Disaster Recovery – Australian Principles and Approaches

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Overview

• Disaster Recovery in the Australian context
• Case study Australia - Hunter/Central Coast Floods
• National Principles for Disaster Recovery
• Community Resilience approach
Disaster Recovery in Australia – a collaborative approach
Case Study – Hunter/Central Coast Storms and Floods 2007

- 7 June 2007 – Worst flooding in 52 years - destruction of property and loss of life
- Damage AUD$1.5 billion (USD$1.2 billion)
Case Study –
Hunter/Central Coast Storms and Floods 2008

- State Disaster Recovery Committee activated
- Disaster Recovery Centres established
- Outreach
- Non-government organisations
- Australian Government assistance
Case Study –
Hunter/Central Coast Storms and Floods 2008

• Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements
  • AUD$135 million
  • Personal Hardship and Distress Payments
  • Community Recovery Funds
  • Recovery grants for small businesses and primary producers
Case Study –
Hunter/Central Coast Storms and Floods 2008

• Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment
  • AUD$37.8 million
  • 47,267 people assisted – AUD$1,000 per adult
    AUD$400 per child
• Non-prescriptive payment
National Principles for Disaster Recovery

Successful recovery relies on:

• understanding the **context**
• recognising **complexity**
• using **community**-led approaches
• ensuring **coordination** of all activities
• employing effective **communication**
• acknowledging and building **capacity**
Community Resilience to Disasters

*To help Australians prepare for and recover from the social and community impacts of disasters across all-hazards*

*To bounce back and be stronger than before the crisis*
Disaster Recovery in Australia

- Collaboration between local, state and national governments and the non-government sector
- National Principles for Disaster Recovery
- Community resilience approach
- Commitment to help Australians
Thank you