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Introduction: how to use this document

This document presents the lessons and recommendations of all six TEC reports – ie, the five thematic evaluations as well as the Synthesis Report. These recommendations have been broken down into 11 themes:

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Each matrix is itself broken down into sub-themes for ease of reference. These themes and sub-themes represent just one way of 'slicing the cake' and are simply intended to help the reader identify and find their way around what the TEC Secretariat has identified as the main themes in the reports.

Each recommendation is also addressed to a particular target audience, and this appears in the column to the right of each recommendation.

Finally, many recommendations are relevant to more than one theme as would be expected in a series of reports that attempt to show how change needs to be integrated in a sector where many themes cut across each other. Underneath many of the recommendations, therefore, appear the titles of other relevant themes showing that the particular recommendation appears in more than one place.

Guide to use

As each of the reports present their lessons and recommendations differently, the section numbers and other references are different for each report. For example:

Synthesis Report

This is referenced in a number of ways. For example:

Rec 1, p118 Synthesis Report

This means the first main recommendation (1 out of 4) of the Synthesis Report.

Part of Rec 1, 5.2.1, p119 Synthesis Report

This means a sub-recommendation that appears in Section 5.2.1. However, it is linked to the main Recommendation 1

Capacities Report

Part of Rec 1, p12 Capacities Report

In other words, a sub-recommendation of the main Recommendation 1 of the Capacities Report

Coordination Report

Rec 6, p15 Coordination Report

This refers to the main recommendations, in this instance Recommendation 6

Sub-rec, p75 Coordination Report

This is a sub-recommendation and will have been identified in the main text though may not form part of the main set of recommendations

Funding Report

Part of Conclusion 4 / Lesson 1, p42 Funding Report

This report has a series of main conclusions, each with a set of lessons. This therefore refers to the first lesson in Conclusion 4.

LRRD Report

Rec 5, p82 LRRD Report

This report has a series of main recommendations. This clearly refers to Recommendation 5, though the recommendations are not actually numbered in the report itself. The number is added here for ease of reference.

Needs Assessment Report

Rec 6, 6.3, p64 Needs Assessment Report

There are 17 main recommendations in this report, but their number doesn't correspond to a section number. Here, Recommendation 6 appears in section 6.3 on page 64

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Accountability

Accountability

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1: Information Flow and Reporting Recommendations	Addressed to:
	Addressed to.
1.1: Towards affected population Part of Rec 1, 5.2.1, p119 Synthesis Report International agencies should share information about their systems and practises with the affected population, so that they can also participate in planning/programming. Ownership, Policy	International aid community
Rec 4, p15 Coordination Report There needs to be effective, consistent and coordinated communication with recipient populations and particularly women at all stages of the response. This should entail dedicating staff resources and tools to develop a communications protocol with the host government. A common strategy should include guidance on the use of public meetings, broadcast media, newsletters and posters Policy	OCHA; international aid community
Rec 5, p82 LRRD Report Links to the LRRD efforts of affected populations should be improved through strengthened information flow. LRRD	International aid community
Part of Rec 3, p13 Capacities Report National governments should develop plans and procedures for disaster management including the management of information – so that communities are well informed of the response at all stages. LRRD	Affected-country governments
Part of Rec 3, p13 Capacities Report Those responding to a disaster should ensure that full information about their activities is available to affected populations. Suggestions include putting up public notices and giving financial information, and public audits.	International aid community; affected- country governments
Part of Rec 2, p12 Capacities Report Strategies should be developed to ensure that women and marginalised groups have full access to information.	International aid community
1.2: Transparency	
Conclusion 5, p42 Funding Report Accountability and transparency need to be improved, particularly with respect to financial tracking and reporting.	International aid community
Lesson 1 of Conclusion 5, p43 All agencies should commit to making the full versions of programme evaluations publicly available.	

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Accountability (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 3, 5.3.4, p120 Synthesis Report Governments can support regulation by making tax-exempt status dependent on meeting accountability requirements, such as those required in the US, as well as demanding regular published audits and independent evaluations. Affected-country governments can demand similar transparency requirements of agencies responding to natural disasters in their countries. The European Commission could introduce a directive to ensure that NGOs in the European Union are obliged to be as transparent about their finances and expenditures as are NGOs in the US. Regulation	Affected-country governments; donor governments; EC
Part of Conclusion 4 / Lesson 1, p42 Funding Report Improving the system for tracking and reporting financial data needs to be a priority, as does improving feedback from agencies to their donors and to the media. Policy	UN; Red Cross Movement; NGOs
1.3 : Miscellaneous	
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.3, p115 Synthesis Report Where national structures and methods are particularly centralised, international agencies should support affected people and their authorities in the delicate task of bridging gaps and building communication.	International aid community
2: Consultation and Community Control	
2.1: Consultation	
Part of Rec 1, p12 Capacities Report International agencies should prepare in advance for the problems of scaling up not simply by identifying resources but also by making their systems and practises suitable for maximum participation by local people. Human Resources (HR)	International aid community
Part of Rec 3, 5.3.5, p122 Synthesis Report Agencies should regularly conduct joint surveys of affected communities to determine whether they are aware of agency plans and are satisfied with the support they are getting.	International aid community
2.2 : Community control and ownership	
Rec 1, p118 Synthesis Report The international humanitarian community needs a fundamental reorientation from supplying aid to facilitating communities' own relief and recovery priorities. ALL	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2, p120 Synthesis Report Support should aim to empower affected people to articulate claims, demand accountability and to make their own choices. Ownership	International aid community

Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 6, 6.3, p64 Needs Assessment Report Empower the affected individuals and families to assess and prioritise their own welfare needs by using cash subsidies whenever possible. Ownership	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2, p113 Synthesis Report During disasters, the control of resources should be vested in local actors through culturally sensitive and context-specific approaches. Ownership	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p119 Synthesis Report Efforts should shift to removing obstacles and facilitating paths to help communities meet their own needs. Response actors should learn to stand back (or 'get out of the way' as the LRRD Report puts it), when they do not have the capacity or endurance to understand and support people's own recovery efforts. To improve management of the transition from relief to recovery, international agencies should adapt their: staffing (skills profiles and numbers); assessment and planning methods and data; funding sources and programme horizons; strategic partnerships; and operational methods. Ownership, Policy, HR	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p119 Synthesis Report International agencies should look to specific sectors reflecting people's own priorities more than organisational policies in the design of their recovery programmes. Ownership	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, p12 Capacities Report Planning should also take account of the complexity of community structures and the need, for knowledgeable local intermediaries with power to influence decisions. Needs assessment (NA), Ownership	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, p12 Capacities Report Planning should be based on the assumption that aid is likely to reinforce inequalities within the community unless corrective action is taken. NA, Ownership, Policy	International aid community
2.3 : Community control – specific groups	
Part of Rec 2, p12 Capacities Report Women claim-holders should be represented in all decision- making bodies affecting them. Ownership	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Accountability (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 3, p12 Capacities Report Communities should be encouraged to develop their own contingency plans for disasters and receive material support with the proviso that adequate provision must be made for poorer and marginalised groups. This should extend to a wide range of civil-society organisations including women's groups. Ownership	International aid community
2.4 : Miscellaneous	
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report Parliament or congress is tasked with monitoring the 'Executive', normally through committee systems and parliamentary debate, and in doing so is supported by specialised oversight bodies. Such mechanisms should be strengthened. This would require more focused education of parliamentary/congressional representatives to enable them to understand better the technicalities and complexities of humanitarian funding processes. Policy, Ownership	Donor governments; affected-country governments
3: Rights and protection	
Part of Rec 2, p12 Capacities Report Inclusion of the most marginalised should be treated as a fundamental principle or right, regardless of costs. Policy	International aid community
Sub-rec, p75 Coordination Report Simply incorporating human-rights language into program documents does not ensure a human-rights-based approach in disaster response. A process of learning and education on human rights is also needed. Policy mechanisms should be in place to ensure strict adherence to human rights during program implementation, and all policies should include specific measures for the protection of the human rights of vulnerable groups. Policy	International aid community
4: Upwards accountability	
4.1: Policy/overarching	
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.1, p113 Synthesis Report International agencies should promote and strengthen self-managed watchdog movements and public audits. Regulation, Ownership, Policy	International aid community
Part of Conclusion 5, p42 Funding Report Improved financial accountability requires political and agency support, and it needs to be a priority.	Affected-country governments; donor governments; international aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Accountability (cont)

Recommendations Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p130 Synthesis Report

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Affected-country governments; donor

Addressed to:

governments;

4.2: Financial transparency

Part of Conclusion 3/Lesson 4, p41 Funding Report
The criteria for allocation of funds must be transparent,
accountability defined and standard systems set up to enable
the flow of funds. The development of pooled funding
mechanisms for humanitarian priorities in Sudan and DRC
offers relevant experience
Funding

International aid community

Part of Rec 3, 5.3.4, p120 Synthesis Report

Governments can support regulation by making tax-exempt status dependent on meeting accountability requirements, such as those required in the US, as well as demanding regular published audits and independent evaluations. Affected-country governments can demand similar transparency requirements of agencies responding to natural disasters in their countries. The European Commission could introduce a directive to ensure that NGOs in the European Union are obliged to be as transparent about their finances and expenditures as are NGOs in the US.

Affected-country governments; donor governments; EC

4.3: Tracking

Part of Conclusion 4, p42 Funding Report

Improving the system for tracking and reporting financial data needs to be a priority, as does improving feedback from agencies to their donors and to the media.

Policy

UN; R

NGOs

UN; Red Cross movement; NGOs

Part of Conclusion 5, Lesson 4, p43 Funding Report
There is a serious need to understand how the humanitarian dollar flows from original donor to actual beneficiary, documenting each layer, the transaction costs and added values. A pilot study using a sample of programmes from different agency types (UN, bilateral, NGO and RC Movement) should be commissioned.

Donors; **International aid community**

Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Conclusion 6, Lesson 1, p44 Funding Report Ways of documenting local response need to be developed and included in standard reporting to enable like-with-like comparisons with international assistance. The role of remittances in supporting local response needs to be better understood, and existing plans for facilitating remittance flows for development purposes extended to apply to humanitarian situations. Ownership	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p124 Synthesis Report Improved mechanisms should be develop to track how the 'humanitarian dollar' flows from the tax-payer or contributing citizen to the beneficiary, documenting each layer, the transaction cost and value added (or subtracted). Common and consistent accounting definitions need to be agreed and applied across the humanitarian sector. Coordination	Donors; international agencies
4.4: Reporting	
Part of Conclusion 5, Lesson 2, p43 Funding Report Common/consistent accounting definitions need to be applied across all sectors. Existing initiatives, e.g. the Iraq Trust Fund on defining disbursements and the DAC documentation of pledges and commitments have resulted in greater transparency and consistency in this area. Initiatives like these, need to be applied more widely. Funding	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p124 Synthesis Report OECD/DAC, in conjunction with other actors and mechanisms (such as GHD and FTS), should develop a common reporting format through which agencies can simultaneously report to a number of donors. Policy	OECD/DAC
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.3, p131 Synthesis Report Donors should fund mass communication and public educational initiatives on the themes of 'good disaster response' and on 'how to be a principled and effective donor' (as both individual members of the public and official donors) the media should be targeted for such education, to improve the quality of reporting on disasters and funding for disasters. Role of others, Regulation	Donors

Recommendations	Addressed to:
4.5: Miscellaneous	
Rec 6, p14 Coordination Report With respect to the constant stream of visits by agency staff and donors, the IASC should urgently introduce monitored guidelines requiring all agencies and donors to report on the numbers and cost of visiting delegations. Common reporting under the guidance of the GHD, for instance, should be used. Coordination, Regulation	IASC; international aid community
5: Miscellaneous	
Rec 5, p15 Coordination Report The creation and use of a common beneficiary database, provided and endorsed by a central government body, should be an early priority in the emergency phase. NA, Ownership	International aid community; affected- country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.1, p113 Synthesis Report More research should be undertaken on which accountability interventions tend to work well, which do not and why.	Evaluation actors
Part of Rec 2, p12 Capacities Report Inclusion of the most marginalized should be treated as a fundamental principle or right, regardless of costs. Policy	International aid community
Part of Rec 3, p13 Capacities Report Agencies should strengthen watchdog movements and support the mass media to promote betters understanding of the response and opportunities for feedback and dialogue. Role of others	International aid community
Rec 6, p15 Coordination Report With respect to the constant stream of visits by agency staff and donors, the IASC should urgently introduce monitored guidelines requiring all agencies and donors to report on the numbers and cost of visiting delegations. Common reporting under the guidance of the GHD, for instance, should be used. Coordination, Regulation	IASC; international aid community
Sub-rec, p75 Coordination Report Simply incorporating human-rights language into program documents does not ensure a human-rights-based approach in disaster response. A process of learning and education on human rights is also needed. Policy mechanisms should be in place to ensure strict adherence to human rights during program implementation, and all policies should include specific measures for the protection of the human rights of vulnerable groups. Policy	International aid

