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Abstract

Employing network analysis, this study explores the changing dynamics of intergovernmental collaboration throughout the whole process of post-disaster destination management. Jiuzhaigou National Park after the Jiuzhaigou earthquake forms the subject of the case study. Our empirical analysis indicates the following findings: first, intergovernmental collaboration is developed both hierarchically and horizontally at the emergency, intermediate and long-term recovery stages of post-disaster destination management, but it is largely dominated by hierarchical interactions; second, local government increasingly acts as a lubricant role in facilitating the functioning of intergovernmental collaboration during the whole process of post-disaster destination management. These findings contribute to greater insights into the changes of intergovernmental collaboration dynamic in comprehensive post-disaster destination management. This study also provides implications for governments and tourism destinations to improve intergovernmental collaboration for more effective destination management in the context of post-disaster.

Keywords

Intergovernmental collaboration; Post-disaster; Destination management; Network analysis; Jiuzhaigou National Park

1 Introduction

2 Destination management has been widely discussed in tourism research (Beritelli et al.,
3 2007; Gelter et al., 2020; Granville et al., 2016). In light of the rapid increase in the number of
4 disasters that have occurred over the past 30 years (Schulz & Blecken, 2010), it is particularly
5 significant to achieve post-disaster destination management effectively. Destination
6 management is defined as a “proactive, visitor-centred approach to the economic and cultural
7 development of a destination” (Wang, 2011:2). Destination management in the post-disaster
8 context focuses much on developing strategies and actions to return the destination to a
9 normal (pre-event) state or an improved state (Mair et al., 2016), which often incorporates a
10 range of stakeholders to collaborate in response to post-disaster challenges (Jiang & Ritchie,
11 2017). Among those stakeholder collaboration, intergovernmental collaboration has recently
12 received growing attention in post-disaster destination management, as it offers a way of
13 mobilising substantial resources that are needed for post-disaster destination management
14 (Amore & Hall, 2016). Intergovernmental collaboration occurs between the national, state
15 and local governments to achieve common goals (Cameron, 2001; Kapucu et al., 2010). On
16 the basis of their respective advantages, multi-level government sectors can collaborate with
17 one other to engage in post-disaster destination management, including from saving lives and
18 protecting properties, to addressing short-term needs of victims, and to developing and
19 implementing post-disaster destination recovery projects (Becken & Hughey, 2013; Faulkner
20 & Vikulov, 2001). As intergovernmental collaboration plays an important role in promoting
21 post-disaster recovery, destination management can increase the extent of
22 intergovernmental collaboration to respond to post-disaster challenges.

23 Past research has further explored post-disaster destination management from the
24 lifecycle perspective (Chan et al., 2019) and linked it to the varying focus of intergovernmental
25 collaboration. Faulkner (2001) suggests a six-phase disaster process of destination
26 management, and post-disaster phase focuses primarily on emergency, intermediate and
27 long-term recovery. Ritchie (2004: 672) gives anatomy of the three sages: emergency (the
28 crisis has just hit and the effects of the disaster have been felt); intermediate (the short-term
29 needs of the people must be dealt with--restoring utilities and essential services); and long-
30 term recovery (continuation of the previous phase, but aspects that could not be addressed
31 quickly are attended to at this point). The focus of intergovernmental collaboration at the
32 three post disaster stages is often different according to the changing of time pressure, control
33 intensity and post-disaster management goals (Cioccio & Michael, 2007; Maldonado et al.,
34 2009; Paraskevas & Arendell, 2007): at the emergency stage, the main aim of

35 intergovernmental collaboration is to rescue people and property (Kusumasari et al., 2010);
36 at the intermediate stage, collaborative government efforts address restoring tourism-related
37 services and help affected communities rebound to normal (He & Zhuang, 2016); at the long-
38 term recovery stage, intergovernmental collaboration seeks to rebuild tourism-related
39 infrastructure and stimulate destination marketing (Faulkner & Vikulov, 2001; Ritchie, 2004).
40 The varying focus of intergovernmental collaboration at the emergency, intermediate and
41 long-term recovery stages may lead to different ways in which multi-level government sectors
42 interplay, configure and collaborate (Amore & Hall, 2016). Nevertheless, prior research has
43 given little attention to the changing dynamics of intergovernmental collaboration throughout
44 the whole process of post-disaster destination management. The engagement of government
45 sectors and the interplay they have at different stages could affect the foci, directions, and
46 the effectiveness of collaboration, which thus plays a significant role in undermining or
47 facilitating the success of post-disaster destination management (Deen, 2015; Espia &
48 Fernandez, 2015).

49 Methodologically, most post-disaster destination management studies have adopted a
50 qualitative approach to describe intergovernmental collaboration (Cioccio & Michael, 2007;
51 Hystad & Keller, 2008). A few studies have employed extensive case-study methodologies to
52 conduct a detailed analysis of government roles and interventions in post-disaster contexts
53 (Amore & Hall, 2016; Calgaro, 2010). The existing research on post-disaster destination
54 management, rooted in qualitative methods, provides a descriptive analysis of interactions
55 between multiple government sectors. However, several important aspects of
56 intergovernmental collaboration remain unclear, including which government departments
57 are interconnected, how they are interconnected, and what kind of relationship they maintain.
58 Such facets can reveal the functioning of intergovernmental collaboration in promoting post-
59 disaster destination management (Kapucu & Demiroz, 2011). Network analysis is one of the
60 major methods to systematically assess intergovernmental collaboration in other disciplines
61 (Caruson & Macmanus, 2012; Jung & Song, 2014). Network analysis can provide more
62 methodological insights into the interface of which government sectors form a collaborative
63 structure, and collaborative interactions among those government sectors in post-disaster
64 destination management. Therefore, this study, drawing on the case of Jiuzhiagou National
65 Park, uses network analysis to explore the changing dynamics of intergovernmental
66 collaboration at the emergency, intermediate and long-term recovery stages of post-disaster
67 destination management.

68 Jiuzhaigou National Park is one of the most famous national parks in China. It is managed
69 by the local government, but higher level of governments are also involved in its tourism
70 destination management mainly in the form of supervision. The 2017 Jiuzhaigou earthquake
71 seriously destroyed local natural landscape, which led to the collapse of local tourism industry.
72 It was subsequently announced that Jiuzhaigou National Park would have to close for post-
73 disaster recovery. Government sectors at national, provincial, and local levels collaborated to
74 reconstructed natural landscape and tourism-related facilities, and restored local tourism
75 industry. The successful post-disaster destination management, dominated by
76 intergovernmental collaboration, enables Jiuzhaigou National Park to recover swiftly and
77 reopen to the public after two years that the earthquake occurred. Since Jiuzhaigou National
78 Park has developed an intergovernmental collaboration framework in post-disaster
79 destination management, this case can provide more insights for other tourism destinations.

80 The contributions of this study are two-fold. In theory, to the best of our knowledge,
81 quantitative research on intergovernmental collaboration is scarce in post-disaster
82 destination management (Amore & Hall, 2016; Calgaro, 2010; Cioccio & Michael, 2007; Hystad
83 & Keller, 2008). This research could be the first detailed analysis to systematically explore the
84 structure of intergovernmental collaboration in post-disaster destination management. Based
85 on this, the study, building on the complexity of destination management in the post-disaster
86 context, can contribute to greater understanding of the changing dynamics of
87 intergovernmental collaboration that occur throughout the whole process of post-disaster
88 tourism destination. In practice, attention to the changes of intergovernmental collaboration
89 dynamic can help multi-level governments and tourism destinations to improve collaborative
90 strategies at different stages of post-disaster destination management.

