Organizational Design and Project Implementation of NGOs in Post-Disaster Housing Reconstruction – In the case of heavily affected district by Hurricane Katrina -

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Despite a growing emphasis on sharing responsibility of disaster risk reduction among governments, NGOs, international organizations, private sector, and citizens, understanding of multi-stakeholder housing recovery at the local level remains limited. To address this gap, this study examined the housing recovery assistance from NGOs in New Orleans City, United States, after the Hurricane Katrina (2005) by employing data collected from local government and NGOs. Among 14 districts in the city, we selected the Lower 9th Ward, which had a low housing market value, low recovery rate, limited government funding, but assumed to have large contributions from NGOs. We characterized the various NGOs different organizational design and assistance schemes into five categories. As a geographical information based study, this research clarified that the distribution of housing assistance provided by NGOs representing each category in the district are closely related to the strategies, budgets, and assistance schemes of each NGO. This suggests that while each NGOs provide valuable assistance, we need to consider the risk of NGOs creating an uneven landscape related to their agenda, and highlights the need for coordination mechanisms among NGOs to act as a guiding principle for a spatial development.