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Coordination

Coordination

1: Assessment	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
1.1: Mechanisms	
Sub-rec, p56 Needs Assessment Report For the very specific task of conducting a common humanitarian needs assessment, UNDAC-trained people who are also FACT members (and vice versa) should be identified and deployed. Needs Assessment (NA)	UNDAC; FACT
Part of Rec 7, 6.4, p65 Needs Assessment Report At a technical level, standards and forms will need to be pre-agreed. Perhaps an agreement on forms and templates should be sought first between the main actors producing information for public use: the UN and the Red Cross, since too wide a participation in the design process may only lead to cumbersome forms and endless delays. The application of the Sphere handbook needs to be reconsidered in the context of sudden-impact natural disasters and where pre-existing standards are below Sphere norms. NA	UN; ICRC; IFRC; NGOs
Part of Rec 8, 6.4.1, p63 Needs Assessment Report One single entity under OCHA management would minimise the existing duplication of effort and, more importantly, the gaps, such as lack of analysis and compilation of assessment reports//Ideally, in a more distant future, this entity should be administered collegially by the members of the Inter Agency Standing Committee, and replace the existing parallel assessment mechanisms of both UN and Red Cross systems. Policy	OCHA; IASC
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report Donors should make funding available (early) for follow-on activities conditional on the application of a comprehensive joint assessment. Performance	Donors
Rec 12 (6.4.2), p67 Needs Assessment Report Reinforce the UN capacity through the establishment of an interagency fund permitting the rapid and substantive deployment of a joint assessment team. Lead agencies should also increase their investment in staff and guidance. NA, HR	UN

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Coordination (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 13, 6.4.2, p67 Needs Assessment Report The UN should make drastic improvements to its procurement, recruitment and security procedures to facilitate the rapid deployment of the proposed joint needs assessment teams in the first hours and days after the disaster. If this is not deemed possible in the short term, OCHA should explore other possibilities, such as the use of specialised NGOs or subcontracting from the private sector for support in the initial needs assessment. NA	UN; OCHA
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p129 Synthesis Report Agencies should establish clear criteria and a transparent allocation process, based on needs and capacity assessments. These are necessary for both CERF and for any country-level (re) allocations of pooled funding. The criteria and mechanisms should, among other things, facilitate the early mobilisation of joint assessment teams from governments and international agencies. Funding, Policy	International aid community
1.2 : With national actors	
Rec 7, 6.4.1, p64 Needs Assessment Report Donors should demand that major response actors [UN, NGO and Red Cross], jointly carry out initial comprehensive needs assessments. These should be carried out with national authorities. Other actors should be encouraged to do the sameand at should share the results of their own assessments NA, Ownership	Donors; UN; ICRC;IFRC; NGOs
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.2, p118 Synthesis Report In line with earlier recommendations regarding support to authorities, international agencies should invest more in their assessment capacities. Assessments should ideally be joint, involving national, local, and international actors. The Red Cross and the UN system, in particular, should enter into discussions on how to achieve this. In addition, all agencies should, as a principle, share assessment reports. The UN should integrate all assessment-support components of its response (UNDAC, HIC and UNJLC) into one knowledge management programme, with a greater capacity to analyse data (including remote sensing data) in conjunction with local and national authorities. NA, Ownership, Policy	International aid community; IFRC; UN

Addressed to: IASC; NGO consortia; donors
IASC; RCs/HCs; International aid community
International aid community; UN; RCs/HCs
UN; IASC; NGOs
HIC; UNDAC; UNJLC

Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report Support for joint national-international information services should include preparedness for the rapid deployment of initial assessments, intended to provide a comprehensive overview of needs and resources and covering all affected areas and population groups. This should lead to the establishment of a single set of jointly-managed databases of all affected people and resources provided to assist them. NA, Policy	International aid
Sub-rec, 7.2, p69 Coordination Report For eventual transfer to government, the exit strategy in each country should include linkages to the DAD and other information-management programs under a single umbrella combined with, for example, the UNDP Capacity Building Programs. Ownership	UN; international aid community
Sub-rec, 5.5.2, p54 Needs Assessment Report HIC should evolve from its present role as a depository of documents of variable utility. The transition from information management to knowledge management would be a good first step to satisfy the needs of the international community. This would require a much greater and much varied human- resource base and capacity to respond to the challenges of a fast-paced situation with so many actors. HR	ніс
Sub-rec, 7.1, p67 Coordination Report The use of information technology should be coordinated at district levels in order to create the best protective system possible for vulnerable populations. LRRD	International aid community
Sub-rec, 7.2, p69 Coordination Report The demand for data filtration and analysis requires a closer look at, and perhaps revision of, the HIC mandate.	ніс
2.3: Reporting	
Sub-rec, 2.5, p32 Coordination Report There is a need for greater coherence and clearer responsibilities around reporting and decision making [at all coordination levels]. This would avoid time-consuming micro-management and competing demands for information to be sent to New York and Geneva. Policy	UN; IASC; NGOs

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TEC Recommendation Matrix: Coordination (cont) Recommendations	Addressed to:
Annex E, p149 Synthesis Report OECD/DAC, in conjunction with other actors and mechanisms (such as GHD and FTS), should develop a common reporting format through which agencies can simultaneously report to a number of donors. Accountability	OECD/DAC
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p124 Synthesis Report Improved mechanisms should be develop to track how the 'humanitarian dollar' flows from the tax-payer or contributing citizen to the beneficiary, documenting each layer, the transaction cost and value added (or subtracted). Common and consistent accounting definitions need to be agreed and applied across the humanitarian sector. Accountability, Funding	Donors; international aid community
3: People and services	
Rec 6, p15 Coordination Report With respect to the constant stream of visits by agency staff and donors, the IASC should urgently introduce monitored guidelines requiring all agencies and donors to report on the numbers and cost of visiting delegations. Common reporting under the guidance of the GHD, for instance, should be used. Accountability (upwards), Regulation	IASC; international aid community
Rec 13, p16 Coordination Report The RC/HC should strongly advocate and disseminate information on the common services available to all actors: what they provide, how non-UN agencies can supplement capacities, and the purpose of the Humanitarian Common Service 'matrix'.	RC/HC
Annex E, p149 Synthesis Report Where appropriate, and with the support of multilateral agencies, states should establish, and international agencies should be prepared to work through, common mechanisms, such as consortia and trust funds. Performance, Funding	Affected-country governments; multilateral agencies; international aid community
Sub-rec, 4.1 Coordination Report The UN in May 2006 developed guidelines on accepting donated services, and OCHA could in the future provide a 'coordination role' on behalf of all agencies regarding participation in the private sector. This might include, for instance, stand-by agreements, MoU templates and guidance on how to deal with such offers. Role of others	ОСНА

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Coordination (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Sub-rec, 7.1, p67 Coordination Rapid and low-cost satellite communications, internet systems and GSM telephone systems need to be examined and made available to UN and UN partners at the national level. Role of others, LRRD	Donors; UN
4: Supporting quality	
4.1: Overarching	
Rec 8, p15 Coordination Report Benchmark (gender-sensitive) indicators for coordination should be developed, along with simple monitoring and report-back systems for the quality of coordination meetings. Regulation, Policy	OCHA; international aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.3, p115 Synthesis Report The UN should play its mandated coordination role in improving linkages and coherence between the different disaster response actors by developing a coordination model that supports national coordination efforts, by ensuring that the complementary international effort is itself coherent. Policy	UN
4.2: Mandates and roles	
Part of Rec 1, 6.2.2, p47 Capacities Report The international community should also make plans to shift into more collective ways of working during 'megadisasters' in order to ensure that they do not extend beyond their competence but instead link with other agencies and share roles. (Regulation), Policy	International aid community
Rec 1, p15 Coordination Report An international review and consultation should be undertaken with NGOs to develop new approaches to achieving: (a) adequate representation within coordination structures at all levels; (b) consensus that can be translated into common positions and a level of predictability on key issues; and (c) the extent to which a certification process can be introduced to assist governments and donors in choosing responsible NGO partners with whom to work.	IASC; NGO consortia; donors
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.3, p122 Synthesis Report International agencies should respect and promote national coordination of all response activities. Ownership, Policy	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Coordination (cont)	
Recommendations (COII)	Addressed to:
Sub-rec, 2.5, p33 Coordination Report Given their prominent profile as funding bodies and implementers, NGOs should have increased levels of representation within the international coordination apparatus, including the IASC.	IASC; UN; IFRC; international aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.2, p119 Synthesis Report Where appropriate, integrated geographic coordination mechanisms (not just sectoral or 'cluster'-based models) should be considered. To improve advocacy, UN RC/HC's need to take a lead in developing a cross-agency consensus on sensitive issues before raising them with national authorities. Policy	International aid community; UN; RCs/HCs
Conclusion 4, Lesson 1, p42 Funding Report So far only a few donor countries, including the UK and the Netherlands, have joint fundraising for NGOs. Joint fundraising initiatives need to be matched by moves to encourage, joint NGO programming. There needs to be stronger commitment to coordination of programming under national direction Funding, Ownership, Policy	Donor governments; affected-country governments; NGOs
Sub-rec, 4.1, p45 Coordination Report Under increasing government ownership of the national and provincial recovery process, the comparative advantage of the UN should have been in strategic planning, policy and coordination, rather than in direct project implementation. Policy	UN
Sub-rec, 4.3, p50 Coordination Report There is no inherent reason why UN agencies should take a lead in sectoral coordination, which should be done according to comparative advantage.	UN; international aid community
Rec 10, 6.4.1, p66 Needs Assessment Report Specialised UN agencies should focus primarily on their role as sectoral or cluster lead agencies (assessment and coordination), and avoid being distracted by the direct implementation of response activities that other agencies could carry out. Regulation	UN agencies
Conclusion 3, Lesson 4, p41 Funding Report The role of OCHA and/or the Humanitarian Coordinators in allocating un-earmarked funds needs to be clearer and institutionally supported if it is to result in a more strategic and prioritised response. HR, Proportionality, Policy	OCHA; HCs/RCs

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Coordination (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
4.3: With the private sector	
Sub-rec, 4.1, p45 Coordination Report The UN in May 2006 developed guidelines on accepting donated services, and OCHA could in the future provide a 'coordination role' on behalf of all agencies regarding participation in the private sector. This might include, for instance, stand-by agreements, MoU templates and guidance on how to deal with such offers. Role of others	ОСНА
Rec 6, p15 Coordination Report With respect to the constant stream of visits by agency staff and donors, the IASC should urgently introduce monitored guidelines requiring all agencies and donors to report on the numbers and cost of visiting delegations. Common reporting under the guidance of the GHD, for instance, should be used. Accountability (upwards), Regulation	IASC; international aid community
4.4: Skills/personnel	
Rec 3, p15 Coordination Report The international community should ensure that sufficient priority is given to enhancing the coordination capacities of local as well as government bodies. This includes deploying senior staff beyond capitals and helping to build the capacity of local authorities to utilise information systems such as HIC. Where there are large numbers of INGOs; the deployment of a senior NGO liaison officer should be considered. HR, Ownership	OCHA; international aid community
Rec 7, p15 Coordination Report Leadership and coordination skills should include the basics of how to maximise the output of meetings. These skills should be promoted by all agencies, forming part of the induction training for operational staff, along with standard operating procedures. HR	OCHA; international aid community
4.5: Monitoring and evaluation	
Rec 8, p16 Coordination Report Benchmark (gender-sensitive) indicators for coordination should be developed, along with simple monitoring and report-back systems for the quality of coordination meetings. Regulation, Policy	OCHA; international aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Coordination (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 10, p16 Coordination Report In line with UN guidelines issued in May 2006 on accepting pro bono offers, OCHA should lead on behalf of the wider humanitarian community in further developing guidance on private sector donations. Initially, an internal policy should be shared with all OCHA staff and should include a template stand-by MoUs for pro bono offers. OCHA should also ensure that all major emergencies have a dedicated focal point for liaising with key private-sector companies (ideally both in country and at OCHA HQ). Funding, HR, Role of others	OCHA; IASC
Sub-rec, 7.2, p69 Coordination Report INGOs are keen to see UNMIS create a common template for monitoring and evaluation, with greater standardisation of indicators to avoid current confusions. Policy, Regulation	UNMIS
Rec 9, p16 Coordination Report In emergencies of this magnitude, the RC/HC office should be supported by the early deployment of a full-time gender officer [1 year]. This person could serve as a resource person for the humanitarian community at large and support the mainstreaming of gender issues through all program sectors. HR	RC/HC; international aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Disaster Risk Reduction