91 **2 Literature review**

92 **2.1 Post-disaster destination management and intergovernmental collaboration**

93 With a growing interest in minimising negative disaster impacts on tourist destinations,
94 scholars have given critical standpoints concerning destination management in the post-
95 disaster context (Gurtner, 2016; Seraphin, 2019). Post-disaster destination management
96 consists of overcoming adverse effects of a disaster, as well as keeping destinations
97 competitive and attractive as before (Amujo & Otubanjo, 2012; Lee & Hyun, 2016). That is,
98 successful post-disaster destination management should involve swift emergency rescue,
99 well-organised intermediate strategies, and implementing long-term recovery projects
100 (Faulkner, 2001). As such, post-disaster destination management often requires a substantial

101 input of resources, capital and technology. Many studies increasingly highlight the necessity
102 of considering government support as an effective strategy for post-disaster destination
103 management (Kato, 2018; Seraphin et al., 2020).

104 Previous studies have paid considerable attention to the significant role of multi-level
105 government sectors in post-disaster destination management (Beaumont & Dredge, 2010;
106 Dredge, 2006; Pavlovich, 2001). Many scholars have shown how national and provincial
107 governments often provide disaster response assistance through emergency management
108 training, providing information about potential post-disaster events, and giving local
109 governments funding to facilitate long-term recovery, such as compensation loans and tax
110 exemptions (Zurita et al., 2015). Higher level governments are not only responsible for
111 providing extensive resources to help local governments restore affected areas, but also take
112 steps to work out the next stage of post-disaster recovery (Ghaderi et al., 2015). Local
113 governments are geographically situated at the lowest level and closest to affected
114 communities (Baker & Refsgaard, 2007). Responsibilities of local governments concerning
115 post-disaster destination management can be divided into three categories: 1) taking the
116 initiative in protecting their citizens and tourists (Col, 2007); 2) mobilising local initiatives to
117 engage in the decision-making process; and 3) ensuring greater administrative discretion and
118 flexibility to implement post-disaster planning (Cretney, 2016). Different types of government
119 sectors with distinct roles and functions and their participation underline the significance of
120 these bodies in implementing post-disaster destination management.

121 Due to the complexity of post-disaster destination management, the engagement of
122 government sectors, often taking the form of intergovernmental collaboration, can bridge the
123 capacities of multi-level government sectors for management (Ladkin et al., 2008). Many
124 studies in other disciplines, such as political science, have explored the establishment and
125 development of intergovernmental collaboration. There are two main types of
126 intergovernmental collaboration: hierarchical collaboration and horizontal collaboration
127 (Hovil & Stokke, 2007; Pierre & Peters, 2000). Hierarchical collaboration emphasises that
128 multi-level government sectors collaborate to achieve common goals in the centralised way
129 (Moore, 2009). Horizontal collaboration is characterised by local autonomy, devolved power
130 and decentralised problem-solving (Caruson & MacManus, 2012). The two types can be
131 summarised as top-down or bottom-up collaboration (Kapucu & Garayev, 2014). Based on
132 that, scholars have subsequently re-contextualised the two modes discussed above. Instead
133 of separating hierarchical collaboration from horizontal collaboration, Scharpf (1994: 40)
134 focuses on their interdependencies, as hierarchical power can be realised by local political

135 practices and negotiations, and hierarchical structures can also enhance coordination capacity
136 of local political networks. He emphasises the need for interdependence between hierarchical
137 intervention and local political practices. This interdependence can be understood as “the
138 tangled hierarchies or shadow of hierarchical authority” (Amore & Hall, 2016: 116). The
139 combination of hierarchical intervention with horizontal coordination not only includes the
140 hierarchical administrative mode, but adds the engagement of government sectors at the
141 same level (Jessop, 2011).

142 Different types of intergovernmental collaboration reflect different modes of interaction
143 that can be shaped by political-administrative contexts (Hall, 1999, 2009; Pierre & Peters,
144 2005). In many western countries, hierarchical collaboration, horizontal collaboration and the
145 combination of the two are widely welcomed in post-disaster tourism destination
146 management (Amore & Hall, 2016). Unlike many Western countries, the centralised Chinese
147 administrative system has been particularly significant in dominating post-disaster destination
148 management (Yang et al., 2011). This essentially means that the central government has the
149 ultimate decision-making power: that is, the central government has absolute authority, while
150 the local government is subordinate to the superior and the central government (Zhong & Lu,
151 2018). Although local governments start to strengthen horizontal collaboration with other
152 government at the same level, central and local governments in the Chinese centralised
153 political-administrative structure still follow the traditional hierarchical collaboration mode
154 (Shi, 2012).

155 The above discussion of intergovernmental collaboration has consistently emphasised
156 how different level government sectors interconnect to form collaborative structure, and
157 further reflected different modes of interaction within a specific context. Intergovernmental
158 collaboration can provide a means to address organisational and operational issues that
159 emerge from post-disaster destination management (Amore & Hall, 2016). Post-disaster policy
160 announcements, decisions, and measures for destination management are drawn up and
161 implemented through a wide range of intergovernmental interactions (Ritchie, 2004). This
162 collaborative process involves the sharing of resources between multi-level government
163 sectors in order to address the post-disaster destination management challenges that a single
164 government sector cannot resolve alone. However, little effort has been made to
165 conceptualise the structure of intergovernmental collaboration. It remains unclear how
166 collaboration among government sectors operates across functional, hierarchical and
167 geographical boundaries in post-disaster destination management.

168 **2.2 Network analysis as an approach to understand intergovernmental collaboration in**
169 **post-disaster destination management**

170 Behind intergovernmental collaboration lie extensive interactions between multi-level
171 government sectors. As the prevailing discussion on intergovernmental collaboration,
172 collaborative activities are likely to interconnect different level government sectors to form
173 the structure. Network analysis is an innovative approach to reveal intergovernmental
174 collaboration (Caruson & Macmanus, 2012; Jung & Song, 2014; Mandell & Keast, 2007). A
175 range of network analysis indicators, including network density, centrality, clique, structural
176 hole, etc., can be used to examine the degree of government sectors engagement, the
177 collaborative links that they form, and their interactions within the structure of
178 intergovernmental collaboration (Burgos & Mertens, 2017). While network analysis approach
179 has been increasingly used to explore tourism destination management, rarely has it been
180 applied to understand intergovernmental collaboration in post-disaster destination
181 management. The foci of network analysis is generally the engagement of actors and their
182 interactions between actors (Mandell & Keast, 2007). Yet related issues of both network foci
183 have been performed to explore intergovernmental collaboration in post-disaster destination
184 management.

185 With regard to the first foci of network analysis, intergovernmental collaboration often
186 involves multiple government sectors with distinct roles and functions throughout the whole
187 process of post-disaster destination management (Liu-Lastres et al., 2020). Destination
188 management often requires the engagement of higher level of government sectors, which
189 provides substantial budgetary and necessary resources to help local government respond to
190 disasters (Brooks et al., 2013). Examples of the engagement of local governments in the post-
191 disaster destination are common, such as the case of Tahoku-Oki earthquake (Iuchi et al.,
192 2013), or local government contracting policies and practices to help tourism businesses
193 recover in the Palm Beach of Florida (Atkinson & Sapat, 2013). The second foci relates to
194 interactions existing between different government sectors in post-disaster destination
195 management. Existing literatur on this theme mainly emphasises hierarchical collaboration
196 between multi-level government sectors for post-disaster destination management.
197 Horizontal interaction also exists within the collaboration, when local governments seek to
198 collaborate with inter-local government sectors for implementing post-disaster projects easily
199 (Kusumasari et al., 2012). Relying on higher level governments and hierarchical interaction
200 that they generate can provide significant formal support for post-disaster destination
201 management. This support cannot be obtained through horizontal collaboration (Bankoff,

202 2003). But when national or provincial governments exert their power over local governments
203 at the expense of local interests, this can lead to increased fragmentation of the whole
204 intergovernmental collaboration. Horizontal interaction has become increasingly prominent
205 to mobilise local resources and knowledge in response to disasters (Kapucu et al., 2010).
206 However, substantial post-disaster destination management requires a high level of resource
207 input. Resources embedded into horizontal networks are often limited (Kapucu & Garayev,
208 2014).

