The Power of “Local”

Strategies to leverage local assets for improving shelter response & resilience

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Why “Local”? 
- Affected people & communities 

Haiti Earthquake 2010 
Bangladesh Cyclone Sidr 2007
Why “Local”?

- **Cost/benefit**

“Styrofoam Dome House kits start at around 3 million yen (under $30,000), which does not include the cost of transport, assembly, interior construction, etc.”

Temorak, Afghanistan
Traditional mud brick dome house, cost around $1,500 (all included)
Why “Local”?  
- Market recovery & livelihoods restoration

Salvage of wood after Hurricane Felix  
Auhya Pihni Miskito Community, Nicaragua 2007

Brick production for shelter program  
Salbarun, Afghanistan 2002
Why “Local”? 

Pathways to Permanence is the process of sheltering disaster-affected families using holistic program interventions that enable, support and incrementally progress toward the achievement of permanent, durable shelter solutions, while reducing the vulnerabilities of families and communities.
Engage, enable, embrace

- Affected communities (key leaders, CBOs, influential members)
- Local authorities (coordination)
- Facilitation strategy (local partner, local staff)

Afghanistan 2004

Haiti 2010
Identify and understand

- HLP Issues
- Materials
- Labor
- Technologies
- Standards
- Facilitation

Aboude-Kouassikra, Ivory Coast
Opportunities for “Local”

- Assessments & program formulation (safety assessments, market mapping & analysis, enumerations, participatory design)

Simon Pele neighborhood, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Opportunities for “Local”

- Coordination (project co-management, leadership development & governance)
- Mechanisms for accountability and feedback

Community leadership at work after Typhoon Ketsana (Vietnam, Cambodia 2009)
Opportunities for “Local”

- Implementation ("sweat equity", community contracting)

Bangladesh, 2007
Opportunities for “Local”

- Habitat Resource Centers (HRCs): service-driven housing support services for long-term recovery

HRC Leogane, Haiti

HRC Rach Gia, Vietnam
“Whatever good things we build end up building us”
Jim Rohn

Thank you
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