Disaster Risk Reduction

Recommendations	Addressed to:
1.1: Overarching	
Overall Conclusion, 5.4, p44 Capacities Report There is a need to rethink the end goal of humanitarian assistance and move from a service-delivery approach to a capacity-empowering framework to shift the emphasis from only delivery to support and facilitation.	International aid agencies
Part of Rec 3, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report The best mechanism to ensure funding of national preparedness should be considered in future meetings of the Inter Agency Standing Committee and the Good Humanitarian Donorship group.	IASC; GHD
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2 p113 Synthesis Report All actors should strive to reduce disaster risks and increase disaster response capacities at all levels [from local – national] and within the framework of local development processes and plans.	All actors
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2 p113 Synthesis Report International agencies should improve global disaster risk reduction by systematising learning from successful experience and practice from the field. Research is needed to capture replicable examples.	International agencies; evaluation actors; academia
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p116 Synthesis Report International agencies and states in high-risk areas should demand that disaster risk reduction programmes be adequately supported.	International aid agencies; affected-country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p116 Synthesis Report Donor governments and IFIs should consider allocating a set percentage of their relief budget to DRR. Funding should be long-term, predictable and aimed at the reduction of vulnerabilities in risk-prone regions.	Donor governments; IFIs
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p117 Synthesis Report Comprehensive, multi-year risk reduction programmes should be established in all risk-prone countries, on a scale commensurate with the risk faced, be natural disasters, conflict or other factors.	Donors; international aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report Donors should improve the transition from relief to recovery and development by increasing the flexibility in applying funds from a variety of budgets and instruments, in accordance with needs and realities on the ground.	Donors

Recommendations	Addressed to:
1.2: National	
Rec 4, p81 LRRD Report More consideration needs to be given to reducing risks of natural disasters, and anchoring such strategies within national structures for social protection.	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.3 p114 Synthesis Report Both international agencies and states in high-risk regions should respect the role and responsibility of affected states as the primary duty bearers and authorities in responding to natural disasters and ensuring risk reduction.	International aid community; affected country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p115 Synthesis Report International agencies should 'map' and support host- authority capacities in a manner similar to that for mapping capacities of affected people. This should be conducted prior to any disaster event and updated during the response// international agencies with a development mandate are best placed for providing such support.	International agencies with a development mandate
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p116 Synthesis Report International agencies should assist states in high-risk regions to establish or strengthen a national/sub-national institution to manage disaster preparedness and response and to enable cooperation between relevant government departments and between central and local governments.	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p117 Synthesis Report States should also set targets for national funding of DRR. If appealing for disaster response funding, they should design appeals to include funding for long-term DRR strategies also.	Affected-country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p117 Synthesis Report The programmes should be based on hazard and vulnerability analysis and anchored within national development and social protection structures.	Donors, international aid community
1.3: Local	
Part of Rec 1, p79 LRRD Report A bridging of the current divide between aid programming and the initiatives of affected populations will require a reconsideration of how agenda-setting is managed in the affected countries.	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Disaster Risk Reduc	tion (cont)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 3, 6.2.4, p48 Capacities Report Communities should be encouraged to develop their own contingency plans for disasters and receive material support with the proviso that adequate provision must be made for poorer and marginalized groups. This should extend to a wide range of civil-society organizations including women's groups.	International aid community
1.4: Miscellaneous	
Sub rec, 7.1, p66/67 Coordination Report The use of information technology should be coordinated at district levels in order to create the best protective system possible for vulnerable populations.	International aid community
from LRRD 1 : Preparedness, DRR	
1.1 : Consider the problem/overarching	
Part of Rec 3, 6.2, p63, Needs Assessment Report The best mechanism to ensure funding of national preparedness should be considered in future meetings of the Inter Agency Standing Committee and the Good Humanitarian Donorship group.	IASC; GHD
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2 p114 Synthesis Report International agencies should improve global disaster risk reduction by systematising learning from successful experience and practice from the field. Research is needed to capture replicable examples.	International aid community; Evaluation actors; Academia
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p117 Synthesis Report Comprehensive, multi-year risk reduction programmes should be established in all risk-prone countries, on a scale commensurate with the risk faced, be natural disasters, conflict or other factors.	Donors; international aid community
1.2 : International investment in national	
Rec 3, 6.2, p63, Needs Assessment Report Donors and humanitarian agencies should invest more time and resources in strengthening the capacity of national and local authorities to carry out formal cross-sectoral needs assessments. A pre-determined percentage of all future relief funding should be put aside for region-wide preparedness for future disasters.	Donors; international aid community
Rec 4, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report Arrangements should be made to conduct joint national/ international assessments with national authorities, prior to an emergency occurring [i.e. in disaster prone countries as part of preparedness planning].	International aid community; affected- country governments

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Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p116 Synthesis Report International agencies and states in high-risk areas should demand that disaster risk reduction programmes be adequately supported.	International aid community; affected country governments
1.3: National action	
Rec 4, p81 LRRD Report More consideration needs to be given to reducing risks of natural disasters, and anchoring such strategies within national structures for social protection.	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2, p114 Synthesis Report All actors should strive to reduce disaster risks and increase disaster response capacities at all levels [from local – national] and within the framework of local development processes and plans.	International aid community
Part of Rec 3, 6.2.4, p48 Capacities Report National governments should develop plans and procedures for disaster management including the management of information – so that communities are well informed of the response at all stages.	Affected country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p117 Synthesis Report States should also set targets for national funding of DRR. If appealing for disaster response funding, they should design appeals to include funding for long-term DRR strategies also.	Affected country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p117 Synthesis Report The programmes should be based on hazard and vulnerability analysis and anchored within national development and social protection structures.	Donors; international aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Disaster Risk Reduc	tion (cont)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 1, 5.3.1 p118 Synthesis Report In additional to full-time standby personnel, agencies need to develop or improve response rosters accompanied by appropriate training to allow the rapid deployment of 'regular' personnel in emergencies". National governments also need to establish their own rosters, for building up capacity at any disaster affected location.	International aid community; affected country governments
1.4: Practicalities	
Sub rec, 7.1, p66/67 Coordination Report The use of information technology should be coordinated at district levels in order to create the best protective system possible for vulnerable populations.	International aid
Sub rec, 7.1, p67 Coordination Report Rapid and low-cost satellite communications, internet systems and GSM telephone systems need to be examined and made available to UN and UN partners at the national level.	Donors; UN
from Policy coherence 3: DRR and LRRD	
3.3: DRR	
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p116 Synthesis Report Donor governments and IFIs should consider allocating a set percentage of their relief budget to DRR.Funding should be long-term, predictable and aimed at the reduction of vulnerabilities in risk-prone regions.	Donor governments; IFIs
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p116 Synthesis Report International agencies should assist states in high-risk regions to establish or strengthen a national/sub-national institution to manage disaster preparedness and response and to enable cooperation between relevant government departments and between central and local governments.	International aid community
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TEC Recommendation Matrix: Disaster Risk Reduc	tion (cont)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 2, p117 Synthesis Report All actors should strive to increase and review periodically their disaster response capacities. They should seek to improve the linkages and coherence between themselves and other actors in the international disaster response system, including those from the affected countries themselves.	All actors
3.4: LRRD	
Rec 2, p80 LRRD Report Links between relief and rehabilitation have been achieved, but greater attention needs to be paid to the implications of programming for longer term development.	UNMIS
Part of Rec 1, 6.2.2, p47 Capacities Report The International Community should have clear partnership strategies from the start in order to avoid glitches during the transition to recovery.	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3 p120 Synthesis Report Donors and agencies should continue to invest in national-international participatory assessments of livelihood recovery.	Donors; international aid community; affected country governments
Rec 6, p82 LRRD Report Links between policies and programming should be made by sector and through support to national and household efforts to bring together relief, rehabilitation and development.	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3 p120 Synthesis Report International agencies should treat recovery activities as longer term development interventions rather than as extensions to relief operations//Further research is needed to identify principles for recovery including adapting existing DAC poverty reduction criteria to recovery scenarios.	International aid community, research actors (e.g. evaluation and policy
from Needs assessment	
1.4 : In relation to DRR and LRRD	
Rec 2, 6.1, p63 Needs Assessment Report Donors and agencies should focus their efforts on demanding high -quality needs assessments for recovery/ rehabilitation programs.	Donors; international aid community
Rec 4, 6.1, p63 Needs Assessment Report Arrangements should be made to conduct joint national/ international assessments with national authorities, prior to an emergency occurring [i.e. in disaster prone countries as part of preparedness planning].	International aid community; affected- country governments

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Disaster Risk Reduc	tion (cont)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 15, 6.4.3, p68 Needs Assessment Report The UN system should maintain the reliability and credibility of its assessments by offering balanced and objective estimates of populations affected and the risks they are facing, as well as proactively discouraging inappropriate forms of assistance.	UN
from Ownership 4: DRR and LRRD	
4.3: DRR	
Rec 4, p81 LRRD Report More consideration needs to be given to reducing risks of natural disasters, and anchoring such strategies within national structures for social protection.	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p115 Synthesis Report International agencies should assist states in high-risk regions to establish or strengthen a national/sub-national institution to manage disaster preparedness and response and to enable cooperation between relevant government departments and between central and local governments.	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4 p117 Synthesis Report States should also set targets for national funding of DRR. If appealing for disaster response funding, they should design appeals to include funding for long-term DRR strategies also.	Affected-country governments
4.4: LRRD	
Rec 1, p79 LRRD Report LRRD must be more firmly rooted in national and local contexts and processes.	International aid community
Conclusion 6, Lesson 3, p44 Funding Report The coordinated use of cash grants and loans provided through existing institutions needs to be evaluated as a potentially more effective and efficient way of funding recovery and reconstruction than direct implementation by international and national agencies.	Donors; IFIs; international aid community
Sub rec, 7.2, p69 Coordination Report For eventual transfer to government, the exit strategy in each country should include linkages to the DAD and other information-management programs under a single umbrella combined with, for example, the UNDP Capacity Building Programs.	UN; international aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Disaster Risk Reduction (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3 p120 Synthesis Report Donors and agencies should continue to invest in national- international participatory assessments of livelihood recovery.	Donors; international aid community
Part of Rec 4, p81/82 LRRD Report Aid needs to be refocused to support governments as they reassume responsibility for ensuring the safety, survival and dignity of their citizens.	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Funding

Funding

Recommendations	Addressed to:
1: Global proportionality	
Conclusion 3, Lesson 2, p40 Funding Report The international community needs to consider whether it is prepared to give substance to the GHD principles by committing to a target that all people affected by disasters should be entitled to a certain minimum level of humanitarian assistance and, if so, whether the current appeal-based system can deliver the resources to achieve that.	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report All appeals for funds should include a 'tick-box' (or a similar option for telephone donations) to allow donors and the public to earmark the funds that they donate. An explanatory note should indicate that if they do not mark this option, funds could be reallocated to other populations in similar need. When international agencies appeal for funds they should publicise the possibility that finds could be reallocated for more urgent needs elsewhere. These should be complemented by fundraising standards that limit openended appeals to estimates of overall needs versus resources available. Pooling mechanisms should also be explored, in order to facilitate the transfer of surplus funds from one organisation to another.	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p124 Synthesis Report Official donors through, for example, the OECD/DAC and/or the UN IASC, should consider setting a target that all people affected by disasters should be entitled to a minimum level of humanitarian assistance. Similarly, all donors should set a deadline by which they will reach the (1970) UN resolution for a minimum ODA target of 0.7% of gross national product. Policy	Donor governments and other donor mechanisms
2: Mechanisms	
2.1 : Oversight of funding	
Rec 4, p122 Synthesis Report All actors need to make the current funding system impartial and more efficient, flexible, transparent and better aligned with principles of good donorship. Policy	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Funding (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p130 Synthesis Report To complement the CERF and other initiatives, including official donor peer reviews, independent oversight of donor impartiality and performance is necessary. Self-regulation of donors by donors is as incomplete a control as self-regulation is for operational agencies. The OECD/DAC should develop new or improve existing oversight mechanisms to monitor donor adherence to GHD principles. Policy	OECD/DAC; donors
Conclusion 3, Lesson 4, p41 Funding Report The criteria for allocation of funds must be transparent, accountability defined and standard systems set up to enable the flow of funds. The development of pooled funding mechanisms for humanitarian priorities in Sudan and DRC offers relevant experience Accountability	International aid community
2.2: Coordination of fundraising	
Conclusion 4, Lesson 1, p41 Funding Report So far only a few donor countries, including the UK and the Netherlands, have joint fundraising for NGOs. Joint fundraising initiatives need to be matched by moves to encourage, joint NGO programming. There needs to be stronger commitment to coordination of programming under national direction Ownership, Coordination, Policy	Donor governments; affected-country governments; NGOs
Conclusion 5, Lesson 2, p43 Funding Report Common/consistent accounting definitions need to be applied across all sectors. Existing initiatives, e.g. the Iraq Trust Fund on defining disbursements and the DAC documentation of pledges and commitments have resulted in greater transparency and consistency in this area. Initiatives like these need to be applied more widely. Accountability (upwards)	International aid community
Annex E, p148 Synthesis Report Where appropriate, and with the support of multilateral agencies, states should establish, and international agencies should be prepared to work through, common mechanisms, such as consortia and trust funds. Coordination, Performance	Affected-country governments; multilateral agencies; international aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Funding (cont)	
Recommendations Conclusion 6, Lesson 2, p44 Funding Report The assumption that each agency needs to implement its own programme needs to be challenged, particularly in the reconstruction phase. Bilateral donors seem to appreciate this more than others. Greater use of NGO consortia, and pooled funding through national governments, should be explored. Policy coherence	Addressed to: Donors; international aid community
2.3: Procedures	
Part of Rec 1, sub-rec 4, p47 Capacities Report They [international agencies] should institute procedures for introducing long term grants from the outset of an intervention, and should critically examine reporting requirements. Policy, Coordination	International aid community
Sub-lesson, Conclusion 5, p42 Funding Report Improved financial accountability requires political and agency support and it needs to be a priority. Accountability	Affected-country governments; donors; international aid community
Conclusion 5, Lesson 2, p43 Funding Report Common/consistent accounting definitions need to be applied across all sectors. Existing initiatives, e.g. the Iraq Trust Fund on defining disbursements and the DAC documentation of pledges and commitments have resulted in greater transparency and consistency in this area. Initiatives like these, need to be applied more widely. Accountability (upwards)	International aid community
Part of Rec 12, 6.4.2, p67 Needs Assessment Report A fund exclusive to assessment should be established, as either a special fund or earmarked line in OCHA's Central Emergency relief Fund (CERF)//Funding should cover all types of assessments (life-saving or livelihood recovery) carried out in the first months. NA, Funding	ОСНА
Rec 12, 6.4.2, p67 Needs Assessment Report Reinforce the UN capacity through the establishment of an interagency fund permitting the rapid and substantive deployment of a joint assessment team. Lead agencies should also increase their investment in staff and guidance. (NA), Coordination, Funding	UN