209 As discussed above, the existing studies on post-disaster destination management of
210 intergovernmental collaboration briefly introduce the two foci of network analysis. However,
211 past literature seems to ignore several important factors of collaboration, including the
212 positioning, forwarding and receiving modes of government sectors, and the extent to which
213 a government sector exercises power over other sectors in the collaborative structure.
214 Attention to such elements can reveal how government sectors collaborate with others to
215 function the whole collaborative system for post-disaster destination management
216 (Maldonado et al., 2009). Therefore, employing networks analysis, the study explores the
217 engagement of government sectors and their interactions within the collaborative structure
218 throughout the whole process of post-disaster destination management. Based on the
219 foregoing, the changing dynamics of intergovernmental collaboration in post-disaster
220 destination management are discussed in depth.

221 **3 Methodology**

222 **3.1 Case study**

223 Jiuzhaigou National Park, one of the most popular national parks in China, is chosen as
224 the case for this study. It is located in Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture of
225 Sichuan Province (See Fig. 1). Jiuzhaigou National Park was declared as a United Nations
226 Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) world heritage site in 1992.
227 Jiuzhaigou National Park received approximately 5,000,000 visitors in 2016. It contributed
228 about 30% of the total tourism income of Aba Prefecture.

229 On the evening of 8th August of 2017, an earthquake with a magnitude of seven degrees
230 hit Jiuzhaigou. It was reported that that 25 people died, 525 people were injured, and 73,671
231 houses were damaged. In addition to the loss of life, natural environment, tourism-related
232 infrastructure and asset supporting tourism industry within Jiuzhaigou National Park were
233 destroyed. The tourist complex in Jiuzhaigou National Park, including natural beauty areas

234 (waterfalls and lakes), hotels and inns, restaurants, shops and transport, was partially
235 destroyed. Direct economic loss caused by the earthquake amounted to about 8 billion yuan,
236 equivalent to one-third of Jiuzhaigou County's GDP county in 2017. After the earthquake, it
237 was announced that Jiuzhaigou National Park would shut down for three years for post-
238 disaster recovery. National, provincial and municipal government sectors collaborated with
239 the administration bureau of Jiuzhaigou for post-disaster destination management.

240 The post-disaster destination management of Jiuzhaigou National Park basically follows
241 the lifecycle of post-disaster destination management (Calgaro, 2010; Faulkner & Vikulov,
242 2001; Miller & Ritchie, 2003; Ritchie, 2004). The emergency stage lasted from 8th August to
243 14th August, 2017, as rescue and damage limitation was the main objective at this stage and
244 rescue activities fundamentally completed within seven days (Shaw, 2006). During this period,
245 the administration bureau of Jiuzhaigou National Park, with the help of Jiuzhaigou county
246 government and Aba Autonomous Prefecture government, took swift actions to rescue local
247 residents, tourists and properties. Tens of thousands of police officers, fire-fighters, and
248 emergency operations officials were recruited to participate in this rescue effort. Certain basic
249 needs, such as water, food and shelter, were provided during the emergency phase.

250 The intermediate stage took place from 15th August to 7th November, 2017. At this stage,
251 post-disaster destination management tasks carried out by the administration bureau mainly
252 entailed restoring affected communities to normal as quickly as possible. Working in
253 conjunction with other government sectors at different levels, the administration bureau took
254 extensive intermediate actions to fulfil short-term needs of victims, and restore utilities and
255 essential services. Beyond that, destination management efforts also related to prepare for
256 long-term management (Faulkner & Vikulov, 2001; Ritchie, 2004). The Sichuan provincial
257 government began networking with other government sectors at municipal and district levels
258 to draw up the General Plan for the whole post-disaster recovery process.

259 The announcement of the General Planning for Post-disaster Reconstruction of
260 Jiuzhaigou on 8th November, 2017 signalled the end of the intermediate stage and the
261 beginning of the long-term recovery stage. At this point, the main focus of the post-disaster
262 destination management switched to implement the General Plan for long-term recovery and
263 rehabilitation (Miller & Ritchie, 2003). The General Planning for Post-disaster Reconstruction
264 of Jiuzhaigou consisted of five anchor projects: 1) the restoration and protection of the
265 ecological environment project; 2) the prevention and control of geological disasters project;
266 3) the restoration and improvement of the tourism destination and industry; 4) the

267 reconstruction of public services; 5) the restoration and reconstruction of urban and rural
268 housing. The General Planning for Post-disaster Reconstruction played a significant role in
269 determining the scale and the development direction of post-disaster reconstruction, and
270 achieving the economic and social development goals of the disaster-stricken areas. The five
271 anchor projects provided a basis for planning, and design for the next level of construction
272 projects. These projects need to complete to a basic level within two years.

273 Due to the various elements involved in rehabilitation, a coordinated approach was
274 required to effectively implement these projects. Following the General Planning guidelines,
275 the administration bureau of Jiuzhaigou National Park was designated as the main
276 government sector with full responsibility for implementing the five anchor projects. National,
277 provincial and municipal government sectors played a supportive and supervisory role in this
278 process. Within the following two years, the administration bureau of Jiuzhaigou National
279 Park made arrangements with multi-level authorities to expedite measures for the restoration
280 and reconstruction of natural environment, wildlife, infrastructure, tourist facilities, collapsed
281 buildings, and livelihoods. Following the General Planning requirement, the five anchor
282 projects need to fundamentally complete in two years. On 8th August 2019, the administration
283 bureau of Jiuzhaigou announced that this target was basically achieved. The fulfilment of
284 these projects marked the end of the long-term recovery stage, and paved the way for
285 Jiuzhaigou National Park to reopen to the public step-by-step.

286 **3.2 Data collection and analysis**

287 In this study, network analysis is employed to assess the structure of intergovernmental
288 collaboration in post-disaster management of Jiuzhaigou National Park by using UCINET 6
289 software. Government sectors are represented as nodes. The data was derived from a content
290 analysis of news reports from the websites of Jiuzhaigou Administration Bureau, Jiuzhaigou
291 County Government, Aba Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province Government, and the
292 Chinese central Government. 989 reports relating to the post-disaster management of
293 Jiuzhaigou National Park from 8th August 2017 to 8th August 2019 were collected. After
294 eliminating those reports that did not relate to interactions between government sectors for
295 post-disaster destination management, or were duplicate reports, or only contained photos,
296 68 reports were selected for this study: 8 reports related to the emergency stage (from 8th to
297 14th August 2017); 12 reports associated with the intermediate stage (from 15th August to 7th
298 November 2017); 48 reports related to the long-term recovery stage (from 8th November 2017

299 to 8th August 2019). Table 1 illustrates the three stages of post-disaster destination
300 management and the data collected.

