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### **[Abstract Title]**

Disaster recovery: key concepts, literature, and a theoretical framework

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A critical knowledge gap of disaster recovery is the lack of a theoretical body of knowledge. As a literature review, this study aims to fill this gap through understanding recovery at three levels. At the outer loop, recovery is positioned in disaster research and social science theories. Recovery embraces the trio concepts—vulnerability, resilience and transformation. That is to say, disaster recovery is a dynamic process to reduce vulnerability, improve resilience and realise transformation. At the inner loop, recovery has been researched from perspectives of Build Back Better (BBB), the dilemma between short-term and long-term recovery, and the recovery for disaster-relocated population. At the core level, recovery is a social process rather than a technical outcome. Moreover, recovery is a political process and the political attribute is more significant than normally understood. This is manifested in the pervasive fact that people need to recover not only from the impacts of disasters per se but also, more often than not, from the consequences of government policies.

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