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Purpose: The paper aims to explore prospects of Local Organisations' (LO) capacity at leading self-rehabilitation or construction of housing post disasters, aligned to the Build Back Better (BBB) priority 4 action stated in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

Methodology: Khartoum was undertaken as a case study to better understand communities' role at responding to the annual floods that hit the city. The research will begin as a literature review explaining the Sudanese context and nature of the present Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) system, followed by the methodology where semi structured interviews were conducted to better understand the dynamics between the multilateral organisations concerning BBB initiatives.

Findings: Khartoum DRR document action plan 2019 -2023 revealed the hierarchical system that is hindering engagement of LOs in BBB initiatives. In addition, it was found that in a politically turbulent nation, great dependency falls on LOs at providing immediate support at times of crisis. The strong communal bond reflected in Khartoum at cooperating to 'save themselves' represent the opportunities existing within LOs at playing greater roles at cultivating the concept of self-led BBB projects. Moreover, LOs competency at emergency response proves the need to nurture and structure such efforts.

Research limitations: Lack of data and figures quantifying impacts of floods. No post-disaster construction projects were recorded before to assess strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Value: Promote DRR action plans structures interweaving LOs within a broader national institutional structure to leap poverty traps. Continuing to neglect their role can further implicate the situation of an already strained nation.

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