

## ODI event highlights the role of the affected state and IDRL

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It is received wisdom in the humanitarian community that the affected state has the primary responsibility in responding to disasters. But is this principle reflected in international operations? How can affected states both exercise their authority and also ensure that international help arrives quickly in the hands of affected communities? How have approaches to these issues changed since the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami?

These were some of the questions addressed by a [panel discussion](#) organized by the Overseas Development Network's Humanitarian Practice Group in London on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Speakers included Paul Harvey, author of the ODI's 2009 report entitled "[Towards good humanitarian government: The role of the affected state in disaster response](#)," David Fisher from the IFRC's IDRL Programme, and discussants Jack Campbell and Deborah Bogle from DFID.

Audio and video recordings of the event as well as copies of the presentations are available on the [ODI website](#).