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Funding (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
2.4: Tracking of spend	
Conclusion 5, Lesson 3, p43 Funding Report An accreditation system for financial accounting and reporting should be established that uses standard formats and definitions, and includes full compliance with FTS and DAD [or something similar]. Once established, donors should only give support to accredited agencies (UN, NGOs and RC Movement). This would encourage the public to do the same. Regulation	International aid community
Conclusion 5, Lesson 4, p43 Funding Report There is a serious need to understand how the humanitarian dollar flows from original donor to actual beneficiary, documenting each layer, the transaction costs and added values. A pilot study using a sample of programmes from different agency types (UN, bilateral, NGO and RC Movement) should be commissioned. (upwards accountability)	Donors; international aid community
Conclusion 6, Lesson 1, p44 Funding Report Ways of documenting local response need to be developed and included in standard reporting to enable like-with-like comparisons with international assistance. The role of remittances in supporting local response needs to be better understood, and existing plans for facilitating remittance flows for development purposes extended to apply to humanitarian situations. Accountability, Ownership	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p131 Synthesis Report The OECD/DAC should experiment with a grant-tracking system to see if it would be possible to track grants from pledge to disbursement. The system should also document local contributions and diaspora remittances. This should include how to extend existing plans for facilitating and recording remittance flows for development purposes to apply to humanitarian situations. Policy	OECD/DAC
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p124 Synthesis Report Improved mechanisms should be develop to track how the 'humanitarian dollar' flows from the tax-payer or contributing citizen to the beneficiary, documenting each layer, the transaction cost and value added (or subtracted). Common and consistent accounting definitions need to be agreed and applied across the humanitarian sector. Accountability	Donors; international aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Funding (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
2.5: Private sector donors	
Rec 10, p14-15 Coordination Report "In line with UN guidelines issued in May 2006 on accepting pro bono offers, OCHA should lead on behalf of the wider humanitarian community in further developing guidance on private sector donations. Initially, an internal policy should be shared with all OCHA staff and should include a template stand-by MoUs for pro bono offers. OCHA should also ensure that all major emergencies have a dedicated focal point for liaising with key private-sector companies (ideally both in country and at OCHA HQ)" Coordination, HR, Role of others	OCHA; IASC
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p125 Synthesis Report OECD/DAC should discount tied aid to 75 per cent of its nominal value in its calculation of the overall value of aid from any donor nation. Policy	OECD/DAC
3: Funding according to need	
3.1: Use of funds within an emergency	
Rec 1, p.118 Synthesis Report The international humanitarian community needs a fundamental reorientation from supplying aid to facilitating communities' own relief and recovery priorities. ALL	International aid community
Conclusion 3, Lesson 6, p41 Funding Report Funds need to flow before a formal needs assessments take place. Early commitments need to be flexible so that they can be adapted as needs change NA	Donors
Part of Rec 2, 5.2.2, p114 Synthesis Report Aid should be provided according to need rather than limited to a narrow disaster-affected population. Increased attention should be given to social inequalities, exclusion and hierarchies in disaster response. NA	International aid community; donors
Conclusion 6, Lesson 2, p44 Funding Report Investing in reconstruction bridges relief and development, and accessing the domestic capital market through formal and community-based financial institutions may be a good way of bringing capital to reconstruction efforts.	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Funding (cont)	O didressed As
Recommendations Part of Rec 4, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report Donors should make funding available (early) for follow-on activities conditional on the application of a comprehensive joint assessment. Coordination	Addressed to: Donors
3.2: Flexible funds	
Conclusion 3, Lesson 3, p41 Funding Report The process for the allocation of un-earmarked funds (22 per cent of government contributions) lacked clarity. If un-earmarked funds become more important in line with progressive thinking on aid effectiveness, the criteria and process for allocation and accountability must be clearer. Proportionality	International aid community
Conclusion 3, Lesson 4, p41 Funding Report The role of OCHA and/or the Humanitarian Coordinators in allocating un-earmarked funds needs to be clearer and institutionally supported if it is to result in a more strategic and prioritised response. HR, Coordination, Policy	OCHA; HCs/RCs
Conclusion 3, Lesson 4, p40 Funding Report Humanitarian agencies need to recognise that a commitment to impartiality may be inconsistent with the open-ended appeals, and may require reallocating funds already raised. Flexibility in the use of funds needs to be increased for future appeals by allowing private government donors to indicate (via a tick box for private donors) that their donation can be used for other humanitarian emergencies when the appeal has reached its target or assessed needs have been met. Needs assessment	International aid community; donors
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report Donors should improve the transition from relief to recovery and development by increasing the flexibility in applying funds from a variety of budgets and instruments, in accordance with needs and realities on the ground. LRRD, Policy	Donors
3.3: Preparedness	
Part of Rec 3, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report The best mechanism to ensure funding of national preparedness should be considered in future meetings of the Inter Agency Standing Committee and the Good Humanitarian Donorship group. LRRD, Policy	IASC; GHD

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Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report Donor governments and IFIs should consider allocating a set percentage of their relief budget to DRR. Funding should be long-term, predictable and aimed at the reduction of vulnerabilities in risk-prone regions. Policy	Donor governments; IFIs
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.1, p118 Synthesis Report Donors need to support the development of surge capacity within agencies by funding such development between emergencies. HR	Donors
Rec 3, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report Donors and humanitarian agencies should invest more time and resources in strengthening the capacity of national and local authorities to carry out formal cross-sectoral needs assessments. A pre-determined percentage of all future relief funding should be put aside for region-wide preparedness for future disasters LRRD	Donors; international aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report International agencies and states in high-risk areas should demand that disaster risk reduction programmes be adequately supported. LRRD, Funding	International aid community; affected- country governments
3.4: Allocation of funds	
Conclusion 3, Lesson 1, p40 Funding Report Humanitarian agencies need to recognise that a commitment to impartiality may be inconsistent with the open-ended appeals, and may require reallocating funds already raised. Flexibility in the use of funds needs to be increased for future appeals by allowing private government donors to indicate (via a tick box for private donors) that their donation can be used for other humanitarian emergencies when the appeal has reached its target or assessed needs have been met. NA	International aid community; donors
Conclusion 3, Lesson 5, p41 Funding Report Appeals by the UN and others must be needs based. They need to be more explicit in describing what "needs" can and have already been met by local and national actors. Ownership	UN; international aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Funding (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 1, 6.1, p62 Needs Assessment Report The international community, and in particular the UN and the Red Cross movement, should either significantly invest politically and financially in a permanent rapid assessment capacity, or abandon the pretence that initial cross-sectoral assessments by external teams guide the immediate international response of governments, the public or humanitarian organisations. NA, Policy coherence	International aid community; UN; ICRC; IFRC
Rec 14, 6.4.3, p68 Needs Assessment Report Past the early acute phase of the emergency donors donors should make their funding conditional on a solid, documented formal needs assessment and a well-articulated plan for ongoing monitoring of those needs. NA, Regulation	Donors
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report Agencies should establish clear criteria and a transparent allocation process, based on needs and capacity assessments. These are necessary for both CERF and for any country-level (re) allocations of pooled funding. The criteria and mechanisms should, among other things, facilitate the early mobilisation of joint assessment teams from governments and international agencies. Policy, Coordination	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p124 Synthesis Report Donors should develop mechanisms to measure the relative effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of international agencies, and fund accordingly. They should also inform the tax-paying public of the performance and quality of the agencies they fund, through, for example, widely disseminated independent reports. Regulation, Funding	Donors

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Human Resources

Human Resources

Recommendations	Addressed to:
1: Local / national HR issues	
Rec 3, p15 Coordination Report The international community should ensure that sufficient priority is given to enhancing the coordination capacities of local as well as government bodies. This includes deploying senior staff beyond capitals and helping to build the capacity of local authorities to utilise information systems such as HIC. Where there are large numbers of INGOs; the deployment of a senior NGO liaison officer should be considered. Coordination, Ownership	OCHA; International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 6.2.2, p47 Capacities Report Specific agreements and protocols should be made to limit 'poaching' of staff. This will help ensure local capacity is not undermined Ownership	International aid community
2: HR capacities	
2.1: Assessment and information management	
Rec 8, 6.4.1, p65 Needs Assessment Report Assessment and coordination functions are complementary, but must be separated in terms of dedicated human resources. NA	UN
Rec 9, 6.4.1, p66 Needs Assessment Report OCHA should increase the human resources dedicated to the compilation and analysis of data on the model adopted by the IFIs in their assessment of damage and loss. LRRD	ОСНА
Rec 12, 6.4.2, p67 Needs Assessment Report Reinforce the UN capacity through the establishment of an interagency fund permitting the rapid and substantive deployment of a joint assessment team. Lead agencies should also increase their investment in staff and guidance. (NA), Coordination, Funding	UN
Sub-rec, 5.5.2, p54 Needs Assessment Report HIC should evolve from its present role as a depository of documents of variable utility. The transition from information management to knowledge management would be a good first step to satisfy the needs of the international community. This would require a much greater and much varied human-resource base and capacity to respond to the challenges of a fast-paced situation with so many actors. Coordination	ніс

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Human Resources (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
2.2: Contingency and stand-by capacity	
Part of Rec 1, 6.2.2, p47 Capacities Report International agencies should prepare in advance for the problems of scaling up not simply by identifying resources but also by making their systems and practises suitable for maximum participation by local people. Accountability	International aid community
Rec 11, p16 Coordination Report To avoid high turnover of staff, HR departments should deploy long-term (at least one-year) personnel in the field quickly. Urgent attention should be given to the speed with which staff members are recruited, and to expanding the registry of suitable standby staff.	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.1, p118 Synthesis Report Donors need to support the development of surge capacity within agencies by funding such development between emergencies. Funding	Donors
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.1, p118 Synthesis Report In additional to full-time standby personnel, agencies need to develop or improve response rosters accompanied by appropriate training to allow the rapid deployment of 'regular' personnel in emergencies". National governments also need to establish their own rosters, for building up capacity at any disaster affected location. Ownership, LRRD	International aid community; affected- country governments
2.3: Miscellaneous	
Rec 9, p16 Coordination Report In emergencies of this magnitude, the RC/HC office should be supported by the early deployment of a full-time gender officer [1 year]. This person could serve as a resource person for the humanitarian community at large and support the mainstreaming of gender issues through all program sectors. Coordination	RC/HC; international aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p119 Synthesis Report To improve management of the transition from relief to recovery, international agencies should adapt their: staffing (skills profiles and numbers); assessment and planning methods and data; funding sources and programme horizons; strategic partnerships; and operational methods. Accountability, Policy	International aid community; response actors

