

SUSTAINABLE SHELTER FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS: DISASTER RELIEF & MITIGATION IN THE MEKONG DELTA

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Economic impact of emergency shelter

Economic 'multipliers'-

- ❖ Job creation through construction
- ❖ Job creation through production
- ❖ Economic stimulus/growth
- ❖ Housing upgrading
- ❖ Infrastructure upgrading
- ❖ Skills development
- ❖ Capital asset creation
- ❖ Support for home-based enterprises

Economic impact of emergency shelter

How can emergency shelter be tailored to enable economic sustainability of affected households?

- ❖ Identifying 'triggers' to increase longer-term economic impact through short-term interventions
- ❖ Including appropriate 'triggers' in emergency shelter programs

Economic impact of flooding in Vietnam

- ❖ Damage valued at \$360 million
- ❖ 1 million homes flooded
- ❖ Average annual cost >\$100 million
- ❖ Average annual loss or damage to >200,000 homes & livelihoods



***'one year to
build a house,
three years to
pay the debt'***

Emergency shelter response

Key themes

- ❖ Support for local livelihoods
- ❖ Maximising local skills and resources
- ❖ Meeting household needs
- ❖ Disaster mitigation



Impact and contributing factors....

- ❖ Durability of structures
- ❖ Land access & ownership
- ❖ Access to credit for construction or commerce
- ❖ Home-based enterprises
- ❖ Infrastructure upgrades
- ❖ Local government services
- ❖ Extent of contributions
- ❖ Complementary assistance



Potential 'triggers'....

- ❖ Minimum required for a durable structure
- ❖ Required land access
- ❖ Access to formal and informal credit
- ❖ Type and extent of home-based and other enterprises
- ❖ Linking infrastructure upgrades
- ❖ Access to governmental support
- ❖ Leveraging contributions



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