301 The data analysis can be divided into two phases. In the first phase, to evaluate the
302 intergovernmental response to the earthquake, we carefully reviewed the reports to identify
303 interactions between different government sectors, and each interaction was recorded. The
304 purpose of content analysis here was to understand interactions between different
305 government sectors involved in post-disaster management of Jiuzhaigou National Park. 49
306 government sectors actively participated in the intergovernmental collaboration throughout
307 the whole process of post-disaster destination management (see Table 2): 11 government
308 sectors engaged in the emergency stage; 21 government sectors were involved in the
309 intermediate stage and; 33 government sectors in the long-term recovery stage. We then
310 constructed four adjacency matrixes in the form of government sector × government matrix
311 (49×49 adjacency matrix for the whole network of post-disaster destination management,
312 11×11 adjacency matrix for the emergency stage, 21×21 adjacency matrix for the intermediate
313 stage, and 33×33 adjacency matrix for the long-term recovery stage). Interaction between
314 government sectors was valued at either 0 or 1. 0 indicates no interaction between two
315 government actors; 1 means that interaction existing between two actors. The structured data
316 obtained from the content analysis was used as an input for network analysis.

317 In the second phase, network analysis is employed to identify the structure of
318 intergovernmental collaboration in the post-disaster management of Jiuzhaigou National Park.
319 Four principal foci of network analysis are listed by Haythornthwaite (1996: 330), namely
320 cohesion, structural equivalence, prominence, and range. This study aims to examine actors
321 and interactions between government sectors in post-disaster management of Jiuzhaigou
322 National Park. Accordingly, the measurements of density, average distance, centrality, clique
323 and structural holes are used to examine the structure of intergovernmental collaboration.

324 **4 Results**

325 **4.1 Government sector profiles and visualisation**

326 Table 3 shows descriptive statistics relating to government sectors that participated in
327 post-disaster management of Jiuzhaigou National Park. Regarding their types, we found that
328 almost half of the engaged government sectors were at the municipal or district level; over
329 one third operated at the provincial level; less than one fifth operated at the national level.
330 The descriptive statistics indicate that a wide range of government sectors, ranging from

331 national to provincial and municipal to district levels, engaged in post-disaster management
332 of Jiuzhaigou National Park. The active participation of higher level government sectors
333 represents a point of difference with the Western model of intergovernmental collaboration
334 that depends heavily on local government bodies to facilitate post-disaster destination
335 management (Becken & Hughey, 2013). This can be explained by the fact that hierarchical
336 intervention is vital to ensure the effective functioning of intergovernmental collaboration in
337 the Chinese centralised political-administrative structure (Ge et al., 2010).

338 Employing a graphical approach, we produced four visual network diagrams of
339 intergovernmental collaboration in post-disaster destination management of Jiuzhaigou
340 National Park. Network visualisation can identify the different components of the network,
341 discover network patterns and features, and gain insights into the underlying dynamics of the
342 network (Trias et al., 2019).

343 Figure 2 illustrates the entire network of intergovernmental collaboration in post-disaster
344 management of Jiuzhaigou National Park. Figure 2 shows that government sectors at national,
345 provincial and local levels collaborate for post-disaster destination management.
346 Intergovernmental collaboration is structured hierarchically and horizontally to facilitate
347 destination management.

348 Figure 3 shows the network of intergovernmental collaboration at the emergency stage.
349 ABJ is the central government sector at this stage. Government sectors at the national,
350 provincial and municipal levels are coordinated, and intergovernmental collaboration mainly
351 developed hierarchically to promote the response activities. Most government sectors, such
352 as ABJ, GA, GS and SCC, play important roles at this stage. This can be explained by the fact
353 that these principal sectors are mainly responsible for the whole emergency management,
354 including rescue activities, provision of shelters and producing disaster impact reports.

355 Figure 4 shows the network of intergovernmental collaboration at the intermediate stage.
356 ABJ plays a leading role in facilitating relief activities, and government sectors at the national
357 level are strongly interconnected with each other at this stage. Compared with
358 intergovernmental collaboration at the emergency stage, horizontal connections between
359 government sectors become more significant at this stage. However, intergovernmental
360 collaboration primarily operates in a hierarchical way. Figure 4 demonstrates that the number
361 of functional government sectors increases rapidly during this stage. Functional sectors, such
362 as TPBA, GEBS, NTD and NFB, are mainly grouped for drawing up the rebuilding planning of
363 tourism-related infrastructure and ecological environment.

364 Figure 5 displays the network of intergovernmental collaboration at the long-term
365 recovery stage. ABJ remains the central sector and has the most connections with other
366 sectors. GJ, DRCA and GA act as the secondary central locations within the network. The long-
367 term recovery activities rely heavily on hierarchical collaboration, but horizontal collaboration
368 becomes much more significant in functioning the whole collaboration. Figure 5 illustrates
369 that the long-term recovery is heavily dependent on government sectors at municipal and
370 district levels. The focus of this stage is to implement the General Plan and the five anchored
371 projects. Thus, many functional government sectors at the municipal and district levels, such
372 as EMOA, CEITA, TPBA, and ICBA, are delegated to implement the anchored projects at this
373 stage.

374 **4.2 Network density and average distance**

375 Density measurement is carried out to gauge connectivity level of within a network
376 (Hanneman & Riddle, 2005). Table 4 displays descriptive statistics for network density and
377 average distance of intergovernmental collaboration at the emergency, intermediate and
378 long-term recovery stages. Network density refers to the portion of potential ties in a network
379 that are actual ties. A potential tie is the tie that could potentially exist between two actors,
380 while an actual tie is one that actually exists. Network density is not only determined by the
381 sum of ties between actors, but by the sum of actors in the network (Lian et al., 2012; Wise,
382 2014). The equation 1 shows the calculation of the network density D as following
383 (Alsamadani et al., 2013):

$$384 \quad D = \frac{T}{n(n-1)} \quad (1)$$

385 Where T is the actual number of ties, n is the number of government sectors in the
386 network. In Table 4, the intermediate stage has the highest density value with 21 actors and
387 184 ties; the emergency stage ranks the second, and has 11 actors and 37 ties; the long-term
388 recovery stage has the lowest density value, with 33 actors and 147 ties. Although there are
389 147 ties at the long-term stage, the number of actors engaged at this point is considerably
390 higher than that of the emergency stage. Thus, network density at the long-term stage is the
391 lowest. The above results demonstrate that the most frequent interactions between
392 government sectors occurred at the intermediate stage. One explanation may be that
393 measures for post-disaster destination management at the intermediate stage often relate to
394 the continuing rescue efforts, the provision of facilities or mental health support to affected
395 locals (Faulkner & Vikulov, 2001). Post-disaster destination management at this stage involves

396 a combination of ongoing emergency protection and pre- long-term recovery. The
 397 combination requires a broad range of specific government sectors to engage in this complex
 398 management process.

399 Average distance AD is to measure network cohesion. The equation 2 of average
 400 distance AD is shown below (Fujihara et al., 2009):

$$401 \quad AD = \frac{\sum_j^n d_{ij}}{2n}; i \neq j \quad (2)$$

402 Where d_{ij} denotes as the length of the shortest path between government sector i
 403 and j . n is the number of government sectors. The bigger average distance is, the less
 404 network cohesion is. The average distance of collaborative network is the smallest, suggesting
 405 its network cohesion is the biggest at the emergency stage; the average distance increases at
 406 the intermediate stage; the average distance becomes the greatest at the long-term recovery
 407 stage with the smallest network cohesion. All of average distance at the three stages are
 408 greater than one, indicating that each government sector at the three stages can connect with
 409 other government sectors within the collaboration structure by virtue of a sector.