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Human Resources (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
3: Staff skills, training, and conditions	
Conclusion 3, Lesson 4, p41 Funding Report The role of OCHA and/or the Humanitarian Coordinators in allocating un-earmarked funds needs to be clearer and institutionally supported if it is to result in a more strategic and prioritised response. Coordination, Proportionality, Policy	OCHA; HCs/RCs
Rec 7, p15 Coordination Report Leadership and coordination skills should include the basics of how to maximise the output of meetings. These skills should be promoted by all agencies, forming part of the induction training for operational staff, along with standard operating procedures. Coordination	OCHA; International aid community
Part of Rec 3, 5.3.4, p121 Synthesis Report The aid agencies should, together with academic institutions and training providers, set up a professional body with transparent criteria for admission and for the achievement of 'certified professional' or 'chartered' status. As an initial step, the IASC or a major donor could host discussions on what the requirements for such professional status would be.	International aid community; academic institutions; training providers; IASC; donors
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.1, p117/118 Synthesis Report All agencies need to reduce the high rates of turnover commonly seen in emergencies by providing contract and conditions of employment that encourage staff to remain in post.	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: LRRD (including early warning)

LRRD (including early warning)

Recommendations	Addressed to:
1: Preparedness, DRR	
1.1: Consider the problem/overarching	
Part of Rec 3, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report The best mechanism to ensure funding of national preparedness should be considered in future meetings of the Inter Agency Standing Committee and the Good Humanitarian Donorship group. Funding, Policy	IASC; GHD
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2, p114 Synthesis Report International agencies should improve global disaster risk reduction by systematising learning from successful experience and practice from the field. Research is needed to capture replicable examples. Policy	International aid community; evaluators; academia
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p117 Synthesis Report Comprehensive, multi-year risk reduction programmes should be established in all risk-prone countries, on a scale commensurate with the risk faced, be natural disasters, conflict or other factors. Policy	Donors; international aid community
1.2: International investment in national	
Rec 3, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report Donors and humanitarian agencies should invest more time and resources in strengthening the capacity of national and local authorities to carry out formal cross-sectoral needs assessments. A pre-determined percentage of all future relief funding should be put aside for region-wide preparedness for future disasters. NA, Funding	Donors; international aid community
Rec 4, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report Arrangements should be made to conduct joint national/ international assessments with national authorities, prior to an emergency occurring [i.e. in disaster prone countries as part of preparedness planning]. NA, Policy	International aid community; national governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p115 Synthesis Report International agencies should 'map' and support host- authority capacities in a manner similar to that for mapping capacities of affected people. This should be conducted prior to any disaster event and updated during the response//international agencies with a development mandate are best placed for providing such support.	International agencies with a development mandate

Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report International agencies should assist states in high-risk regions to establish or strengthen a national/sub-national institution to manage disaster preparedness and response and to enable cooperation between relevant government departments and between central and local governments. Ownership, Policy	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report International agencies and states in high-risk areas should demand that disaster risk reduction programmes be adequately supported. Ownership	International aid community; Affected- country governments
1.3: National action	
Rec 4, p81 LRRD Report More consideration needs to be given to reducing risks of natural disasters, and anchoring such strategies within national structures for social protection. Ownership	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2, p114 Synthesis Report All actors should strive to reduce disaster risks and increase disaster response capacities at all levels [from local – national] and within the framework of local development processes and plans. Policy	International aid community
Part of Rec 3, 6.2.4, p 48 Capacities Report National governments should develop plans and procedures for disaster management including the management of information – so that communities are well informed of the response at all stages. Accountability	Affected country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p117 Synthesis Report States should also set targets for national funding of DRR. If appealing for disaster response funding, they should design appeals to include funding for long-term DRR strategies also. Funding, Policy, Ownership	Affected country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p117 Synthesis Report The programmes should be based on hazard and vulnerability analysis and anchored within national development and social protection structures. Ownership	Donors; international aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: LRRD (including ear	ly warning) (cont)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.1, p118 Synthesis Report In additional to full-time standby personnel, agencies need to develop or improve response rosters accompanied by appropriate training to allow the rapid deployment of 'regular' personnel in emergencies". National governments also need to establish their own rosters, for building up capacity at any disaster affected location. HR, Ownership	International aid community; affected country governments
1.4: Practicalities	
Sub-rec, 7.1, p67 Coordination Report The use of information technology should be coordinated at district levels in order to create the best protective system possible for vulnerable populations. Ownership	International aid community
Sub-rec, 7.1, p67 Coordination Report Rapid and low-cost satellite communications, internet systems and GSM telephone systems need to be examined and made available to UN and UN partners at the national level. Role of others	Donors; UN
2: Transition, relationship emergency – RRD	
Rec 2, p80 LRRD Report Links between relief and rehabilitation have been achieved, but greater attention needs to be paid to the implications of programming for longer term development. Policy	International aid community
Part of Rec 3, 5.3.3, p120 Synthesis Report International agencies should treat recovery activities as longer term development interventions rather than as extensions to relief operations//Further research is needed to identify principles for recovery including adapting existing DAC poverty reduction criteria to recovery scenarios. Policy	International aid community; research actors (e.g. evaluation and policy)
Part of Rec 1, 6.2.2, p47 Capacities Report The International Community should have clear partnership strategies from the start in order to avoid glitches during the transition to recovery. Ownership, Policy	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: LRRD (including early warning) (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 14, p16 Coordination Report Adequate resources for coordination should be given to the relief, transition and recovery phases of disasters. This should include support to common services from NGOs and the Red Cross Movement. Emphasis should be given to support the RC/HC through the transition, irrespective of institutional affiliations and restrictive interpretations of mandates concerning relief, recovery or development. Policy	ERC; IASC; international aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report Donors should improve the transition from relief to recovery and development by increasing the flexibility in applying funds from a variety of budgets and instruments, in accordance with needs and realities on the ground. Funding, Policy	Donors
3: RRD activities and priorities	
Rec 9, 6.4.1, p66 Needs Assessment Report OCHA should increase the human resources dedicated to the compilation and analysis of data on the model adopted by the IFIs in their assessment of damage and loss. HR	осна
Conclusion 6, Lesson 2, p44 Funding Report Investing in reconstruction bridges relief and development, and accessing the domestic capital market through formal and community-based financial institutions may be a good way of bringing capital to reconstruction efforts. Funding	International aid community
Conclusion 6, Lesson 3, p44Funding Report The coordinated use of cash grants and loans provided through existing institutions needs to be evaluated as a potentially more effective and efficient way of funding recovery and reconstruction than direct implementation by international and national agencies. Ownership	Donors; financial institutions; international aid community
Sub-rec, 5.4, p61 Coordination Report If the 'build back better' objective is to mean anything, a more comprehensive strategy for sustainable livelihoods is required by those currently engaged in reconstruction.	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p120 Synthesis Report Donors and agencies should continue to invest in national-international participatory assessments of livelihood recovery. Policy, Ownership	Donors; agencies

TEC Recommendation Matrix: LRRD (including ear	ly warning) (cont)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 4, p81 LRRD Report There is a need for deeper and more evidence-based assessment of the impacts of aid programmes on the environment and natural resources. NA	International aid community
4: Interface with Ownership	
Rec 1, p110 Synthesis Report The international humanitarian community needs a fundamental reorientation from supplying aid to facilitating communities' own relief and recovery priorities. ALL	International aid community
Rec 1, p79 LRRD Report LRRD must be more firmly rooted in national and local contexts and processes. Ownership	International aid community
Rec 5, p82 LRRD Report Links to the LRRD efforts of affected populations should be improved through strengthened information flow. Accountability	International aid community
Rec 6, p82 LRRD Report Links between policies and programming should be made by sector and through support to national and household efforts to bring together relief, rehabilitation and development. Policy	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p119, Synthesis Report International agencies should look to specific sectors reflecting people's own priorities more than organisational policies in the design of their recovery programmes. Accountability, Ownership	International agencies
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p119 Synthesis Report Efforts should shift to removing obstacles and facilitating paths to help communities meet their own needs. Response actors should learn to stand back (or 'get out of the way' as the LRRD Report puts it), when they do not have the capacity or endurance to understand and support people's own recovery efforts. Accountability, Policy, LRRD	International agencies; response actors

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Needs Assessment

Needs Assessment

Recommendations	Addressed to:
1: Needs assessment	
1.1: Assessment and programme planning	
Overall conclusion, 6.1, p62 Needs Assessment Report Investment in assessment should be dictated by the expected influence on decision making, not for the sake of assessment itself.	International aid community
Rec 1, 6.1, p62 Needs Assessment Report The international community, and in particular the UN and the Red Cross movement, should either significantly invest politically and financially in a permanent rapid assessment capacity, or abandon the pretence that initial cross-sectoral assessments by external teams guide the immediate international response of governments, the public or humanitarian organisations. Funding , Policy	International aid community; UN; ICRC; IFRC
Conclusion 3, Lesson 5, p41 Funding Report Appeals by the UN and others must be needs based. They need to be more explicit in describing what "needs" can and have already been met by local and national actors. Proportionality, NA	UN; International aid community
Conclusion 3, Lesson 6, p41 Funding Report Funds need to flow before a formal needs assessments take place. Early commitments need to be flexible so that they can be adapted as needs change Funding	Donors
1.2: Context analysis and social dimensions of assessment	
Part of Rec 2, 6.2.3, p47 Capacities Report Planning should be based on the assumption that aid is likely to reinforce inequalities within the community unless corrective action is taken. Ownership, Accountability, Policy	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 6.2.3, p47 Capacities Report Planning should also take account of the complexity of community structures and the need, for knowledgeable local intermediaries with power to influence decisions. Accountability, Ownership	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2, p114 Synthesis Report Aid should be provided according to need rather than limited to a narrow disaster-affected population. Increased attention should be given to social inequalities, exclusion and hierarchies in disaster response. Funding	International aid community; donors

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Needs Assessment (cont)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Sub-rec, 4.4, p51 Coordination Report Greater attention should be paid to what constitutes 'local capacity' and the extent to which existing groups offer potentially viable partnership for agencies. Ownership	UN; NGOs; ICRC; IFRC
Part of Rec 4, p81 LRRD Report There is a need for deeper and more evidence-based assessment of the impacts of aid programmes on the environment and natural resources. LRRD	International aid community
1.3: Quality	
Rec 5, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report In the first few days after a disaster, needs assessment should focus on validating the magnitude and severity of the disaster. For this purpose, donors should assist national authorities in capitalising on remote sensing and other modern techniques. LRRD, Ownership	Donors; Affected- country governments
Rec 14, 6.4.3, p68 Needs Assessment Report Past the early acute emergency, donors should make their funding conditional on a solid, documented formal needs assessment. Funding, Regulation	Donors
1.4: In relation to DRR and LRRD	
Rec 2, 6.1, p63 Needs Assessment Report Donors and agencies should focus their efforts on demanding high -quality needs assessments for recovery/ rehabilitation programs.	Donors; international aid community
Rec 4, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report Arrangements should be made to conduct joint national/international assessments with national authorities, prior to an emergency occurring [i.e. in disaster prone countries as part of preparedness planning]. LRRD, Policy	International aid community; affected- country governments
Rec 15, 6.4.3, p68 Needs Assessment Report The UN system should maintain the reliability and credibility of its assessments by offering balanced and objective estimates of populations affected and the risks they are facing, as well as proactively discouraging inappropriate forms of assistance. Policy, Regulation	UN

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Needs Assessment (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
2: Coordinated/joint assessment	
2.1: General/overarching	
Part of Rec 7, 6.4.1, p65 Needs Assessment Report There needs to be a better understanding between the three different cultures: UN, Red Cross and national government before joint needs assessments can be start. Relationships of trust and fair sharing of leadership need to be built. Meanwhile personnel trained both by UNDAC and FACT should contribute to bridge the present gap. Policy	UN; Red Cross; Affected- country governments; UNDAC; FACT
Part of Rec 7, 6.4.1, p65 Needs Assessment Report At a technical level, standards and forms will need to be pre-agreed. Perhaps an agreement on forms and templates should be sought first between the main actors producing information for public use: the UN and the Red Cross, since too wide a participation in the design process may only lead to cumbersome forms and endless delays. The application of the Sphere handbook needs to be reconsidered in the context of sudden-impact natural disasters and where pre-existing standards are below Sphere norms. Coordination	UN; ICRC; IFRC; NGOs
Sub-rec, 2.7, p35 Needs Assessment Report Developing the same baseline information for all situation reports, if not a common format/template for reporting, would certainly facilitate the work of both editors and readers.	осна (ніс)
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report Support for joint national-international information services should include preparedness for the rapid deployment of initial assessments, intended to provide a comprehensive overview of needs and resources and covering all affected areas and population groups. This should lead to the establishment of a single set of jointly- managed databases of all affected people and resources provided to assist them. Coordination, Policy	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Needs Assessment (cont)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 13, 6.4.2, p67 Needs Assessment Report The UN should make drastic improvements to its procurement, recruitment and security procedures to facilitate the rapid deployment of the proposed joint needs assessment teams in the first hours and days after the disaster. If this is not deemed possible in the short term, OCHA should explore other possibilities, such as the use of specialised NGOs or subcontracting from the private sector for support in the initial needs assessment. Coordination	UN; OCHA
Sub-rec, 5.5.5, p56 Needs Assessment Report For the very specific task of conducting a common humanitarian needs assessment, UNDAC-trained people who are also FACT members (and vice versa) should be identified and deployed.	UNDAC; FACT
Rec 5, p15 Coordination Report The creation and use of a common beneficiary database, provided and endorsed by a central government body, should be an early priority in the emergency phase. Ownership, Accountability	International aid community; Affected- country governments
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p120 Synthesis Report Donors and agencies should continue to invest in national-international participatory assessments of livelihood recovery. LRRD, Policy, NA	Donors; agencies
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.2, p118 Synthesis Report In line with earlier recommendations regarding support to authorities, international agencies should invest more in their assessment capacities. Assessments should ideally be joint, involving national, local, and international actors. The Red Cross and the UN system, in particular, should enter into discussions on how to achieve this. In addition, all agencies should, as a principle, share assessment reports. The UN should integrate all assessment-support components of its response (UNDAC, HIC and UNJLC) into one knowledge management programme, with a greater capacity to analyse data (including remote sensing data) in conjunction with local and national authorities. Ownership, Coordination, Policy	International aid community; IFRC; UN

