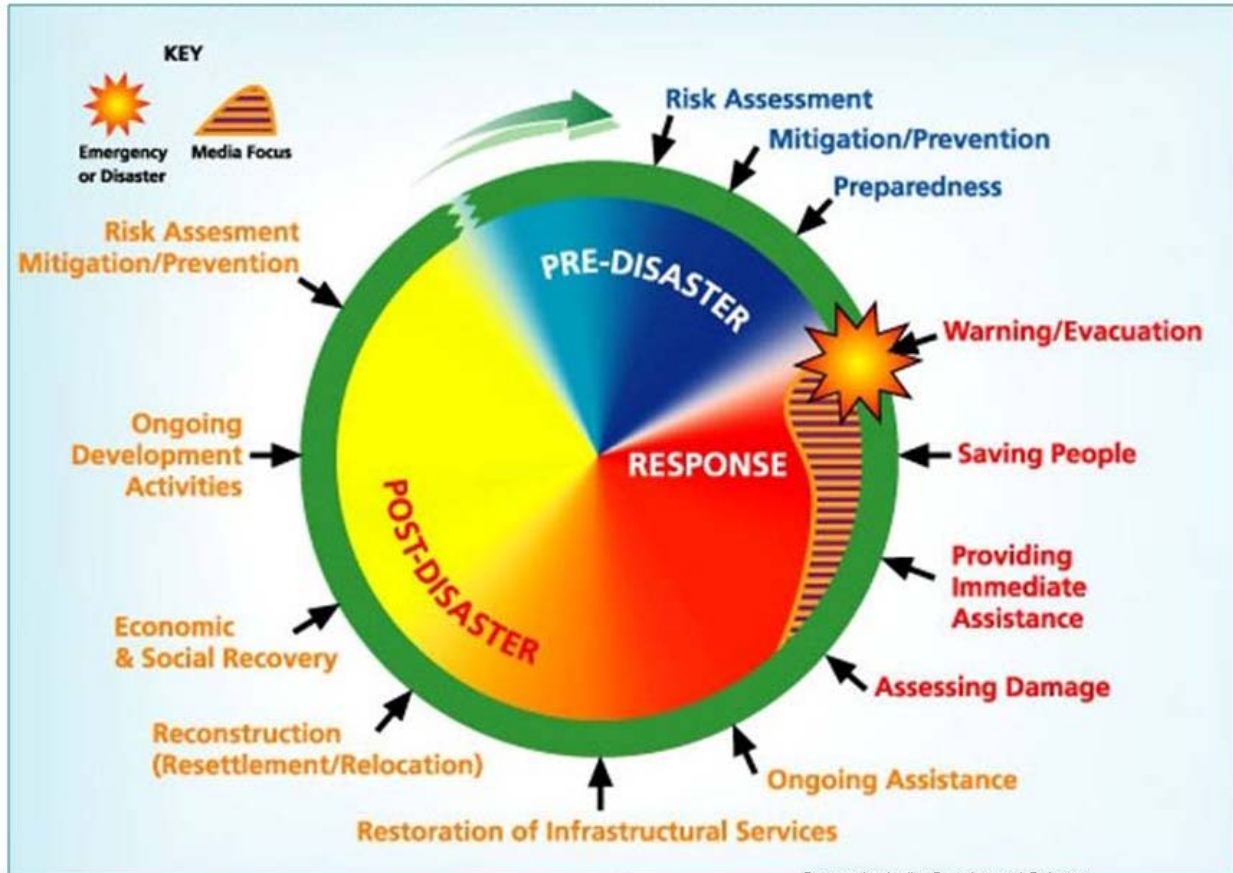


Timeframe of the Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan

As Floridians know well, natural disasters are reoccurring events. To become more disaster- resilient, communities must prepare and mitigate before a disaster, respond and recover/ redevelop in the aftermath, and then begin preparing and mitigating for the next one.

Disaster Risk Management Cycle



The PDRP has an implementation role in both the pre-disaster and post-disaster phases but the intent of all PDRP implementation activities is to improve the community's ability for long-term recovery and redevelopment. In looking at the above disaster cycle graphic, the PDRP is active during the blue pre-disaster phase of the cycle, the orange phase that is short-term recovery or the transition between response and post-disaster redevelopment, and the yellow phase that represents long-term post-disaster recovery and redevelopment.

Pre-disaster Phase (blue) – The PDRP is a tool for preparing a community for a more rapid and sustainable recovery and is best developed before a disaster occurs. Preparatory activities detailed in the plan should be implemented on an on-going basis during normal operations sometimes referred to as “blue skies”. The PDRP should also be exercised prior to a disaster event so that all stakeholders with a post-disaster implementation role are familiar with their responsibilities.

Short-term Recovery Phase (orange) – The PDRP has a role during the short-term recovery phase to begin organizing for long-term redevelopment activities in addition to guiding short-term recovery decisions that may have long-term implications. (e.g. placement of temporary housing) The short-term recovery phase will begin as the response phase winds down and will continue until critical services are restored. The length of time for this phase will depend on the severity of the disaster and the level of preparedness of the community; it could range from several weeks to a year to complete this phase.

Long-term Recovery and Redevelopment Phase (yellow) – The PDRP is most active during this phase. The phase begins as short-term recovery activities are accomplished and can last from a couple years for a minor disaster to 10 or more years for a major or catastrophic disaster.

The figure below represents the overlap of levels of activity of the different phases in the aftermath of a disaster. While this depicts the phases of an earthquake it can also apply to recovery from a hurricane or other disaster with widespread impacts.

Post-Disaster Recovery Phases and Level of Activity

Post-Disaster Phased Activity for a Major Disaster Scenario