410 **4.3 Centrality**

411 Centrality is a significant quantitative characteristic in network analysis, and refers to the
 412 power that an actor gains within the structure, rather than power obtained by individual
 413 attributes. Centrality has been widely used to examine the power of actors within the network
 414 structure (Wasserman & Faust, 1994). Degree, closeness and betweenness are three main
 415 centrality measurements which are used to analyse the position and power of government
 416 sectors in intergovernmental collaboration. The rationale for measuring degree centrality is
 417 that actors with more ties are less dependent on other sectors, and thus they are more
 418 powerful within the network (Hanneman & Riddle, 2005). The equation 3 of degree centrality
 419 $C_D(i)$ is shown below (Freeman, 1978):

$$420 \quad C_D(i) = \sum_j^n I_{ij}; i \neq j \quad (3)$$

421 Where I_{ij} is the value of the tie from government sector i to government sector j (the
 422 value is either 0 or 1: $I_{ij} = 1$ means a tie existing between government sector i and
 423 government sector j , $I_{ij} = 0$ means no tie between them). n is the number of government
 424 sectors.

425 Closeness centrality indicates the shortest path between an actor and one other actor,
 426 and is used to analyse the communication process between actors (Comfort & Haase, 2006).
 427 The equation 4 of closeness centrality $C_c(i)$ is shown below (Freeman, 1978):

$$428 \quad C_c(i) = \frac{1}{\sum_j^n d_{ij}}; i \neq j \quad (4)$$

429 Where d_{ij} denotes as the length of the shortest path between government i and j ,
 430 and n is the number of government sectors.

431 Betweenness centrality of a government sector discloses the extent to which this sector
 432 is in an advantageous position and could make significant links with other sectors (Comfort
 433 and Haase, 2006). The equation 5 of betweenness centrality $C_B(i)$ is shown below (Freeman,
 434 1978):

$$435 \quad C_B(i) = \sum_j^n \sum_k^n \frac{g_{jk}(i)}{g_{jk}}; j \neq k \neq i \quad (5)$$

436 Where g_{jk} is the number of the shortest path for government actor j to reach actor k ;
 437 $g_{jk}(i)$ is the number of shortcuts from government actor j and government actor k , which
 438 also crosses point i ; n is the number of government sectors.

439 Table 5 displays the results of centrality measures of intergovernmental collaboration
 440 during the emergency stage. ABJ ranks the highest in degree centrality, followed by GA. Being
 441 the most connected actor in the network is not always an advantageous position, but
 442 dependent on the context. In this study, the assumption is that government sectors with more
 443 links are in relatively advantageous positions, as they have access to alternative ways to satisfy
 444 their needs. Thus, at the emergency stage of post-disaster destination management, ABJ and
 445 GA are the most connected, and both therefore have more resources to tap into other
 446 government sectors. ABJ and GA also have the most closeness centrality, indicating that they
 447 have more frequent interactions with other government sectors at this post-disaster
 448 destination management stage. One explanation may be that local government sectors play
 449 an important role in actively protecting local residents and tourists (Col, 2007). In terms of
 450 betweenness centrality, ABJ, GA and DFS have the maximum amounts. This indicates that
 451 these three government sectors play the most critical role in functioning intergovernmental
 452 collaboration, and their power is highly concentrated. ABJ tops the list and this is perhaps
 453 linked to its role in controlling resource allocation, deciding where to direct efforts, and
 454 establishing and facilitating coordination between government sectors at the emergency
 455 stage.

456 Table 6 shows the results of the centrality measures of intergovernmental collaboration
457 at the intermediate stage. ABJ and DRCS have the highest degree and closeness centrality.
458 These results indicate that ABJ and DRCS are more closely connected than others, and have
459 the most frequent interactions in the collaboration. One possible explanation for the highest
460 ranking of ABJ in degree and closeness centrality is that ABJ may make greater efforts than
461 other sectors to maintain ties with other government sectors, as it is closest to the affected
462 region (Baker & Refsgaard, 2007). The foci of the intermediate stage is to restore utilities and
463 essential services that are essential for the long-term recovery of tourism destination, which
464 requires much financial support (Ritchie, 2004). It is not surprising that DRCS ranks highly and
465 plays an influential role at this stage. ABJ is the highest in terms of betweenness centrality
466 during the intermediate stage, indicating that it heavily involves in implementing intermediate
467 activities for destination management. This could be because the principal government
468 sectors often play a bridging role in implementing destination management through
469 collaborating with other functional government sectors.

470 Table 7 shows the results of network centrality of intergovernmental collaboration at the
471 long-term recovery stage. ABJ and GA rank the highest in degree, closeness and betweenness
472 centrality. These results suggest that ABJ and GA have the most extensive web of links, making
473 it relatively easy to influence the other. Both also have the most structural advantages in
474 bargaining for and exchanging resources required for long-term recovery activities. This is
475 because long-term recovery work focuses on reconstructing tourism-related infrastructure,
476 rehabilitating environmentally-damaged areas, restoring tourist business, and boosting
477 tourism-market confidence (Faulkner & Vikulov, 2001). The implementation of long-term
478 recovery projects often relies heavily on local government due to its geographical and
479 institutional proximity to the region (Çakar, 2018).

480 **4.4 Clique analysis**

481 Clique analysis is used to identify the sub-networks of government sectors within the
482 network (Hanneman & Riddle, 2011). In this study, clique analysis was undertaken to show
483 the preferred types of cliques and subgroups operating in intergovernmental collaboration.

484 Table 8 shows the clique analysis results of intergovernmental collaboration at the
485 emergency, intermediate and long-term recovery stages. At the emergency stage, four cliques
486 are identified in the network: the cliques 1, 3 and 4 develop hierarchically, and involve
487 government sectors at national, provincial and municipal levels; the clique 2 develops
488 horizontally, and all the government sectors in this clique are at the municipal level. All the

489 cliques have links with ABJ. At the intermediate stage, six cliques are identified in the
 490 intergovernmental collaboration network: the cliques 1, 2, 3 and 5 develop in a hierarchical
 491 way, while the clique 4 and 6 develop horizontally. Hierarchical collaboration involves
 492 government sectors at the national, provincial and municipal levels in the clique 1 and 5, while
 493 the clique 2 and 3 only involve government sectors at the provincial and municipal levels.
 494 Horizontal collaboration within the clique 4 relates to provincial government sectors, while
 495 the clique 6 involves government sectors at the municipal level. At the long-term recovery
 496 stage, there are fourteen cliques identified within the collaboration structure. Eleven
 497 hierarchical cliques involve national, provincial and local government sectors, while three local
 498 cliques are involved in the horizontal collaboration.

499 In Table 8, intergovernmental collaboration developed hierarchically throughout post-
 500 disaster destination management process, but horizontal collaboration between provincial or
 501 local government sectors also plays an increasingly important role. Even if hierarchical
 502 influence remains apparent within intergovernmental collaboration under the Chinese
 503 centralised system (Xu & Lu, 2013), horizontal collaboration becomes progressively more
 504 significant in post-disaster destination management. This phenomenon has also been
 505 observed in many western countries, such as New Zealand (Amore & Hall, 2016). The
 506 interdependencies between hierarchical intervention and horizontal coordination within the
 507 post-disaster destination management could be explained by the fact that “the hierarchical
 508 power is realised in or through local political practices or negotiations, so too is the effective
 509 collaboration of local political networks or clans enhanced by virtue of their embeddedness
 510 within hierarchical structures” (Scharph, 1994: 40).

511 **4.5 Structural holes**

512 Structural holes represent the non-redundancy ties between two actors and indicate
 513 whether an actor is in an advantageous position to control the flow of information and
 514 resources within the network as a whole (Scott, 2013). Burt (1992) identifies three indicators
 515 of structural holes, namely: effective size, efficiency and constraint. We use these measures
 516 to test structural holes of intergovernmental collaboration in this study.

517 Effective network size is to measure the redundancy of certain ties of nodes (Burt, 1992).
 518 The equation 6 of network effective size ES_i is shown below (Burt, 1992):

$$519 \quad ES_i = n - \frac{1}{n} \sum_j^n \sum_q^n m_{jq} ; q \neq i, j \quad (6)$$

520 Where m_{jq} equals the strength of direct ties from government sector j to government
521 q , and n is the number of government sectors.

