

# NATIONAL PRINCIPLES FOR

# Disaster Recovery



## DISASTER RECOVERY

is part of emergency management, which includes the broader components of prevention, preparedness and response. Planning for recovery is integral to emergency preparation and mitigation actions may often be initiated as part of recovery.

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includes built, environmental and economic elements, as well as social wellbeing. Recovery can provide an opportunity to improve these aspects beyond previous conditions, by enhancing social and natural environments, infrastructure and economies – contributing to a more resilient community.

## SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY

### Understand the **context**

Successful recovery is based on an understanding of the community context, with each community having its own history, values and dynamics.

### Recognise **complexity**

Successful recovery is responsive to the complex and dynamic nature of both emergencies and the community.

### Use **community-led** approaches

Successful recovery is community-centred, responsive and flexible, engaging with community and supporting them to move forward.

### Coordinate all activities

Successful recovery requires a planned, coordinated and adaptive approach, between community and partner agencies, based on continuing assessment of impacts and needs.

### Communicate effectively

Successful recovery is built on effective communication between the affected community and other partners.

### Recognise and build **capacity**

Successful recovery recognises, supports and builds on individual, community and organisational capacity and resilience.



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