



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”?



After Cyclone Sidr, Bangladesh 2007



Habitat home, Bangladesh

*** *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



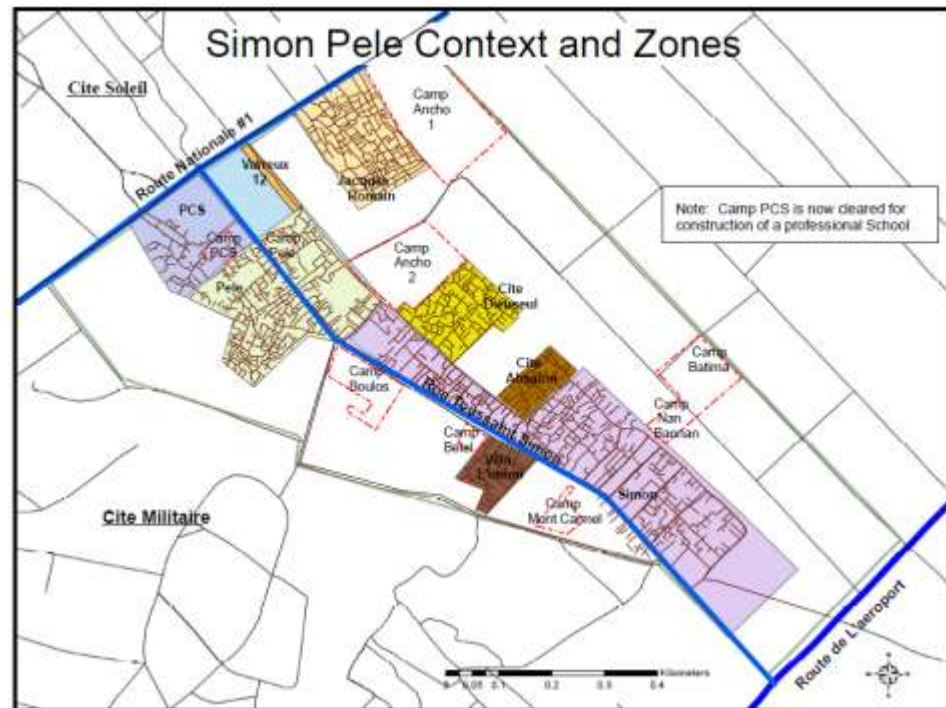
Aboude-Kouassikra, Ivory Coast

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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