522 Efficiency is the ratio of the effective scale of the network nodes to the actual scale (Burt,
523 1992). The equation 7 of network efficiency EC_i is shown below (Burt, 1992):

$$524 \quad EC_i = \frac{ES_i}{l} \quad (7)$$

525 Where ES_i is the network effective size, and l is the number of actors that connect to
526 government sector i .

527 Constraint measures the extent to which node is directly and indirectly dependent on
528 other nodes, via crisscrossing connections and the absence of structural holes (Burt, 1992).
529 The equation 8 of network constraint C_{ij} is shown below (Burt, 1992):

$$530 \quad C_{ij} = (p_{ij} + \sum_q^n p_{iq} p_{jq})^2 ; q \neq i, j \quad (8)$$

531 Where p_{ij} equals the strength of direct ties from government sector i to government
532 j ; $p_{iq} p_{jq}$ is the sum of the indirect tie strength from i to j via q ; n is the number of
533 government sectors.

534 Table 9 shows the measurement results of structural holes at the emergency stage of
535 post-disaster destination management. ABJ and GA have the largest effective size but the
536 fewest constraints, revealing that they are the most non-substitutable government sectors
537 and are situated in a bridging position. This may be linked to the significant role they play at
538 the emergency stage: both ABJ and GA are situated at the local level, and they thus are
539 responsible for rescue and relief activities to protect affected locals and tourists (Cretney,
540 2016). LRBS and TBA rank the highest in efficiency, demonstrating that they are in the most
541 advantageous positions in exchanging information and resources. This could be due to their
542 positions within the collaborative structure as a whole, in that both government sectors are
543 only connected with ABJ.

544 Table 10 shows the results of structural holes of intergovernmental collaboration at the
545 intermediate stage of post-disaster destination management. ABJ and DRCS are the top two
546 in effective size ranking as well as having the lowest constraint values, which suggests that
547 both ABJ and DRCS play the non-substitutable roles at this stage. It is also the easiest for them
548 to link with other sectors. DRCS is an emerging sector within the collaborative structure at this
549 stage. Its prominent role is partly in accordance with the focus on tourism planning during this

550 stage of the post-disaster destination development. GEBS and SMBS have the highest
551 efficiency scores, meaning that they can mostly impact other government sectors at this
552 destination management stage. One of the main tasks at the intermediate stage is to assess
553 and monitor the damaged environment (Ritchie, 2004). Thus, these two government sectors
554 that are responsible for environmental protection and monitoring are the most influential
555 within the collaboration.

556 Table 11 shows the structural holes results of intergovernmental collaboration at the
557 long-term recovery stage. ABJ and GA are the two highest in effective size ranking, denoting
558 that both have more non-redundancy ties, enabling them to span across other government
559 sectors. ABJ and DRCA have the lowest constraint values, and hence are in the most
560 advantageous position in information flow from multiple channels. Most resources required
561 for the long-term recovery have to pass through these government sectors. NCD, EMOA, DFA,
562 OLRS, BGMRS, and ABS have the highest efficiency values, showing that these government
563 sectors have the most ties with other government sectors. However, they are also the most
564 constrained sectors within the collaboration structure and so are likely to face hierarchical
565 obstacles. These results indicate that government sectors cross functional, geographical and
566 hierarchical boundaries are inclusively situated within the collaboration through political
567 agreement, concessions and compromise. The results also show that the collaboration
568 develops hierarchically at this stage, as government sectors at the provincial and local levels
569 are driven by hierarchical power to operate long-term recovery activities for destination
570 management.

571 **5 Discussions and conclusion**

572 The study, taking Jiuzhaigou National Park as the case, employed network analysis to
573 explore the changing dynamics of intergovernmental collaboration that occur throughout the
574 whole process of post-disaster destination management. Intergovernmental collaboration is
575 a joint response that extends across the national, provincial and local government levels in
576 post-disaster management of Jiuzhaigou National Park. At the emergency stage of post-
577 disaster destination management, intergovernmental collaboration relies heavily on
578 hierarchical collaboration. Higher level government sectors, featured with stronger
579 supportive capabilities, provide diversified resources for local government to implement
580 rescue activities and protect locals and tourists. At the intermediate and long-term recovery
581 stages of post-disaster destination management, intergovernmental collaboration is
582 dominated by hierarchical collaboration. However, horizontal interactions play a significant

583 role in mobilising resources and coordinating post-disaster destination management activities
584 at the intermediate and long-term recovery stages.

585 Throughout the whole process of post-disaster destination management,
586 intergovernmental collaboration develops both hierarchically and horizontally to promote the
587 post-disaster management of Jiuzhaigou National Park, but it is largely dominated by
588 hierarchical collaboration. As mentioned in the network visualisation and clique analysis
589 sections, higher level governments use their central position to facilitate connectivity across
590 the collaboration and dominate the collaborative mode at all the three stages. Our results also
591 suggest that intergovernmental collaboration is primarily based on intergovernmental
592 hierarchies established and maintained in post-disaster destination management. This is in
593 line with the argument advanced by Tang et al. (2017) which claims that, in the context of
594 Chinese centralised political-administrative structure, hierarchical collaboration is the
595 traditional approach employed in response to post-disaster destination management
596 challenges. During the emergency, intermediate and long-term recovery stages, the
597 participation of local government bodies is required, but working together with higher level
598 government sectors in the intergovernmental collaboration. Such hierarchical intervention
599 can prevent the fragmentation of local authorities and facilitate wider collaboration that goes
600 beyond functional and institutional boundaries in post-disaster destination management (Liu-
601 Lastres et al., 2020).

602 As the post-disaster destination management develops, especially during the
603 intermediate and long-term recovery stages, local government sectors progressively play a
604 lubricating role in the intergovernmental collaboration, and horizontal collaboration becomes
605 increasingly significant. Our findings obtained from the analysis of centrality and structural
606 holes reveal that municipal and district government sectors are the dominant actors in
607 facilitating the functioning of intergovernmental collaboration. The principal government
608 sectors at the local level, such as ABJ, GJ and GA, establish collaborative relationships with
609 other government sectors at the same level to integrate their resources and capabilities for
610 more effective destination management after disasters. The central position of local
611 government sectors affects the flow of information/resources, the direction and speed, and
612 the functioning of intergovernmental collaboration in achieving post-disaster management
613 goals. In particular, intergovernmental collaboration mainly functions through the
614 interconnections between the administration bureau of Jiuzhaigou National Park and other
615 actors. ABJ is situated in the most advantageous position in controlling resource allocation,
616 deciding where to direct efforts, and facilitating coordination between government sectors.

617 In addition, as discussed in the clique section, horizontal collaboration becomes more
618 dominant as post-disaster destination management develops. Building on the existing
619 literature that emphasises the functions of higher-level government sectors in the Chinese
620 context in post-disaster destination management (Ge et al., 2010; Guo, 2012; Xu & Lu, 2013),
621 our findings provide a greater understanding of the bridging role played by local government
622 sectors and the significance of horizontal collaboration to destination management activities
623 in response to post-disaster challenges.

