

# Long-term Disaster Recovery Processes: Lessons Learned From The 1995 Kobe Earthquake

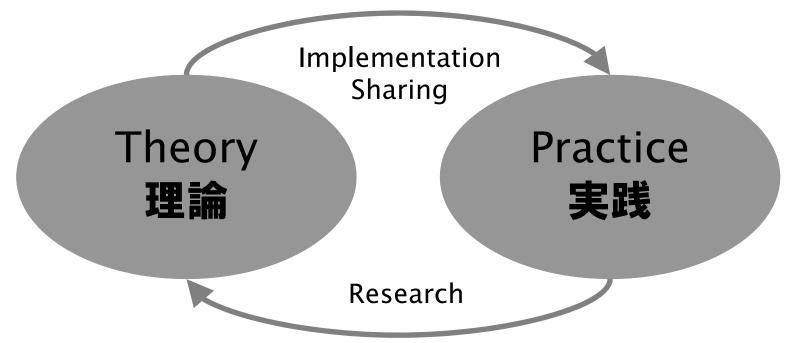
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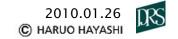
#### Action Research

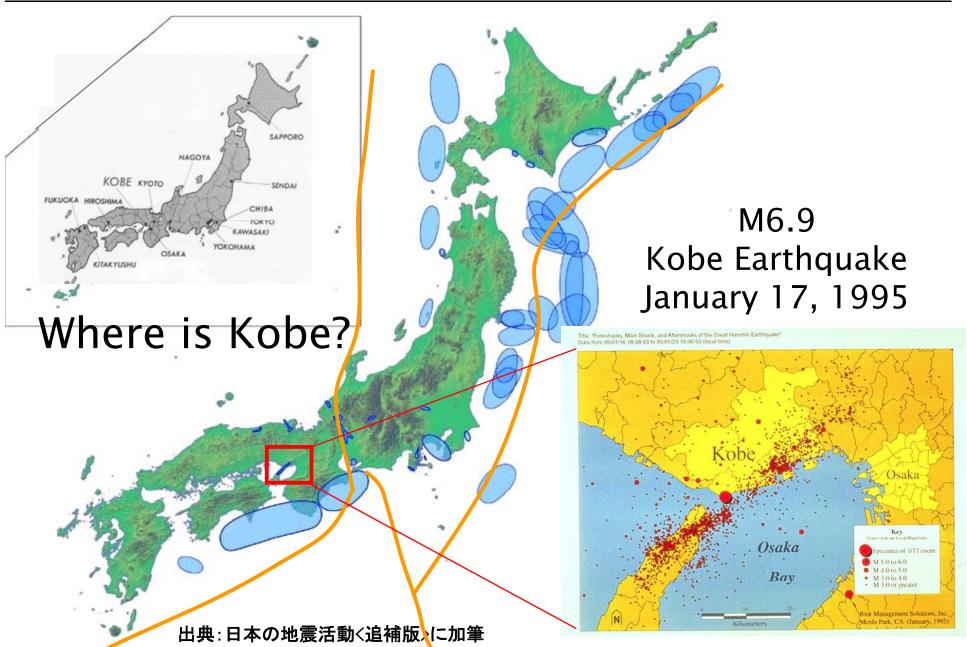
There is nothing more practical than a good theory K. Lewin

