Case study: Tonga - 1982 - Cyclone
Community projects

Disaster: Cyclone Isaac

Disaster date: 3rd March 1982

Project type: A quick impact project; Shelter disaster mitigation

Population displaced by disaster: 45,000

Project target population: 6,600 people in 34 villages for the small projects programme; 95,000 people (entire population) for disaster mitigation/preparedness programme

Occupancy rate on handover: Unknown

Shelter size: Various

Summary:
Because most people were able to rapidly repair their own houses, quick impact projects were set up to allowed villages to repair communal facilities. Responsibility and control for these projects were given to beneficiary villages.

In parallel, a project to raise awareness of how to build back safer was established. This included numerous illustrated information booklets.

Project timeline:
- Publication of final draft for other south pacific countries
- Completion of small projects
- Publication of manuals
- Identification of Gaps in disaster mitigation component
- Start small projects disaster assistance programme
- Cyclone Isaac

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