Positive Effects of Postdisasters Policies: Lessons for Earthquake and Tsunami

After a disaster—earthquake or tsunami—what policies are needed? And what policies work? And within these policies what role supply chains play? Asian Development Bank has a new publication titled, "Propagation of Positive Effects of Postdisasters Policies through Supply Chains" which is of interest to those offering relief to disaster victims in Asia region.

The publication is of use to those NGOs and Civil Society Organisations, mainly working in Asia region, in terms of what aspects of supply chains work faster and better under what positive policies.

More focus on health and hygiene supply after a tsunami or earthquake would have been of use to regional WASH and regional health experts in Asia.

What will be useful to do as a next step to this publication is to develop a comparative view on supply chains of relief and rehabilitation items and activities. For example, comparative supply chain performance after 2018 flood relief in Kerala and 2019 flood relief in Bangladesh will give useful lesson on what to do and what to do differently to protect supply chains.

As global supply chains develop deeper and wider in Asia reaching small and medium businesses the need to reduce the risk of earthquake and tsunami they face and build resilience is becoming paramount. This short report opens a window to this need.

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