過去の知見と新しい技術を、現地の対応支援に生かす



現場活動を通して、新しい問題を発見し、解決法を研究する









### Disaster Impacts of Kobe Earthquake (1995.1.17)

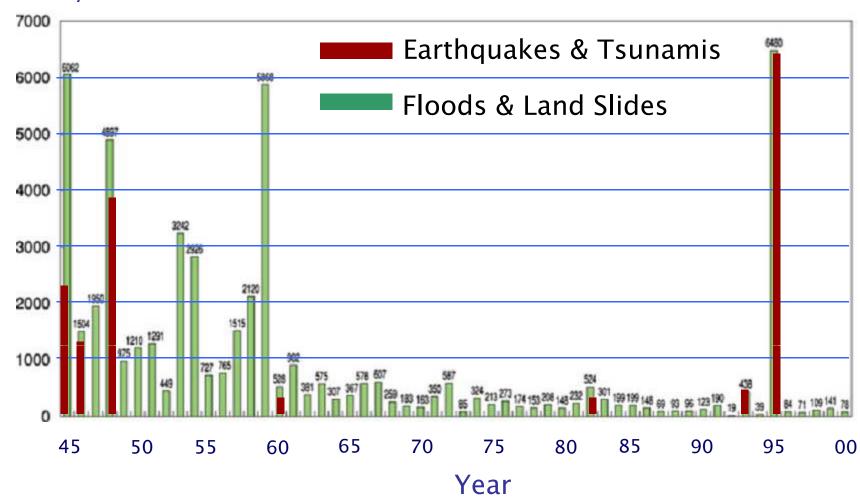






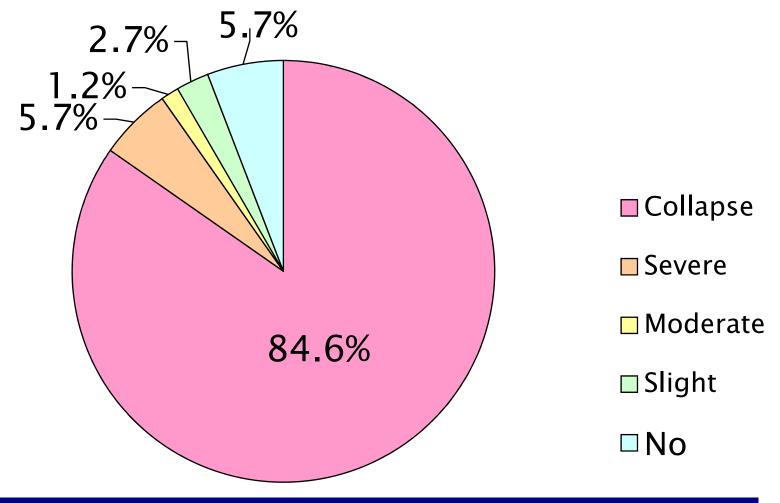
#### Japanese Disasters by Mortalities







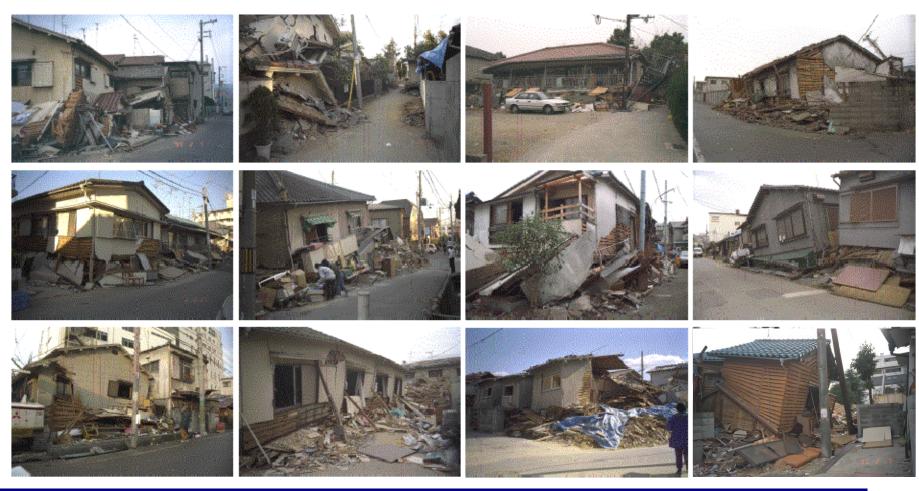
### Majority of People Were Killed Because of Housing Collapses







