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Plant Back Better

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“Plant back better”

At facing impacts brought by natural disasters or climate change, food security is both directly linked to emergency relief and economic livelihood, especially at affected communities. **APEC Emergency Preparedness Capacity Building Center (EPCC)** is proposing an initiative- “Plant back better,” to help affected areas with vegetable plantation.

Since vegetables will provide required nutrition and are rapid-harvest cash crops, **“Plant back better”** is aimed at introducing the best practices, toolkits, knowledge and regional resources to assist in livelihood recovery by vegetable plantation after disasters. This initiative fully echoes to one of four 2017 priorities, “Enhancing Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in response to Climate Change.” **“Plant back”** is helping to boost micro economic momentum and **“Plant better”** will develop disaster-resilient plantation of vegetables to cope with future challenges, including climate change.

EPCC is seeking supports from EPWG, ATCWG and PPFS to deliver a cross-fora collaboration and will plan a back-to-back event with “the 11th APEC Senior Disaster Management Officials Forum (SDMOF)” to be held in September, 2017.