624 These findings provide more insights into intergovernmental collaboration in
625 comprehensive post-disaster destination management. Building on the lifecycle model of
626 post-disaster destination management (Chan et al., 2019; Faulkner, 2001; Ritchie, 2004), this
627 study expands the understanding of the changing dynamics of intergovernmental
628 collaboration in response to disaster challenges. Findings showed in the case of Jiuzhaigou
629 National Park contribute to post-disaster destination management knowledge. This can be
630 regarded as a reference for other tourist destination management. Results derived from this
631 study highlight the changing dynamics intergovernmental collaboration throughout the whole
632 process of post-disaster destination management. In the whole process of post-disaster
633 tourism destination management, due to the focus change of tourism destination
634 management at different stages, government sectors at all levels interact with each other in
635 different ways. These findings add more insights into past studies that only concentrate on
636 static characteristics of intergovernmental collaboration in all stages of post-disaster
637 destination management (Amore & Hall, 2016; Hall, 2009; Jiang & Ritchie, 2017). Besides that,
638 intergovernmental collaboration in post-disaster management of Jiuzhaigou National Park is
639 hybrid in the Chinese centralised political-administrative structure, with an interdependence
640 between hierarchical collaboration and horizontal interactions. This hybrid is not mutually
641 exclusive, but complementary throughout the whole process of post-disaster destination
642 management. This outcome contributes to the existing studies on hierarchical or horizontal
643 collaboration in post-disaster destination management (Larsen et al., 2011; Whitehead, 2003).
644 In the case of Jiuzhaigou National Park, due to the different time pressure, control degree and
645 event intensity in different management stages, post-disaster destination management has a
646 strong complexity. This complexity leads to more demanding strategic management
647 responses of post-disaster destination management, which thus requires the combination of
648 both types of intergovernmental collaboration. Understanding post-disaster destination
649 management, their lifecycle and potential impacts and actions can help us to develop

650 collaborative strategies by multi-level government sectors, as well as coping with destination
651 management incidents after disasters.

652 **6 Limitation and implications**

653 This study has some limitations. Firstly, the study only discusses the intergovernmental
654 collaboration between government sectors. As other participating actors such as NGOs, local
655 entrepreneurs, etc., have the potential to engage in post-disaster destination management
656 (Ireni, 2014), future research could focus on the collaboration among these stakeholders and
657 Secondly, given that horizontal collaboration is inevitable in the Chinese context, future
658 research could examine the benefits and drawbacks of the horizontal governmental approach
659 to post-disaster destination management in China. Despite the establishment of a hierarchical
660 order, more discussion regarding unconventional and non-horizontal approaches can be
661 conducted. Thirdly, this study only presents the network landscape of intergovernmental
662 collaboration in the post-disaster management based on the text data collected from official
663 government websites. To a certain extent, there is a lack of detailed analysis of internal data
664 at multi-level government sectors in post-disaster destination management. Thus, future
665 research can adopt a mixed-methods approach, such as integrating the data generated by
666 interviewing with different level governments into network analysis, to have more insights
667 into the internal working structure of intergovernmental collaboration.

668 Despite the limitations outlined above, intergovernmental collaboration was extremely
669 important throughout the process of the post-disaster management of Jiuzhaigou National
670 Park, and hence it can clearly be seen to play a fundamental role in post-disaster destination
671 management. Thus, intergovernmental collaboration should be established and developed to
672 promote post-disaster destination management, and could take one of two forms. In the first,
673 higher-level government sectors can be incorporated into intergovernmental collaboration in
674 order to resolve post-disaster destination management issues. More specifically, higher level
675 government sectors can engage in post-disaster destination management by providing more
676 supportive resources for local government bodies. In the second, as local governments play
677 an increasingly important role in coordinating post disaster response activities, national and
678 provincial governments can decentralise power and give more power to local governments,
679 especially in the context of Chinese centralised political and administrative structure. Thus,
680 local governments with extensive local knowledge are in a favourable position in terms of
681 intergovernmental cooperation, and hence could enable post-disaster destination
682 management to operate more effectively.

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886 Table 1. Post-disaster destination management stages and the data collected

Phase	Duration	Total number of secondary reports collected
Emergency stage	From 08/08/2017 to 14/08/2017	8
Intermediate stage	From 15/08/2017 to 07/11/2017	12
Long-term recovery stage	From 08/11/2017 to 08/08/2019	48

Data sources:
 Jiuzhaigou Administration Bureau website (<https://www.jiuzhai.com/>)
 Jiuzhaigou County Government website (<http://www.jzg.gov.cn/>)
 Aba Autonomous Prefecture website (<http://www.abazhou.gov.cn/>)
 Sichuan Province Government website (<https://www.sc.gov.cn/>)
 Chinese Government website (<http://www.gov.cn/>)

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888 Table 2. 49 government sectors that participated in the post-disaster destination management of

889 Jiuzhaigou National Park

No.	Government sector	Full title
1	ABJ	Administration Bureau of Jiuzhaigou National Park
2	GJ	Jiuzhaigou County government
3	DCJ	Department of Construction of Jiuzhaigou County
4	DFJ	Department of Finance of Jiuzhaigou
5	DRCJ	Development and Reform Commission of Jiuzhaigou county
6	FGBJ	Forestry and Grass Bureau of Jiuzhaigou County
7	SFJ	South Forestry Bureau of Jiuzhaigou County
8	TBA	Tourism Bureau of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
9	DCA	Department of Construction of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
10	GA	Aba Autonomous Prefecture government
11	DRCA	Development and Reform Commission of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
12	EMOA	Emergency Management Office of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
13	DFA	Department of Finance of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
14	CSOA	Comprehensive Supervision Office of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
15	CEITA	Committee of Economic and Information Technology of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
16	EPCURA	Environmental Protection Committee for Urban and Rural Construction of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
17	ROA	Reconstruction Office of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
18	FGBA	Forestry and Grass Bureau of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
19	WBA	Water Bureau of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
20	TPBA	Transport Bureau of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
21	FBA	Finance Bureau of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
22	ICBA	Industrial and Commercial Bureau of Aba Autonomous Prefecture
23	MG	Mianyang City government
24	EPCURS	Environmental Protection Committee for Urban and Rural Construction of Sichuan Province
25	GEBS	Earth and Environment Bureau of Sichuan Province
26	DRS	Department of Construction of Sichuan Province
27	DRCS	Development and Reform Commission of Sichuan province
28	GS	Government of Sichuan Province
29	DCS	Department of Construction of Sichuan Province

30	DFS	Department of Finance of Sichuan Province
31	LRBS	Land and Resource Bureau of Sichuan Province
32	TBS	Tourism Bureau of Sichuan Province
33	OLRS	Land and Resources Office of Sichuan Province
34	GAQSS	General Administration of Quality Supervision of Sichuan province
35	BGMRS	Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources of Sichuan province
36	EBS	Energy Bureau of Sichuan Province
37	ABS	Auditing Bureau of Sichuan Province
38	FGBS	Forestry and Grass Bureau of Sichuan Province
39	SMBS	Surveying and Mapping Bureau of Sichuan Province
40	PCSS	Protection Central Station of Sichuan Province
41	NCD	National Construction Department
42	NCAD	National Civil Affairs Department
43	NDRC	National Development and Reform Commission
44	NEB	National Earthquake Bureau
45	NFB	National Finance Bureau
46	NFD	National Finance Department
47	NTB	National Tourism Bureau
48	NTD	National Transport Department
49	SCC	State Council of China

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891 Table 3 Descriptive statistics of government sectors involved in the post-disaster management of
892 Jiuzhaigou National Park

Types	Number	Percentage
National	9	18.3%
Provincial	17	34.6%
Municipal/district	23	46.9%

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894 Table 4. Network density and cohesion of intergovernmental collaboration networks at the emergency,
895 intermediate and long-term recovery stages

Indexes	Emergency stage	Intermediate stage	Long-term recovery stage
Density	0.3364	0.4381	0.1392
Ties	37	184	147
Actors	11	21	33
Average distance	1.664	1.733	1.861

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897 Table 5 Centrality measures of the intergovernmental collaboration network at the emergency stage