#### What is meant by Collapsed Housings



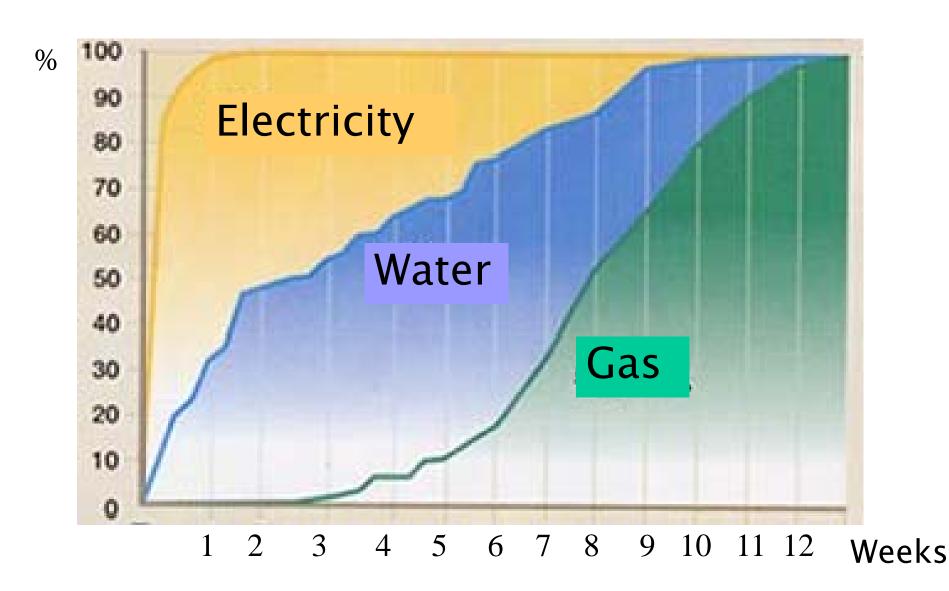






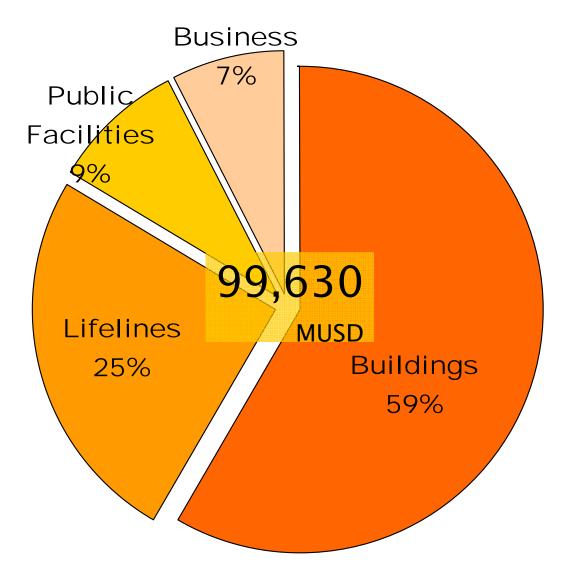


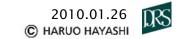
#### Recovery Process of Utility Services





### Damage & Losses: 99,630 Million US Dollar Worth





## By experiencing unprecedented scale of urban earthquake disaster, we learned

- Long Term Recovery Management became an important new issue for disaster research community
- It took 10 years before the direct impact of earthquake was overcome



### Three Goals of Recovery Plan

### Physical Recovery

Reconstructing Destructed Cities



**Economic Recovery** 

Revitalizing Local Economies

Life Recovery

Helping Disaster Victims



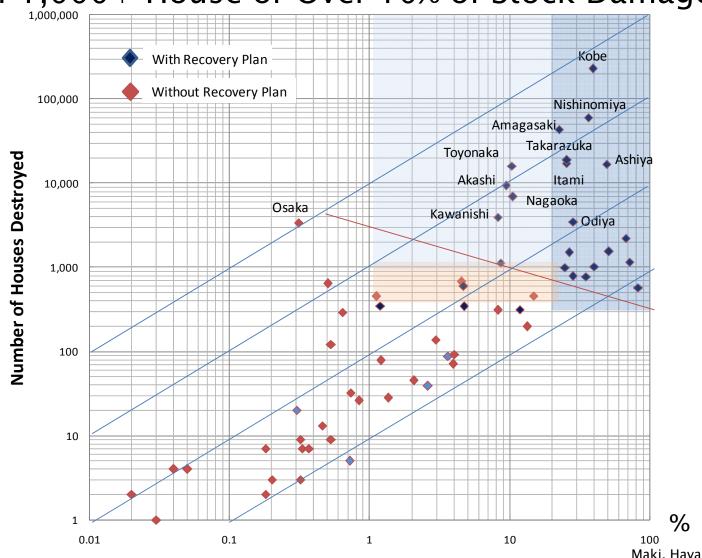
### Importance of Recovery Planning

- Recovery is not just restoring what it was before the disaster
- Recovery is a great chance for realizing a better and sustainable way of life: a new ideal
- Recovery planning is the key for taking coordinated and cooperative actions to realize the new ideal among all stakeholders



