

Early Recovery  
in Post Cyclone Nargis, Myanmar:  
An Emerging Trend Requiring Further Support

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Addressing Challenges and  
Dilemmas Together

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# Early Recovery: State of the play

1. Early Recovery Cluster and Network are established
2. Both the Revised Humanitarian Appeal and the PONJA Report include early recovery components
3. PONJA represents a credible assessment, there is unfettered access by aid workers and agencies are on the ground implementing early recovery projects
4. Early Recovery Strategic Framework and Early Recovery Monitoring and Evaluation system are being developed.
5. Only 16% of appealed US\$ 482 million is funded.

# Challenges

1. Clear political needs for early recovery, but lack clarity of what is it and how to go about
2. Despite Post-Nargis Joint Assessment, (PONJA) there is still a need for credible information

# Early Recovery Dilemmas

1. Doing it alone vs. doing it with the government
2. Comprehensive vs. sectoral approach
3. Integrated vs. individual cluster implementation

# Early Recovery Gaps

1. conceptual clarity
2. clear implementation of global commitment
3. international political consistency.
4. clear funding regime
5. support to ASEAN as a rising underwriter
6. clarity in leadership
7. post-appeal coordination
8. monitoring and evaluation

# Lessons and Moving Forward

- **Lessons:**
  - Concept, framework and capacities
  - Coordination and engagement
  - Joint Assessment
- **Moving forward:**
  - Finalise the early Recovery Strategic Framework
  - Promote transparent engagement with the government.
  - Hold actors and donors accountable to early recovery commitments