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## Bridging the gap

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A cyclone and river flood destroyed a simple suspension bridge, with significant implications for recovery by the impacted Maori community. The destruction and rebuild illustrate the impact of shocks and stresses in adding unexpectedly to the project pipeline, and the complexity that can be present from community and sector engagement, equally vital to success.

This document has been provided as an example of a tool that might be useful for other organisations undertaking complex disaster recovery or infrastructure rebuild programmes.

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This description of a bridge rebuild illustrates practical impacts of shocks and stresses to the project pipelines and complexities around sector engagement.

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/about/news/rebuilding-ow%C4%81hanga-suspension-bridge-after-cyclone->