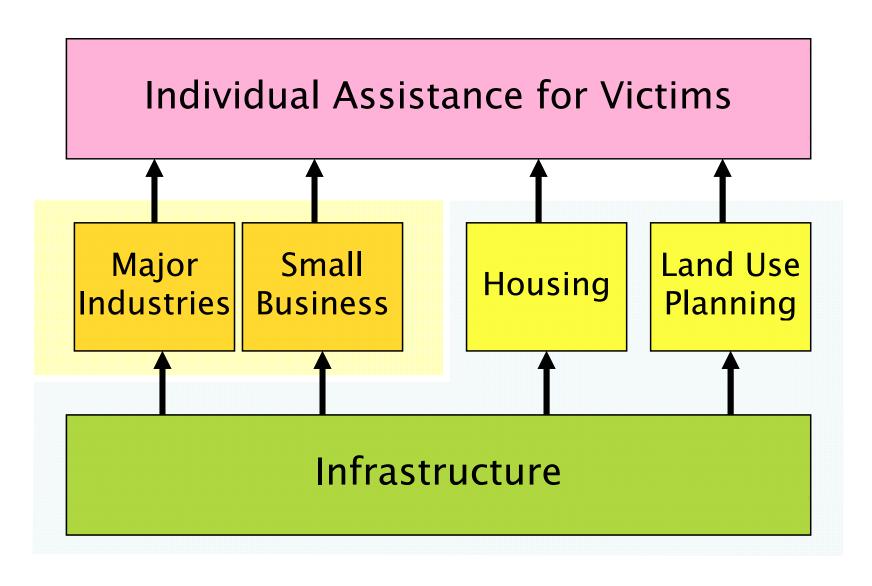
#### Municipalities with Recovery Plan

if 1,000+ House or Over 10% of Stock Damaged



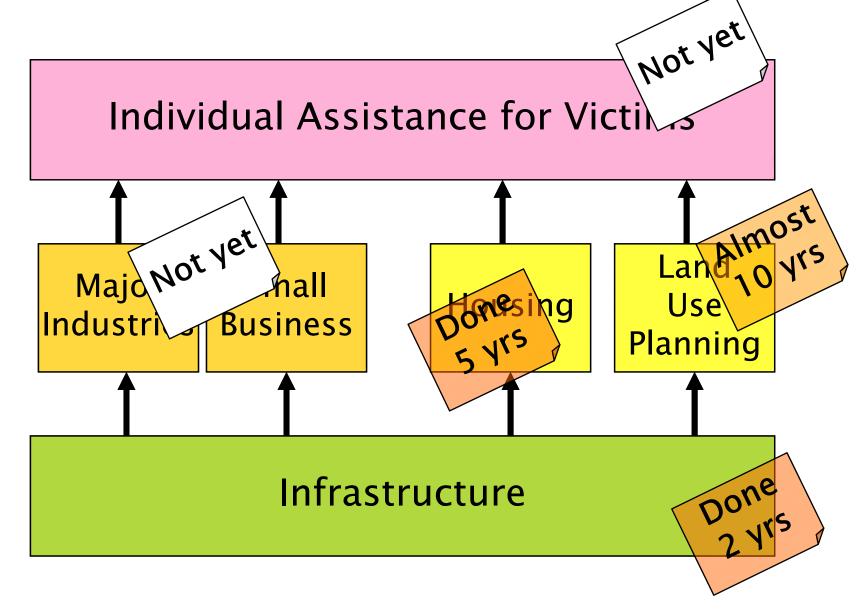


### Basic Structure of Recovery Program





How Far We Came for over 10 years





### Physical Recovery

### Reconstructing Destructed Cities:

Success



#### What was done

- Wise Land Use Planning
  - Planning First
  - Moratorium for the First Two months to prohibit building construction
- · Quick Debris Removal: 1 year
  - Recycle debris by discriminating materials
- Quick Restoration of Infrastructure:
  - In 2 years
  - Basis of all kinds of recovery activities
- Providing Places to Live for Victims:
  - In 5 years, no temporary housings left
  - Enforce 'building codes' strictly for a higher seismic performance

#### Why success

- Based on Lessons Learned from Mnay Past Disasters
  - 1923 Kanto Earthquake,
  - Post WWII Reconstruction
  - Large Scale Fire Incidents
- Specific Numerical Targets were Established
  - In the First Five Years, Physical Recovery was Completed



### Long-term Physical Recovery From July, 1995 to March, 2000



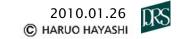
Residential Area

Higashinada Ward, Kobe City



Commercial/Residential Mixed Area

Nagata Ward. Kobe City



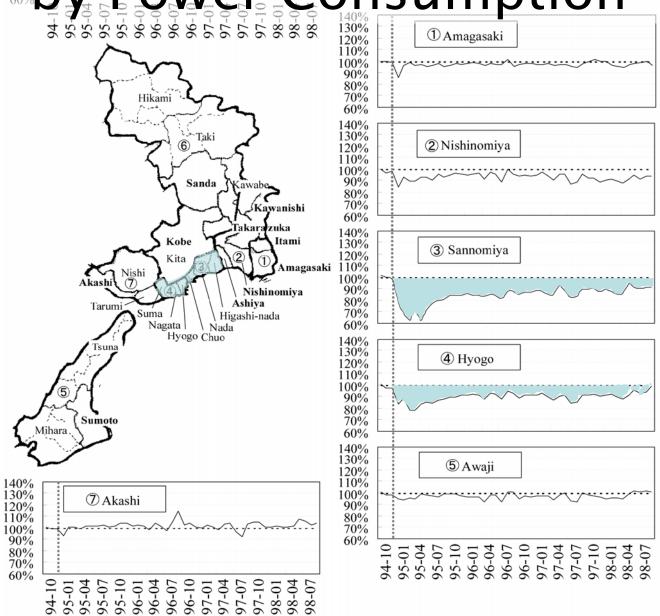
### **Economic Recovery**

Revitalizing Local Economies:

