

*Synthesis of evaluations of
the response to the 2005
Pakistan earthquake*

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Perceptions of crisis and response

- Assessments
- Funding
- Response capacities
- Ownership and accountability
- The quality of humanitarian response
- Judging the quality of humanitarian response



Why Pakistan?

Why a synthesis?

What's real and what's realistic



Assessments

The quality / time trade-off

The elements of assessment

- the type of disaster
- the situation before the disaster
- the local response
- the areas affected



Funding

- 'official' humanitarian funding
- other sources of funding



Response capacity

- surge capacity
- learning
- clusters
- a role for the military – international and local



Ownership and accountability

- the role of government
- inequality within communities
- being accountable, and where ‘ownership’ lay



The quality of the humanitarian response

- shelter and housing
- water and livelihoods
- health



Judging the quality of the response

- whose perspective?
- OECD / DAC criteria
- the 'inner' and 'outer' realms



... final thought

- “Maintaining a pragmatic but determined view of both the value and the difficulties of involving affected people can only assist further improvement within the sector, whatever one’s view of a realistic expectation of the humanitarian system.”