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Needs Assessment (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
2.2: UN	
Rec 8, 6.4.1, p65 Needs Assessment Report The UN should integrate the components of its assessment support capability.	UN
Part of Rec 8, 6.4.1, p65 Needs Assessment Report One single entity under OCHA management would minimise the existing duplication of effort and, more importantly, the gaps, such as lack of analysis and compilation of assessment reports//Ideally, in a more distant future, this entity should be administered collegially by the members of the Inter Agency Standing Committee, and replace the existing parallel assessment mechanisms of both UN and Red Cross systems. Policy coherence	OCHA; IASC
Rec 12, 6.4.2, p67 Needs Assessment Report Reinforce the UN capacity through the establishment of an interagency fund permitting the rapid and substantive deployment of a joint assessment team. Lead agencies should also increase their investment in staff and guidance. Coordination, HR	UN
Rec 13, 6.4.2, p67 Needs Assessment Report The UN should make drastic improvements to its procurement, recruitment and security procedures to facilitate the rapid deployment of the proposed joint needs assessment teams in the first hours and days after the disaster. If this is not deemed possible in the short term, OCHA should explore other possibilities, such as the use of specialised NGOs or subcontracting from the private sector for support in the initial needs assessment. Coordination	UN; OCHA
2.3: With national capacity	
Rec 4, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report Arrangements should be made to conduct joint national/ international assessments with national authorities, prior to an emergency occurring [i.e. in disaster prone countries as part of preparedness planning]. LRRD, Policy	International aid community; affected- country governments
Rec 3, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report Donors and humanitarian agencies should invest more time and resources in strengthening the capacity of national and local authorities to carry out formal cross-sectoral needs assessments. A pre-determined percentage of all future relief funding should be put aside for region-wide preparedness for future. disasters LRRD	Donors; international aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Needs Assessment (c	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 7, 6.4.1, p65 Needs Assessment Report Donors should demand that major response actors [UN, NGO and Red Cross], jointly carry out initial comprehensive needs assessments. These should be carried out with national authorities. Other actors should be encouraged to do the same and at should share the results of their own assessments. Ownership, Coordination	Donors; UN; ICRC; IFRC; NGOs
3: Miscellaneous	
Rec 5, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report In the first few days after a disaster, needs assessment should focus on validating the magnitude and severity of the disaster. For this purpose, donors should assist national authorities in capitalising on remote sensing and other modern techniques. LRRD, Ownership	Donors; Affected-country governments
Part of Rec 6, 6.3, p64 Needs Assessment Report The need for thematic assessments would be considerably reduced if, when possible, the affected people were given the financial means to make their own decisions about welfare items, brought at high cost by expatriates//the experience gained from cash-subsidy programs should be analysed and published. Accountability, Ownership	Agencies; M&E departments
Rec 11, 6.4.1, p66 Needs Assessment Report Initial assessment teams should routinely include selected mass media representatives. Other actors	OCHA; UN agencies
Sub-rec, 7.1, p66 Coordination Report The UN should introduce more formal reviews and training in the use of cell phones, and conduct research and development in building on cell-phone technology for field data entry and assessment transmission.	UN
Part of Rec 12, 6.4.2, p67 Needs Assessment Report In addition to remuneration of the most knowledgeable experts, funds should be available for on-the-spot hiring of services and transportation means, a skill well mastered by large NGOs.	UN
Part of Rec 8, 6.4.1, p65 Needs Assessment Report Assessment and coordination functions are complementary, but must be separated in terms of dedicated human resources. NA	UN

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Other actors

Other actors

Recommendations	Addressed to:
1: Media	
1.1: Links with media	
Recommendation 2, p117 and part of Rec 2, 5.3.1 p117 Synthesis Report All actors should strive to increase and review periodically their disaster response capacities. They should seek to improve the linkages and coherence between themselves and other actors in the international disaster response system, including those from the affected countries themselves Policy, Ownership	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.3, p125 Synthesis Report Donors should fund mass communication and public educational initiatives on the themes of 'good disaster response' and on 'how to be a principled and effective donor' (as both individual members of the public and official donors) the media should be targeted for such education, to improve the quality of reporting on disasters and funding for disasters. Regulation, Accountability	Donors
1.2: Role of media	
Rec 1, p.110 Synthesis Report The international humanitarian community needs a fundamental reorientation from supplying aid to facilitating communities' own relief and recovery priorities. ALL	International aid community; media
Part of Rec 3, 6.2.4, p48 Capacities Report Agencies should strengthen watchdog movements and support the mass media to promote better understanding of the response and opportunities for feedback and dialogue. Accountability	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.2, p118 Synthesis Report Many actors make their initial funding or deployment decisions on the basis of media coverage. The quality of these decisions and public understanding could be improved if media organisations formally appoint journalists with an interest in the sector as their 'aid correspondents'.	Media

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Other actors (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
2: Military	
2.1: Links with military	
Rec 12, p16 Coordination Report Civil-military coordination should be improved through promotion of existing guidelines, principles and procedures; in house training; external training and advocacy and joint exercises between humanitarian agencies and the military. Senior humanitarian actors – in particular the RC/HC office – should be made more aware of the civil-military resources available to them and the potential contribution they can make in addressing urgent needs. [including the rapid deployment of civil-military experts].	ERC; IASC; International aid community
Sub-rec, p46 Coordination Report More emphasis and advocacy by the international humanitarian community is required to advise governments and their respective militaries on the optimal use of military resources.	International aid community
Sub-rec, p46 Coordination Report OCHA//has drawn up principles for military support to humanitarian operations//Greater efforts should be made, possibly after some revision, to publicise the existence of these guidelines and encourage their use.	ОСНА
Sub-rec, p47 Coordination Report Senior UN officials, and in particular RC/HCs, should be made aware (through formal training if necessary) of the civil-military liaison function and the importance of ensuring that OCHA's CMCoord officers have the necessary information and support to enable them to provide a professional service.	RC/HC; OCHA
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.2, p119 Synthesis Report Civilian relief agencies and the military need to undertake joint training and exercises so that they are more aware of each other's procedures and approaches.	Relief agencies; the military
2.2: Role of military	
Rec 1, p.110 Synthesis Report The international humanitarian community needs a fundamental reorientation from supplying aid to facilitating communities' own relief and recovery priorities. ALL	International aid community; military

Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 2, p117 and part of Rec 2, 5.3.1 p117 Synthesis Report All actors should strive to increase and review periodically their disaster response capacities. They should seek to improve the linkages and coherence between themselves and other actors in the international disaster response system, including those from the affected countries themselves Policy, Ownership	International aid community
3: Private sector	
Rec 10, p16 Coordination Report In line with UN guidelines issued in May 2006 on accepting pro bono offers, OCHA should lead on behalf of the wider humanitarian community in further developing guidance on private sector donations. Initially, an internal policy should be shared with all OCHA staff and should include a template stand-by MoUs for pro bono offers. OCHA should also	OCHA; IASC
ensure that all major emergencies have a dedicated focal point for liaising with key private-sector companies (ideally both in country and at OCHA HQ). Coordination, Funding, HR	
Rec 2, p117 and part of Rec 2, 5.3.1 p117 Synthesis Report All actors should strive to increase and review periodically their disaster response capacities. They should seek to improve the linkages and coherence between themselves and other actors in the international disaster response system, including those from the affected countries themselves. Policy, Ownership	International aid community
3.2: Role of private sector	
Rec 1, p.110 Synthesis Report The international humanitarian community needs a fundamental reorientation from supplying aid to facilitating communities' own relief and recovery priorities. ALL	International aid community; private sector
Sub-rec, p67 Coordination Report Rapid and low-cost satellite communications, internet systems and GSM telephone systems need to be examined and made available to UN and UN partners at the national level. LRRD	Donors; UN agencies; private sector

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Ownership

Ownership

Recommendations	Addressed to:
1: Focus on affected people's priorities	
Rec 1, p.110 Synthesis Report The international humanitarian community needs a fundamental reorientation from supplying aid to facilitating communities' own relief and recovery priorities. ALL!	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, p111 Synthesis Report International agencies should focus on affected people's priorities, rather than on their own institutional or bureaucratic preoccupation.	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2, p115 Synthesis Report Support should aim to empower affected people to articulate claims, demand accountability and to make their own choices. Accountability	International aid community
Part of Rec 3, 6.2.4, p48 Capacities Report Communities should be encouraged to develop their own contingency plans for disasters and receive material support with the proviso that adequate provision must be made for poorer and marginalised groups. This should extend to a wide range of civil-society organisations including women's groups. Accountability	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p119 Synthesis Report Efforts should shift to removing obstacles and facilitating paths to help communities meet their own needs. Response actors should learn to stand back (or 'get out of the way' as the LRRD Report puts it), when they do not have the capacity or endurance to understand and support people's own recovery efforts. Accountability, Policy, LRRD	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p126 Synthesis Reports International agencies should look to specific sectors reflecting people's own priorities more than organisational policies in the design of their recovery programmes. Accountability	International aid community
2: Programming	
2.1: General/overarching	
Part of Rec 2, 6.2.3, p47 Capacities Report Planning should be based on the assumption that aid is likely to reinforce inequalities within the community unless corrective action is taken. NA, Accountability, Policy	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Ownership (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 2, 6.2.3, p47 Capacities Report Planning should also take account of the complexity of community structures and the need, for knowledgeable local intermediaries with power to influence decisions.	International aid community
NA, Accountability Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2, p113 Synthesis Report During disasters, the control of resources should be vested in local actors through culturally sensitive and context-specific approaches.	International aid community
Accountability	
2.2: Participation in programming 5.2.1, p119 Synthesis Report International agencies should share information about their systems and practices with the affected population, so that they can also participate in planning/programming. Accountability, Policy	International aid community
Part of Rec 1,6.2.2, p47 Capacities Report The International Community should have clear partnership strategies from the start in order to avoid glitches during the transition to recovery. LRRD, Policy	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 6.2.3, p47 Capacities Report Women claim-holders should be represented in all decision-making bodies affecting them. Accountability	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p120 Synthesis Report Donors and agencies should continue to invest in national- international participatory assessments of livelihood recovery. LRRD, Policy	Donors; international aid community
2.3: Cash	
Rec 6, 6.3, p64 Needs Assessment Report Empower the affected individuals and families to assess and prioritize their own welfare needs by using cash subsidies whenever possible. Accountability	International aid community
Part of Rec 6, 6.3, p64 Needs Assessment Report The need for thematic assessments would be considerably reduced if, when possible, the affected people were given the financial means to make their own decisions about welfare items, brought at high cost by expatriates//the experience gained from cash-subsidy programs should be analysed and published.	Agencies; M&E units/ departments

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Ownership (cont)	
Accountability, NA	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Conclusion 6, Lesson 3, p44 Funding Report The coordinated use of cash grants and loans provided through existing institutions needs to be evaluated as a potentially more effective and efficient way of funding recovery and reconstruction than direct implementation by international and national agencies.	Donors; financial institutions; international aid community
3: Recognition of national/local capacities	
3.1: National/local response Conclusion 3, Lesson 5, p41 Funding Report Appeals by the UN and others must be needs based. They need to be more explicit in describing what "needs" can and have already been met by local and national actors.	UN; international aid community
Proportionality, NA Sub-rec, p44 Coordination Report Under increasing government ownership of the national and provincial recovery process, the comparative advantage of the UN should have been in strategic planning, policy and coordination, rather than in direct project implementation. Coordination, Ownership	UN
Conclusion 6, Lesson 1, p44 Funding Report Ways of documenting local response need to be developed and included in standard reporting to enable like-with-like comparisons with international assistance. The role of remittances in supporting local response needs to be better understood, and existing plans for facilitating remittance flows for development purposes extended to apply to humanitarian situations. Funding, Accountability	International aid community
Part of recommendation 2, 5.3.3, p119 Synthesis Report Efforts should shift to removing obstacles and facilitating paths to help communities meet their own needs. Response actors should learn to stand back (or 'get out of the way' as the LRRD Report puts it), when they do not have the capacity or endurance to understand and support people's own recovery efforts. Accountability, Policy, HR	International aid community
3.2: Capacity strengthening Lesson 2 (5.4.), p44 Capacities Report There is a need to rethink the end goal of humanitarian assistance and move from a service-delivery approach to a capacity-empowering framework.	International aid community