Partially Success

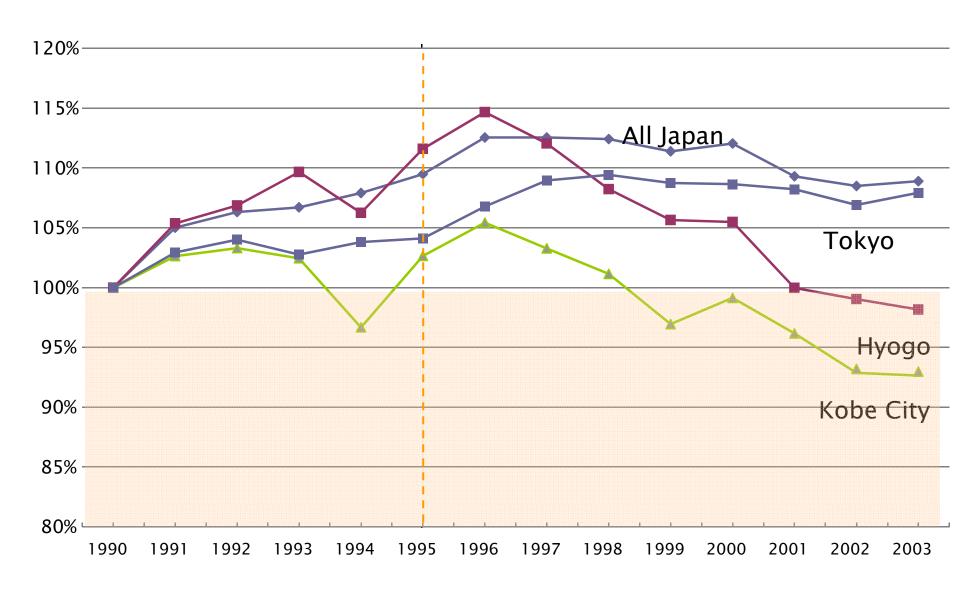
Month itoring Economic Recovery

Now Power Consumption





### Changes in GDP & GRP after Eq





### Three Basic Economic Recovery Patterns after Kobe EQ

Immediate boom & following slump

Ex. Building Reconstruction

Immediate slump & following recovery

Ex. Daily Consumption

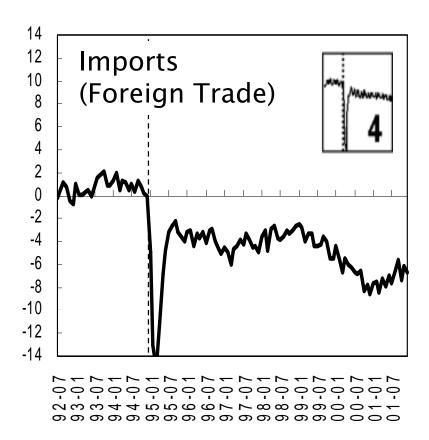
Immediate slump & No full recovery

Ex. Economic Activities w/ Competitors Import & Export at Kobe Harbor



### Monitoring Economic Recovery by City Statistics

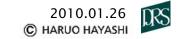






### Why Partial Success

- Over-concentration of national government money and work for a very short time period killed local business recovery
  - Major Contractors in Tokyo got contracts
  - Little "Trickle-down" effect for local small business
  - 10 years worth housing renewal was completed in 3 years, followed by big economic slump
- Over-reliance on Public Spending by Victims
  - Little Initiative for Promoting a New Economy Development
  - Government was the only risk taker
- Customers Never Waited for recovery
  - Shift to competitors and never returned to old days
  - Importance of Business Continuation Plan



### Life Recovery

Helping Disaster Victims:

**Partial Success** 

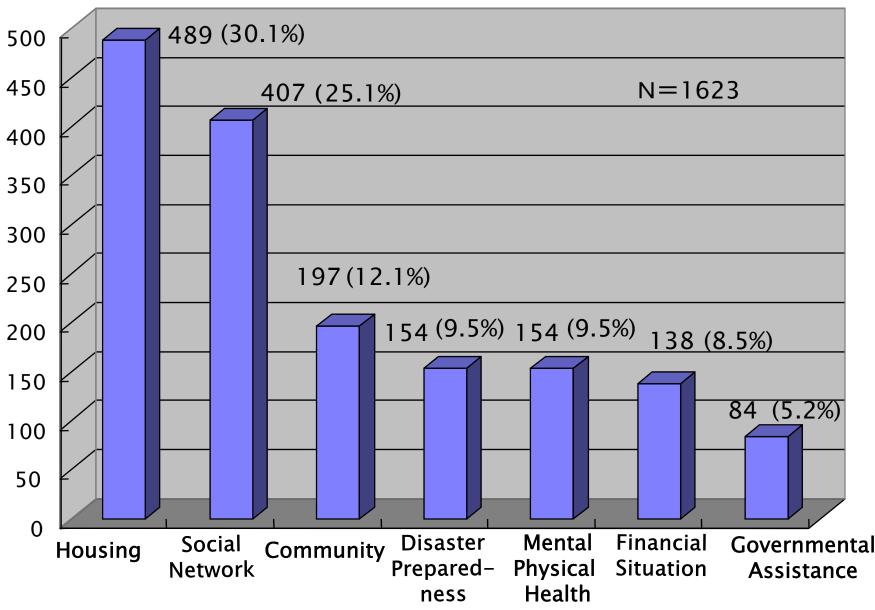


### Life Recovery

- New Development
- Nobody Can Define
  - Scope of Work
  - Desired End State
  - Need for Ethnographic Inquiry of Meaning of Recovery
- Public Help was provided mainly for Low-Income and/or Senior Citizens

