Natural disasters and trade

Preliminary scoping of issues in natural disasters and trade research

14 December 2018
Presentation overview

Response
Recovery
Resilience

Please use the ocean entrance when giving your presentation, Mr Roberts
Hazards – focus on geophysical and meteorological

Poster in Saint Lucia

Tsunami evacuation map
Nuku Alofa -Tonga

Monument to the awful visitation of the hurricane
11 August 1831 - Bridgetown, Barbados
The Manaro #volcano on #Vanuatu’s Ambae Island erupted today. Here’s a view of the ash cloud in the South Pacific, from the #Himawari-8 satellite.

Differential impacts

- Nature of hazard
- Interruption of economic activity (Ambae & Barbuda)
- Position in Global Value Chains
- GVCs and redundancy in systems
- Trade losses – sectoral effects
- Trade diversion effects
- Trade creation effects

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Trade Policy Reviews

TRADE POLICY REVIEW: VANUATU

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The first review of the trade policies and practices of Vanuatu takes place on 23 and 25 October 2018. The basis for the review is a report by the WTO Secretariat and a report by the Government of Vanuatu.

TRADE POLICY REVIEW: NEPAL

Trade Policy Review: Nepal

The second review of the trade policies and practices of Nepal takes place on 3 and 5 December 2018. The basis for the review is a report by the WTO Secretariat and a report by the Government of Nepal.
Trade issues in disaster response

- Trade facilitation issues
- Import charges exemptions
- De minimis thresholds
- Import licensing

Preparedness

- Services issues
- Cash = less imports? 50% + of GDP in small economies
- Co-existence relief & commercial supplies
Trade issues in disaster recovery

- MSMEs
- Access to finance
- Operation of service markets
- Customs waivers
- SPS and TBT issues
- LDC graduation
- Public debt
SPS issues in disaster recovery

Coconut products

• Fresh coconut juice
• Processed coconut juices and drinks
• Coconut chips, milks and other
• Flavourings
• Cosmetics and oils
Trade issues in disaster resilience

• Build Back Better
  • Grades of building materials
  • Tariffs on construction materials

• Manufacturing
  • (Re)Financing
  • Tariffs

• Operation of service markets
  • Risk transparency
  • Weather enterprise

• Operation of agricultural markets
  • Food aid
  • Control of SPS / TBT issues
In a Sendai State of Mind

• Ex post reaction → Ex ante action

• Role of standards

• Trade connectivity and disaster resilience

• 3 April 2019 – conference to present results