Policy	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 1, 6.2.2, p40 Capacities Report Specific agreements and protocols should be made to limit 'poaching' of staff. This will help ensure local capacity is not undermined.	International aid community
HR	
Sub-rec, p51 Coordination Report Greater attention should be paid to what constitutes 'local capacity' and the extent to which existing groups offer potentially viable partnership for agencies.	UN; NGOs; ICRC; IFRC
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p120 Synthesis Report Donors and agencies should continue to invest in national-international participatory assessments of livelihood recovery.	Donors; agencies
Part of rec 4, 5.4.1, p130 Synthesis Report Parliament or congress is tasked with monitoring the 'Executive', normally through committee systems and parliamentary debate, and in doing so is supported by specialised oversight bodies. Such mechanisms should be strengthened. This would require more focused education of parliamentary/congressional representatives to enable them to understand better the technicalities and complexities of humanitarian funding processes.	Affected country governments
Policy, Accountability Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report International agencies and states in high-risk areas should demand that disaster risk reduction programmes be adequately supported.	International aid community; Affected- country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.3.1, p118 Synthesis Report In additional to full-time standby personnel, agencies need to develop or improve response rosters accompanied by appropriate training to allow the rapid deployment of 'regular' personnel in emergencies". National governments also need to establish their own rosters, for building up capacity at any disaster affected location.	International aid community; Affected- country Government

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Ownership (cont)	
HR, LRRD Recommendations	Addressed to:
4: National/local control	
4.1: General/overarching	
Part of rec 1, p.79 LRRD Report A bridging of the current divide between aid programming and the initiatives of affected populations will require a reconsideration of how agenda-setting is managed in the affected countries.	International aid community
Part of recommendation 1, 5.2.2, p113 Synthesis Report During disasters, the control of resources should be vested in local actors through culturally sensitive and context-specific approaches. Accountability	International aid community
Conclusion 4, Lesson 1, p42 Funding Report So far only a few donor countries, including the UK and the Netherlands, have joint fundraising for NGOs. Joint fundraising initiatives need to be matched by moves to encourage, joint NGO programming. There needs to be stronger commitment to coordination of programming under national direction.	Donor governments; Affected-country governments; NGOs
Funding, Coordination, Policy	
Sub-Lesson, Conclusion 6, p44 Funding Report The capacity of local and national governments, and the burden placed on them by large numbers of humanitarian agencies, needs to be better appreciated. Direct but coordinated (and preferably joint) implementation may be the best option during the emergency phase. Implementation by a large number of individual humanitarian agencies – particularly those without the appropriate capacity and experience – is far less justified during the reconstruction phase.	International aid community; humanitarian agencies
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p117 Synthesis Report The programmes should be based on hazard and vulnerability analysis and anchored within national development and social protection structures. LRRD	Donors; international aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.1, p117 Synthesis Report All international agencies should strive to increase and review periodically their disaster response capacities. They should seek to improve the linkages and coherence between themselves and other actors in the international disaster response system, including those from the affected countries themselves.	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Ownership (cont)	
Policy, Role of others	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p119 Synthesis Report Efforts should shift to removing obstacles and facilitating paths to help communities meet their own needs. Response actors should learn to stand back (or 'get out of the way' as the LRRD Report puts it), when they do not have the capacity or endurance to understand and support people's own recovery efforts. Accountability, Policy, HR	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.3, p115 Synthesis Report International agencies should respect and promote national coordination of all response activities. Coordination, Policy	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.3, p114 Synthesis Report Both international agencies and states in high-risk regions should respect the role and responsibility of affected states as the primary duty bearers and authorities in responding to natural disasters and ensuring risk reduction.	International aid community; states
Rec 5, p14 Capacities Report The creation and use of a common beneficiary database, provided and endorsed by a central government body, should be an early priority in the emergency phase. NA, Accountability	International aid community; affected- country governments
A.2: The relief phase Part of rec 6, 6.3, p64 Needs Assessment Report The need for thematic assessments would be considerably reduced if, when possible, the affected people were given the financial means to make their own decisions about welfare items, brought at high cost by expatriates//the experience gained from cash-subsidy programs should be analysed and published.	International aid community; M&E units/ departments
Accountability, NA Rec 7, 6.4.1, p62 Needs Assessment Report Donors should demand that major response actors [UN, NGO and Red Cross], jointly carry out initial comprehensive needs assessments. These should be carried out with national authorities. Other actors should be encouraged to do the same and at should share the results of their own assessments	Donors; UN; ICRC; IFRC; NGOs
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.3, p115 Synthesis Report International agencies should respect and promote national coordination of all response activities.	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Ownership (cont)	
Coordination, Policy	Addressed to:
Recommendations Part of Rec 8, 6.4.1, p65 Needs Assessment Report HIC, UNDAC (without the 'C' for coordination) and the assessment component of UNJLC should be combined into one comprehensive knowledge – management unit placed at the disposal of national authorities. Coordination (for NA)	HIC; UNDAC; UNJLC
4.3: DRR	
Rec 4, p81 LRRD Report More consideration needs to be given to reducing risks of natural disasters, and anchoring such strategies within national structures for social protection. LRRD	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report International agencies should assist states in high-risk regions to establish or strengthen a national/sub-national institution to manage disaster preparedness and response and to enable cooperation between relevant government departments and between central and local governments. Policy, LRRD	International aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p117 Synthesis Report States should also set targets for national funding of DRR. If appealing for disaster response funding, they should design appeals to include funding for long-term DRR strategies also.	Affected-country governments
Funding, Policy, LRRD	
Rec 1, p79 LRRD Report LRRD must be more firmly rooted in national and local contexts and processes. LRRD	International aid community
Conclusion 6, Lesson 3, p44 Funding Report The coordinated use of cash grants and loans provided through existing institutions needs to be evaluated as a potentially more effective and efficient way of funding recovery and reconstruction than direct implementation by international and national agencies. LRRD	Donors; financial institutions; international aid community
Sub-rec, p69 Coordination Report For eventual transfer to government, the exit strategy in each country should include linkages to the DAD and other information-management programs under a single umbrella combined with, for example, the UNDP Capacity Building Programs.	UN; International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Ownership (cont)	
Coordination	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p120 Synthesis Report Donors and agencies should continue to invest in national-international participatory assessments of livelihood recovery.	Donors; agencies
LRRD, Policy, NA	
Part of Rec 4, p81 LRRD Report	International aid
Aid needs to be refocused to support governments as they reassume responsibility for ensuring the safety, survival	community
and dignity of their citizens.	
Policy	

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Policy coherence

Policy coherence

Recommendations	Addressed to:
1: Relating to existing initiatives	
1.1 Coherent response	
Recommendation 1, 6.1, p62 Needs Assessment Report The international community, and in particular the UN and the Red Cross movement, should either significantly invest politically and financially in a permanent rapid assessment capacity, or abandon the pretence that initial cross-sectoral assessments by external teams guide the immediate international response of governments, the public or humanitarian organisations. NA, Funding	International aid community; UN; ICRC; IFRC
Rec 14, p16 Coordination Report Adequate resources for coordination should be given to the relief, transition and recovery phases of disasters. This should include support to common services from NGOs and the Red Cross Movement. Emphasis should be given to support the RC/HC through the transition, irrespective of institutional affiliations and restrictive interpretations of mandates concerning relief, recovery or development. LRRD	ERC; IASC; international aid community
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.3, p115 Synthesis Report The UN should play its mandated coordination role in improving linkages and coherence between the different disaster response actors by developing a coordination model that supports national coordination efforts, by ensuring that the complementary international effort is itself coherent. (Coordination)	UN
Part of Rec 8, 6.4.1, p63 Needs Assessment Report One single entity under OCHA management would minimise the existing duplication of effort and, more importantly, the gaps, such as lack of analysis and compilation of assessment reports//Ideally, in a more distant future, this entity should be administered collegially by the members of the Inter Agency Standing Committee, and replace the existing parallel assessment mechanisms of both UN and Red Cross systems. Coord for NA	OCHA; IASC

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Policy coherence (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report Support for joint national-international information services should include preparedness for the rapid deployment of initial assessments, intended to provide a comprehensive overview of needs and resources and covering all affected areas and population groups. This should lead to the establishment of a single set of jointly-managed databases of all affected people and resources provided to assist them. NA, Coordination	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.2, p118 Synthesis Report In line with earlier recommendations regarding support to authorities, international agencies should invest more in their assessment capacities. Assessments should ideally be joint, involving national, local, and international actors. The Red Cross and the UN system, in particular, should enter into discussions on how to achieve this. In addition, all agencies should, as a principle, share assessment reports. The UN should integrate all assessment-support components of its response (UNDAC, HIC and UNJLC) into one knowledge management programme, with a greater capacity to analyse data (including remote sensing data) in conjunction with local and national authorities. NA, Ownership, Coordination	International aid community; IFRC; UN
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.2, p119 Synthesis Report Where appropriate, integrated geographic coordination mechanisms (not just sectoral or 'cluster'-based models) should be considered. To improve advocacy, UN RC/HC's need to take a lead in developing a cross-agency consensus on sensitive issues before raising them with national authorities. Coordination	International aid community; UN RCs/HCs
Conclusion 3 Lesson 4, p41 Funding Report The criteria for allocation of funds must be transparent, accountability defined and standard systems set up to enable the flow of funds. The development of pooled funding mechanisms for humanitarian priorities in Sudan and DRC offers relevant experience. Funding	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Policy coherence (con	nt)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
1.2 National	
Part of Rec 3, 6.2, p63 Needs Assessment Report The best mechanism to ensure funding of national preparedness should be considered in future meetings of the Inter Agency Standing Committee and the Good Humanitarian Donorship group. LRRD, Funding	IASC; GHD
Part of Rec 4, p81 LRRD Report Aid needs to be refocused to support governments as they reassume responsibility for ensuring the safety, survival and dignity of their citizens. Ownership	International aid community
1.3 Reporting	
Part of Rec 1, 6.2.2, p47 Capacities Report They [international agencies] should institute procedures for introducing long term grants from the outset of an intervention, and should critically examine reporting requirements. Funding, Coordination	International aid community
Sub-lesson, Conclusion 4, p42 Funding Report Improving the system for tracking and reporting financial data needs to be a priority, as does improving feedback from agencies to their donors and to the media. Better funding, Accountability	International aid community
Sub-rec, p32 Coordination Report There is a need for greater coherence and clearer responsibilities around reporting and decision making [at all coordination levels]. This would avoid time-consuming micro-management and competing demands for information to be sent to New York and Geneva. (coordination)	UN; IASC; NGOs
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p124 Synthesis Report OECD/DAC, in conjunction with other actors and mechanisms (such as GHD and FTS), should develop a common reporting format through which agencies can simultaneously report to a number of donors. Accountability	OECD/DAC

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Policy coherence (co	nt)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
1.4 Learning	
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.2, p114 Synthesis Report International agencies should improve global disaster risk reduction by systematising learning from successful experience and practice from the field. Research is needed to capture replicable examples. LRRD	International aid community; evaluation actors; academia
1.5 Funding	
Rec 4, p122 Synthesis Report All actors need to make the current funding system impartial and more efficient, flexible, transparent and better aligned with principles of good donorship. Funding	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p124 Synthesis Report International agencies should develop mechanisms, similar to those being developed under the GHD initiative, to measure when funding appeals should be terminated. Regulation	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report To complement the CERF and other initiatives, including official donor peer reviews, independent oversight of donor impartiality and performance is necessary. Self-regulation of donors by donors is as incomplete a control as self-regulation is for operational agencies. The OECD/DAC should develop new or improve existing oversight mechanisms to monitor donor adherence to GHD principles. Funding	OECD/DAC; donors
2: System oversight (regulation, etc)	
2.1: Quality control/accreditation/standards	
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.1, p113 Synthesis Report International agencies should promote and strengthen self-managed watchdog movements and public audits. Regulation, Ownership, Accounatbility	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p124 Synthesis Report Donors should develop mechanisms to measure the relative effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of international agencies, and fund accordingly. They should also inform the tax-paying public of the performance and quality of the agencies they fund, through, for example, widely disseminated independent reports. Regulation, Funding	Donors