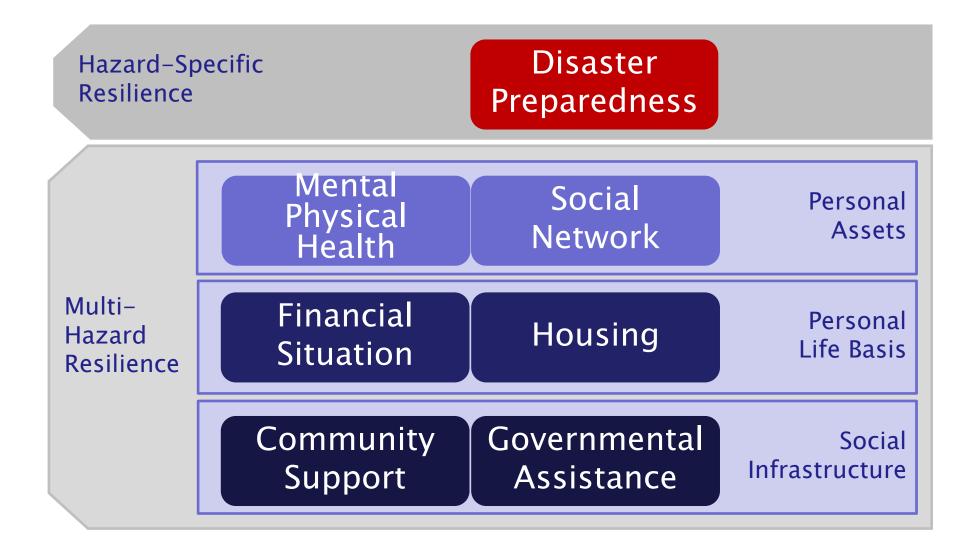


### Seven Elements for Life Recovery



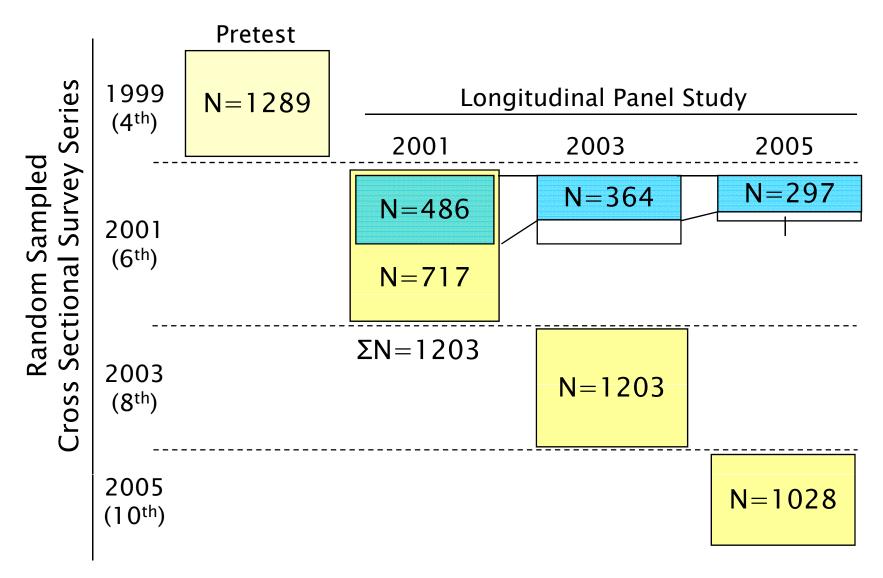


#### Resilience Model





### Holistic Recovery Research by Hyogo Prefecture and Kyoto University

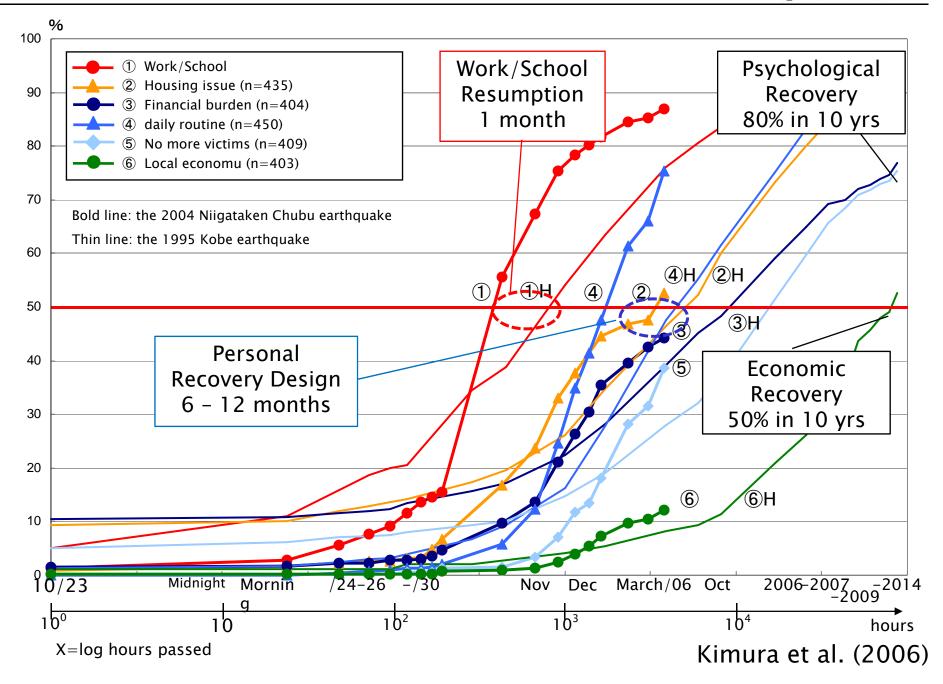


#### Recovery Timeline

- When the disaster victims thought the followings were recovered or restored
- Chronological Change in Percentage of those who thought recovered in terms of log scale
