



## Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

- An independent, international research institute specializing in sustainable development and environment issues
- Founded in 1989 by an act of Swedish Parliament
- About 180 staff members

Mission: To support decision-making and induce change towards sustainable development around the world by providing integrative knowledge that bridges science and policy in the field of environment and development.





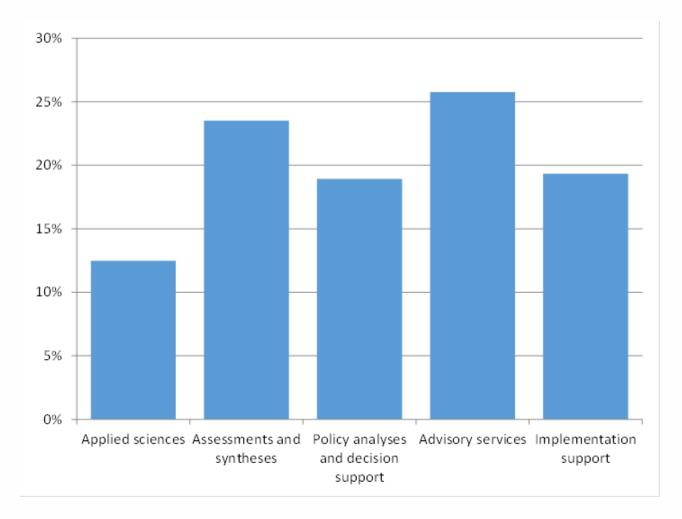
**SEI STRATEGY** 2015–2019

### **Initiatives**

- Behaviour and Choice
- Climate Finance
- Fossil Fuels and Climate Change
- Low-Emissions Development Planning
- Producer to Consumer Sustainability
- Transforming Development and Disaster Risk
- Sustainable Sanitation
- The Water, Energy and Food Nexus



## The Science-Policy Continuum



### Mission objectives:

- To understand the social, economic, territorial and environmental constraints that people encounter in their everyday lives
- To transform the relationship between disaster risk and development

Various communication

products

Engagement with strategic actors

- To elevate SEI's profile on disaster risk and development

### WP4- Communication and Framework for analyzing Stakeholder engagement "development-disaster risk syndrome" during the period of early recovery Outcomes Cascade WP1 - Understanding development and disaster risk Practical approaches for resolving Outcome 1 reduction 'development-disaster risk syndrome' Outcome 4 during the period of early recovery Understood the nature of trade-offs that Developed/funded cutting arise between disaster risk and edge ideas development Understanding of what constitutes Various WP2 - Understanding equitable equitable social-ecological resilience communicatio Outputs social-ecological resilience and clarity on whether trade-offs Outcome 2 between risk and development can be captured through the normative pursuit Translated these insights into policy of resilience recommendations Engagement with strategic. Understanding of how adaptive actors WP3 - Understanding adaptive governance can secure the integration Outcome 3 process for governance of socioof insights on disaster risk into ecological systems development Informed the practice of humanitarian and emergency interventions during early recovery phase Understanding of what institutions and processes at the global, regional, national and sub-national scales is needed to support adaptive Outcome 5 governance to achieve equitable and resilient development SEI became a recognized stakeholder in policy discussions on disaster risk and development Achieving common ground and WP5 - Synthesis language in the typology of methods and tools for defining risk, resilience Publications in high impact and adaptation Inputs Synthesis of SEI work on disaster and risk **Bridging Outcomes**



- A failure to adequately understand the complexity of vulnerability creation;
- A failure to be scale-appropriate and apply what we know to the scale at which fundamental change is required; and
- A fixation within contemporary DRR research and practice on the goal of "reducing" risk, rather than understanding the trade-offs that underpin decision-making processes at all levels (from individual and community to society at large).



# RUNNING WITH GHOSTS: POST HAIYAN

"In the end, after all that rhetoric of sympathy, the main thing they'd come for was the burial, a funerary of such scale as no words suffice to tell. Hence, no one talked about it much then. The world came in busloads, boatloads, planeloads from all over the world-we could tell that by the colors of their skin, and by their talk. They teemed for a while in our city, almost replacing our lost ones. They were efficient, effective, fast, they'd tidied up the city in no time, made it safe for the quick once more.

No one talks about it to this day, not even to ask where the abomination had come to rest at last. Perhaps no one wants to know?

We're by ourselves now, our blighted altars gather dust. We've been running since then with ghosts by our side. Blameless as ever and inscrutable, God is silent."



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