Recommendations	Addressed to:
2.2: Equity	
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report All appeals for funds should include a 'tick-box' (or a similar option for telephone donations) to allow donors and the public to earmark the funds that they donate. An explanatory note should indicate that if they do not mark this option, funds could be reallocated to other populations in similar need. When international agencies appeal for funds they should publicise the possibility that finds could be reallocated for more urgent needs elsewhere. These should be complemented by fundraising standards that limit open-ended appeals to estimates of overall needs versus resources available. Pooling mechanisms should also be explored, in order to facilitate the transfer of surplus funds from one organisation to another. Funding	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report Agencies should establish clear criteria and a transparent allocation process, based on needs and capacity assessments. These are necessary for both CERF and for any country-level (re) allocations of pooled funding. The criteria and mechanisms should, among other things, facilitate the early mobilisation of joint assessment teams from governments and international agencies. Funding, Coordination	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p124 Synthesis Report Official donors through, for example, the OECD/DAC and/or the UN IASC, should consider setting a target that all people affected by disasters should be entitled to a minimum level of humanitarian assistance. Similarly, all donors should set a deadline by which they will reach the (1970) UN resolution for a minimum ODA target of 0.7% of gross national product. Funding	Official and other donors
2.3 Donors	
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p124 Synthesis Report OECD/DAC, in conjunction with other actors and mechanisms (such as GHD and FTS), should develop a common reporting format through which agencies can simultaneously report to a number of donors. Accountability	OECD/DAC

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Policy coherence (cont)	
Addressed to:	
OECD/DAC	
International aid community	
International aid community; affected-country governments	
Donor governments; Affected country governments; NGOs	
International aid community	
International aid community	
UN	

Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p119 Synthesis Report Efforts should shift to removing obstacles and facilitating paths to help communities meet their own needs. Response actors should learn to stand back (or 'get out of the way' as the LRRD Report puts it), when they do not have the capacity or endurance to understand and support people's own recovery efforts. To improve management of the transition from relief to recovery, international agencies should adapt their: staffing (skills profiles and numbers); assessment and planning methods and data; funding sources and programme horizons; strategic partnerships; and operational methods. Ownership, Accountability, HR	International aid community; response actors
3.2: International humanitarian system	
Lesson 2 (5.4.), p44 Capacities Report There is a need to rethink the end goal of humanitarian assistance and move from a service-delivery approach to a capacity-empowering framework. Ownership	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 6.2.3, p47 Capacities Report Planning should be based on the assumption that aid is likely to reinforce inequalities within the community unless corrective action is taken. NA, Ownership, Accountability	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 6.2.3, p47 Capacities Report Inclusion of the most marginalised should be treated as a fundamental principle or right, regardless of costs. Accountability	International aid community
Sub-rec, p75 Coordination Report Simply incorporating human-rights language into program documents does not ensure a human-rights-based approach in disaster response. A process of learning and education on human rights is also needed. Policy mechanisms should be in place to ensure strict adherence to human rights during program implementation, and all policies should include specific measures for the protection of the human rights of vulnerable groups. Accountability	International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Policy coherence (co	nt)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report Parliament or congress is tasked with monitoring the 'Executive', normally through committee systems and parliamentary debate, and in doing so is supported by specialised oversight bodies. Such mechanisms should be strengthened. This would require more focused education of parliamentary/congressional representatives to enable them to understand better the technicalities and complexities of humanitarian funding processes. Ownership, Accountability	Affected country governments
Part of Rec 4, p81 LRRD Report Aid needs to be refocused to support governments as they reassume responsibility for ensuring the safety, survival and dignity of their citizens. Ownership	Donors
Conclusion 6, Lesson 2, p44 Funding Report The assumption that each agency needs to implement its own programme needs to be challenged, particularly in the reconstruction phase. Bilateral donors seem to appreciate this more than others. Greater use of NGO consortia, and pooled funding through national governments, should be explored. Funding	Donors; International aid community
Part of Rec 12, 6.4.2, p67 Needs Assessment Report A fund exclusive to assessment should be established, as either a special fund or earmarked line in OCHA's Central Emergency relief Fund (CERF)//Funding should cover all types of assessments (life-saving or livelihood recovery) carried out in the first months." NA, Funding	осна
Rec 15, 6.4.3, p68 Needs Assessment Report The UN system should maintain the reliability and credibility of its assessments by offering balanced and objective estimates of populations affected and the risks they are facing, as well as proactively discouraging inappropriate forms of assistance. NA, Regulation	UN
Rec 2, p15 Coordination Report In natural disasters and complex emergencies, the RC/HC in conjunction with a common NGO/Red Cross viewpoint, should take a lead in promoting joint advocacy on 'difficult' issues including tenure/ownership, affected/non-affected populations, access to war-affected populations and improving governance. Coordination	UN RCs/HCs; RC movement

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Policy coherence (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p124 Synthesis Report The OECD/DAC should experiment with a grant-tracking system to see if it would be possible to track grants from pledge to disbursement. The system should also document local contributions and diaspora remittances. This should include how to extend existing plans for facilitating and recording remittance flows for development purposes to apply to humanitarian situations. Funding	OECD/DAC
Conclusion 3, Lesson 4, p41 Funding Report The role of OCHA and/or the Humanitarian Coordinators in allocating un-earmarked funds needs to be clearer and institutionally supported if it is to result in a more strategic and prioritised response. HR, Coordination, Proportionality	International aid community
3.4: Needs	
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report All appeals for funds should include a 'tick-box' (or a similar option for telephone donations) to allow donors and the public to earmark the funds that they donate. An explanatory note should indicate that if they do not mark this option, funds could be reallocated to other populations in similar need. When international agencies appeal for funds they should publicise the possibility that finds could be reallocated for more urgent needs elsewhere. These should be complemented by fundraising standards that limit open-ended appeals to estimates of overall needs versus resources available. Pooling mechanisms should also be explored, in order to facilitate the transfer of surplus funds from one organisation to another. Funding	International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.1, p123 Synthesis Report Donors should improve the transition from relief to recovery and development by increasing the flexibility in applying funds from a variety of budgets and instruments, in accordance with needs and realities on the ground. LRRD, Funding	Donors
3.3: DRR	
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report Donor governments and IFIs should consider allocating a set percentage of their relief budget to DRR. Funding should be long-term, predictable and aimed at the reduction of vulnerabilities in risk-prone regions. Funding	Donor governments; IFIs

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Policy coherence (co	nt)
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p118 Synthesis Report International agencies should assist states in high-risk regions to establish or strengthen a national/sub-national institution to manage disaster preparedness and response and to enable cooperation between relevant government departments and between central and local governments. Ownership, LRRD	International aid community; affected country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p117 Synthesis Report States should also set targets for national funding of DRR. If appealing for disaster response funding, they should design appeals to include funding for long-term DRR strategies also. Funding, Ownership, LRRD	Affected country governments
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p117 Synthesis Report Comprehensive, multi-year risk reduction programmes should be established in all risk-prone countries, on a scale commensurate with the risk faced, be natural disasters, conflict or other factors. LRRD	Affected country governments; donors
Rec 2, p117 and 5.3.1 p124 Synthesis Report All actors should strive to increase and review periodically their disaster response capacities. They should seek to improve the linkages and coherence between themselves and other actors in the international disaster response system, including those from the affected countries themselves. Ownership, Role of others	International aid community; affected country governments
3.4: LRRD	
Rec 2, p80 LRRD Report Links between relief and rehabilitation have been achieved, but greater attention needs to be paid to the implications of programming for longer term development. LRRD	UNMIS
Part of Rec 1, 6.2.2, p40 Capacities Report The International Community should have clear partnership strategies from the start in order to avoid glitches during the transition to recovery. LRRD, Ownership	International aid community; affected country governments
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3 p120 Synthesis Report Donors and agencies should continue to invest in national-international participatory assessments of livelihood recovery. LRRD, Ownership	Donors; international aid community; affected country governments

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Policy coherence (cont)	
Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 6, p82 LRRD Report Links between policies and programming should be made by sector and through support to national and household efforts to bring together relief, rehabilitation and development. LRRD	International aid community
Part of Rec 2, 5.3.3, p120 Synthesis Report International agencies should treat recovery activities as longer term development interventions rather than as extensions to relief operations//Further research is needed to identify principles for recovery including adapting existing DAC poverty reduction criteria to recovery scenarios. LRRD	International aid community; research actors (e.g. evaluation and policy)

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Regulation of performance Regulation of performance

Addressed to:
UN; donors
Affected-country governments; donor governments; EC
Affected-country governments; multilateral agencies; international aid community
International aid community
International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Regulation of performance (cont)		
Recommendations	Addressed to:	
Rec 10, 6.4.1, p66 Needs Assessment Report Specialized UN agencies should focus primarily on their role as sectoral or cluster lead agencies (assessment and coordination), and avoid being distracted by the direct implementation of response activities that other agencies could carry out. Coordination	UN agencies	
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.2, p124 Synthesis Report Donors should develop mechanisms to measure the relative effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of international agencies, and fund accordingly. They should also inform the tax-paying public of the performance and quality of the agencies they fund, through, for example, widely disseminated independent reports. Policy	Donors	
Part of Rec 1, 5.2.4, p116 Synthesis Report Donors should make funding available (early) for follow-on activities conditional on the application of a comprehensive joint assessment. Coordination	Donors	
2: Accreditation		
2.1: Accreditation and certification		
Rec 1, p15 Coordination Report An international review and consultation should be undertaken with NGOs to develop new approaches to achieving: the extent to which a certification process can be introduced to assist governments and donors in choosing responsible NGO partners with whom to work.	IASC; NGO consortia; donors	
Conclusion 5 Lesson 3, p43 Funding Report An accreditation system for financial accounting and reporting should be established that uses standard formats and definitions, and includes full compliance with FTS and DAD [or something similar]. Once established, donors should only give support to accredited agencies (UN, NGOs and RC Movement). This would encourage the public to do the same. Funding	International aid community	
Rec 16, 6.4.3, p65 Needs Assessment Report Technical capacity to assess needs and /or commitments to implement programs based on evidence should be one of the criteria in the accreditation of humanitarian NGOs as proposed by some donors.	NGOs; donors	

Recommendations	Addressed to:
Rec 3, p120 Synthesis Report The international relief system should establish an accreditation and certification system to distinguish agencies that work to a professional standard in a particular sector.	International aid community
2.2: Professionalism	
Part of Rec 3, 5.3.4, p121 Synthesis Report The aid agencies should, together with academic institutions and training providers, set up a professional body with transparent criteria for admission and for the achievement of certified professional' or 'chartered' status. As an initial step, the IASC or a major donor could host discussions on what the requirements for such professional status would be.	International aid community; academic institutions; training providers; IASC; donors
3: Standards	
Rec 6, p15 Coordination Report With respect to the constant stream of visits by agency staff and donors, the IASC should urgently introduce monitored guidelines requiring all agencies and donors to report on the numbers and cost of visiting delegations. Common reporting under the guidance of the GHD, for instance, should be used. Accountability (upwards), Coordination	IASC; International aid community
Part of Rec 4, 5.4.3, p125 Synthesis Report Donors should fund mass communication and public educational initiatives on the themes of 'good disaster response' and on 'how to be a principled and effective donor' (as both individual members of the public and official donors) the media should be targeted for such education, to improve the quality of reporting on disasters and funding for disasters. Role of others, Accountability	Donors
Rec 14, 6.4.3, p65 Needs Assessment Report Donors should make their funding conditional on a solid, documented formal needs assessment (once the acute phase of the emergency is over. NA, Funding	Donors
Rec 8, p16 Coordination Report Benchmark (gender-sensitive) indicators for coordination should be developed, along with simple monitoring and report-back systems for the quality of coordination meetings. Coordination, Policy	OCHA; International aid community

TEC Recommendation Matrix: Regulation of performance (cont)		
Recommendations	Addressed to:	
Part of Rec 7, 6.4.1, p65 Needs Assessment Report At a technical level, standards and forms will need to be pre-agreed. Perhaps an agreement on forms and templates should be sought first between the main actors producing information for public use: the UN and the Red Cross, since too wide a participation in the design process may only lead to cumbersome forms and endless delays. The application of the Sphere handbook needs to be reconsidered in the context of sudden-impact natural disasters and where pre-existing standards are below Sphere norms.	UN; ICRC; IFRC; NGOs	
Sub-rec, p69 Coordination Report INGOs are keen to see UNMIS create a common template for monitoring and evaluation, with greater standardisation of indicators to avoid current confusions. Policy, Coordination	UNMIS	
Rec 15, 6.4.3, p68 Needs Assessment Report The UN system should maintain the reliability and credibility of its assessments by offering balanced and objective estimates of populations affected and the risks they are facing, as well as proactively discouraging inappropriate forms of assistance. NA, Policy	UN	