  - Work and/or School (n=405)
  - Housing issues (n=435)
  - Financial burden (n=404)
  - $\longrightarrow$  Daily routine (n=450)
  - No more victims (n=409)
  - \_\_\_\_Local economy (n=403)

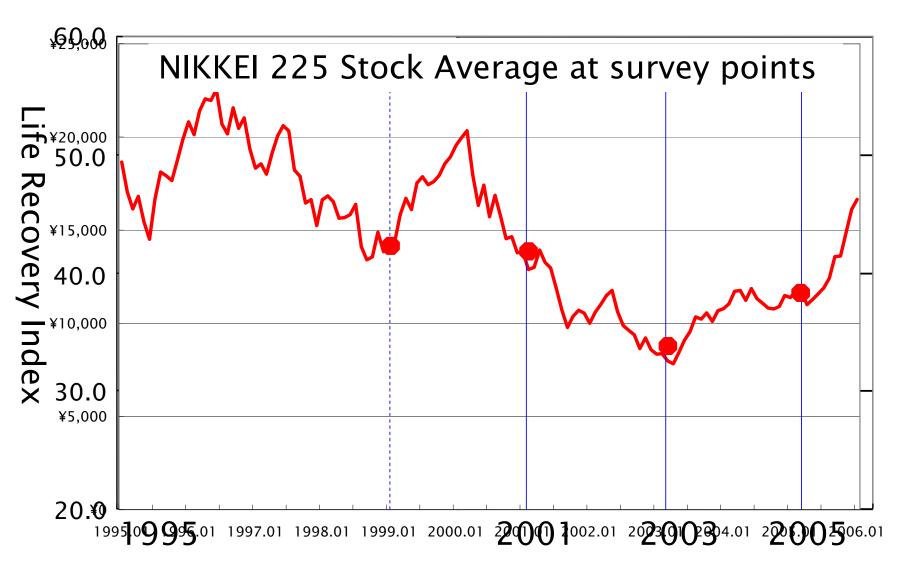
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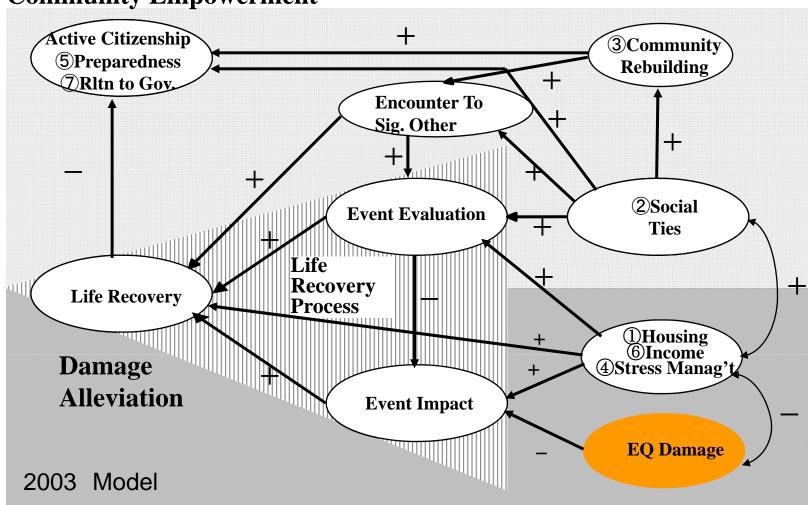
### National economy strongly influences Life Recovery





### Bird's-eye view of life recovery process: The 2003 study results (N=1,203, Jan. 2003)

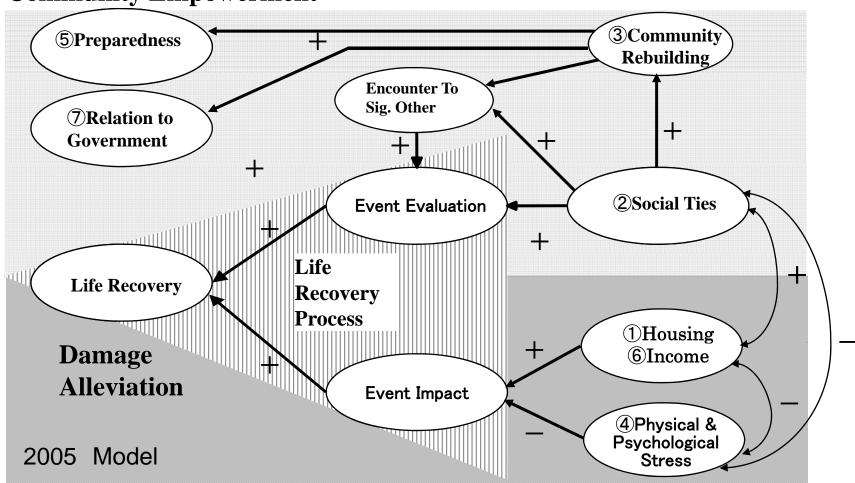
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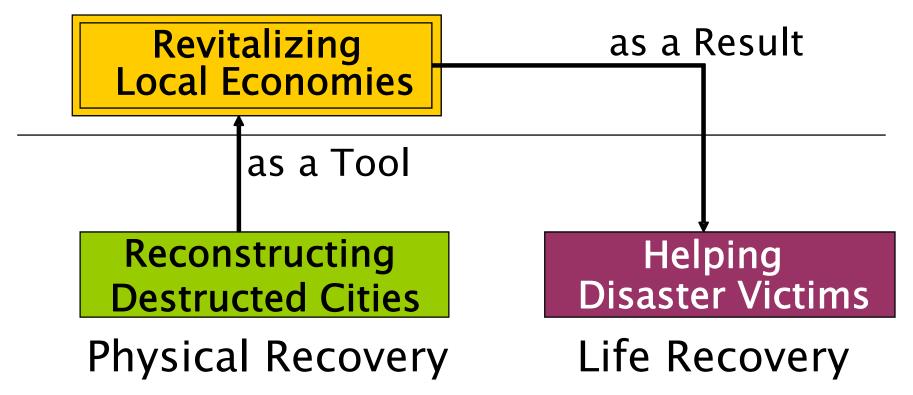
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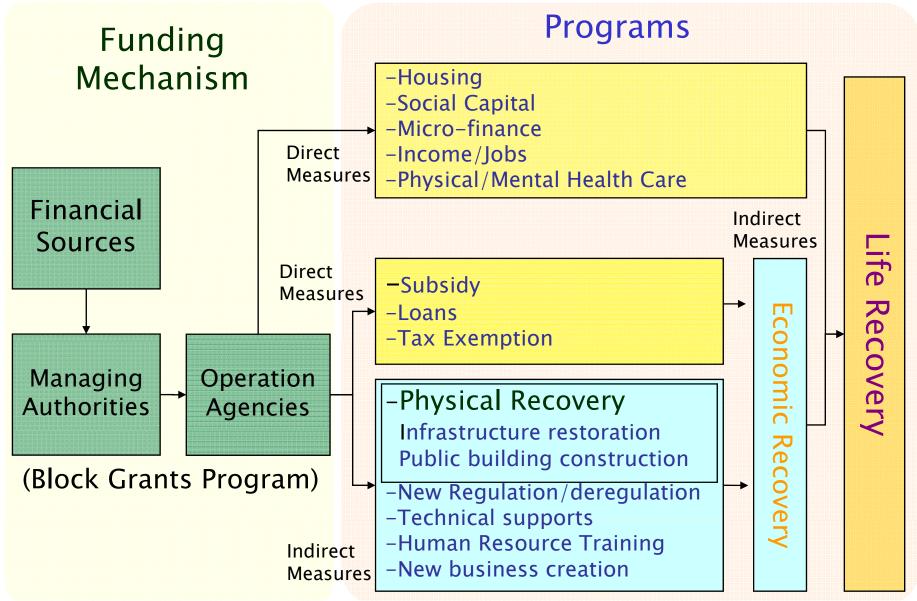
### Towards Integrated Model of Recovery Relationship among Three Goals

#### **Economic Recovery**





### Holistic Recovery Policy Model





### Towards Integrated Model of Recovery Relationship among Three Goals

#### Programs

- Life recovery is the ultimate goal
- Use both Direct and Indirect Measures
- Economic recovery is an indirect measure for life recovery
- Physical recovery is an indirect meaure for economic recovery
- Funding Mechanism
  - Identify Funding sources, Managing Authorities, and Operating Agencies
  - National Government is not a single resource
  - Community Block Grant Approach



### Summary

- Long Term Recovery is a time consuming and complicated process
- Long Term Recovery Management became an important new issue for disaster researchers and practitioners
- There at least three goals of recovery to be achieved:
   Physical recovery, Economic recovery, and Life recovery
- Activities for achieving these three goals should be coordinated
- Economic recovery should be the prime target,
- use physical recovery as the tool to achieve it, and
- life recovery as a consequence
- Pre-planning of recovery strategy really helps prevent and reduce potential damages
- Recovery planning should be holistic in nature, and participatory in action
- Don't rush, take time for recovery