Government sectors	Degree	Closeness	Betweenness
SCC	40.000	62.500	0.000
GS	40.000	62.500	0.000
GA	50.000	66.667	3.333
GJ	40.000	62.500	0.000
ABJ	100.000	100.000	75.556
NDRC	20.000	55.556	0.000
DFS	30.000	58.824	1.111

DFJ	20.000	55.556	0.000
WBA	20.000	55.556	0.000
LRBS	10.000	52.632	0.000
TBA	10.000	52.632	0.000

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899 Table 6. Centrality measures of the intergovernmental collaboration network at the intermediate stage

Government sectors	Degree	Closeness	Betweenness
ABJ	70.000	76.923	41.404
GJ	65.000	66.667	2.480
GEBS	10.000	42.553	0.000
SMBS	10.000	42.553	0.000
GS	65.000	66.667	2.480
GA	55.000	54.054	0.000
NDRC	60.000	64.516	0.287
NCAD	60.000	64.516	0.287
NFD	60.000	64.516	0.287
NCD	60.000	64.516	0.287
NTD	60.000	64.516	0.287
NFB	60.000	64.516	0.287
NTB	60.000	64.516	0.287
NEB	60.000	64.516	0.287
DRCS	70.000	68.966	19.234
DRS	15.000	47.619	0.000
TBA	25.000	52.632	26.842
TPBA	15.000	36.364	0.000
FBA	15.000	36.364	0.000
ICBA	15.000	36.364	0.000
TBS	10.000	48.780	0.000

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901 Table 7. Centrality measures of the intergovernmental collaboration network at the long-term recovery
902 stage

Government sectors	Degree	Closeness	Betweenness
ABJ	100.000	100.000	86.492
DRCS	12.500	53.333	0.067
GS	15.625	54.237	0.202
DCS	9.375	52.459	0.000
NCD	3.125	50.794	0.000
DFS	6.250	51.613	0.000
TBS	15.625	54.237	0.134
TBA	15.625	54.237	0.134
DCA	15.625	54.237	0.403
GJ	21.875	56.140	1.310
GA	25.000	57.143	1.579
DRCA	21.875	56.140	1.210
EMOA	3.125	50.794	0.000
DFA	3.125	50.794	0.000
CSOA	6.250	51.613	0.000
NFD	9.375	52.459	0.000
DCJ	9.375	52.459	0.000
CEITA	9.375	52.459	0.000

EPCURS	12.500	53.333	0.000
EPCURA	12.500	53.333	0.000
OLRS	3.125	50.794	0.000
ROA	9.375	52.459	0.000
GAQSS	9.375	52.459	0.000
BGMRS	3.125	50.794	0.000
MG	9.375	52.459	0.000
DRCJ	9.375	52.459	0.000
EBS	9.375	52.459	0.000
ABS	3.125	50.794	0.000
FGBS	15.625	54.237	0.000
PCSS	15.625	54.237	0.000
FGBA	15.625	54.237	0.000
FGBJ	15.625	54.237	0.000
SFJ	15.625	54.237	0.000

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904 Table 8. Clique analysis results for the intergovernmental collaboration network at the emergency,
905 intermediate and long-term recovery stages

Stage	Clique	Government sector	Size
Emergency stage	1	SCC GS GA GJ ABJ	5
	2	GA ABJ WBA	3
	3	ABJ NDRC DFS	3
	4	ABJ DFS DFJ	3
Intermediate stage	1	ABJ GJ GS NDRC NCAD NFD NCD NTD NFB NTB NEB DRCS	12
	2	ABJ GJ GS DRS	4
	3	ABJ TBA TBS	3
	4	GEBS SMBS DRCS	3
	5	GJ GS GA NDRC NCAD NFD NCD NTD NFB NTB NEB DRCS	12
	6	TBA TPBA FBA ICBA	4
Long-term recovery stage	1	ABJ, DRCS, GS, GA	4
	2	ABJ, GS, GA, ROA	4
	3	ABJ, GS, GA, MG	4
	4	ABJ, DFS, GA	3
	5	ABJ, GJ,GA	3
	6	ABJ, DRCS, GA, DRCA	4
	7	ABJ, DCS, DCA, ROA	4
	8	ABJ, TBS, TBA, EPCURS, EPCURA	5
	9	ABJ, TBS, TBA, GJ	4
	10	ABJ, DCA,DRCA,CEITA	4
	11	ABJ, GJ,CSOA	3
	12	ABJ, GJ, NFD,DCJ	4
	13	ABJ, DRCA, DRCJ, EBS	4
	14	ABJ, FGBS, PCSS, FGBA, FGBJ, SFJ	6

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907 Table 9. Results for structural holes in the intergovernmental collaboration network at the emergency
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Government sectors	EffSize	Efficie	Constra
SCC	1.000	0.250	0.766
GS	1.000	0.250	0.766

GA	2.000	0.400	0.667
GJ	1.000	0.250	0.766
ABJ	8.300	0.830	0.240
NDRC	1.000	0.500	1.125
DFS	1.667	0.556	0.840
DFJ	1.000	0.500	1.125
WBA	1.000	0.500	1.235
LRBS	1.000	1.000	1.000
TBA	1.000	1.000	1.000

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910 Table 10. Results for structural holes within the intergovernmental collaboration network at the
911 intermediate stage

Government sectors	EffSize	Efficie	Constra
GJ	2.692	0.207	0.281
GEBS	1.000	1.000	1.125
SMBS	1.000	1.000	1.125
GS	2.692	0.207	0.281
GA	1.000	0.091	0.331
NDRC	1.167	0.097	0.306
NCAD	1.167	0.097	0.306
NFD	1.167	0.097	0.306
NCD	1.167	0.097	0.306
NTD	1.167	0.097	0.306
NFB	1.167	0.097	0.306
NTB	1.167	0.097	0.306
NEB	1.167	0.097	0.306
DRCS	4.571	0.327	0.248
DRS	1.000	0.333	0.926
TBA	3.400	0.680	0.513
TPBA	1.000	0.333	0.926
FBA	1.000	0.333	0.926
ICBA	1.000	0.333	0.926
TBS	1.000	0.500	1.125

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913 Table 11. Results for structural holes within the intergovernmental collaboration network at the long-
914 term recovery stage

Government sector	EffSize	Efficie	Constra
ABJ	29.406	0.919	0.087
DRCS	1.500	0.375	0.424
GS	2.200	0.440	0.483
DCS	1.000	0.333	0.637
NCD	1.000	1.000	1.000
DFS	1.000	0.500	0.587
TBS	1.800	0.360	0.487
TBA	1.800	0.360	0.487
DCA	2.600	0.520	0.462
GJ	4.615	0.659	0.356
GA	5.133	0.642	0.351
DRCA	4.429	0.633	0.342

EMOA	1.000	1.000	1.000
DFA	1.000	1.000	1.000
CSOA	1.000	0.500	0.599
NFD	1.000	0.333	0.609
DCJ	1.000	0.333	0.609
CEITA	1.000	0.333	0.522
EPCURS	1.000	0.250	0.572
EPCURA	1.000	0.250	0.572
OLRS	1.000	1.000	1.000
ROA	1.000	0.333	0.517
GAQSS	1.000	0.333	0.637
BGMRS	1.000	1.000	1.000
MG	1.000	0.333	0.517
DRCJ	1.000	0.333	0.602
EBS	1.000	0.333	0.602
ABS	1.000	1.000	1.000
FGBS	1.000	0.200	0.555
PCSS	1.000	0.200	0.555
FGBA	1.000	0.200	0.555
FGBJ	1.000	0.200	0.555
SFJ	1.000	0.200	0.555

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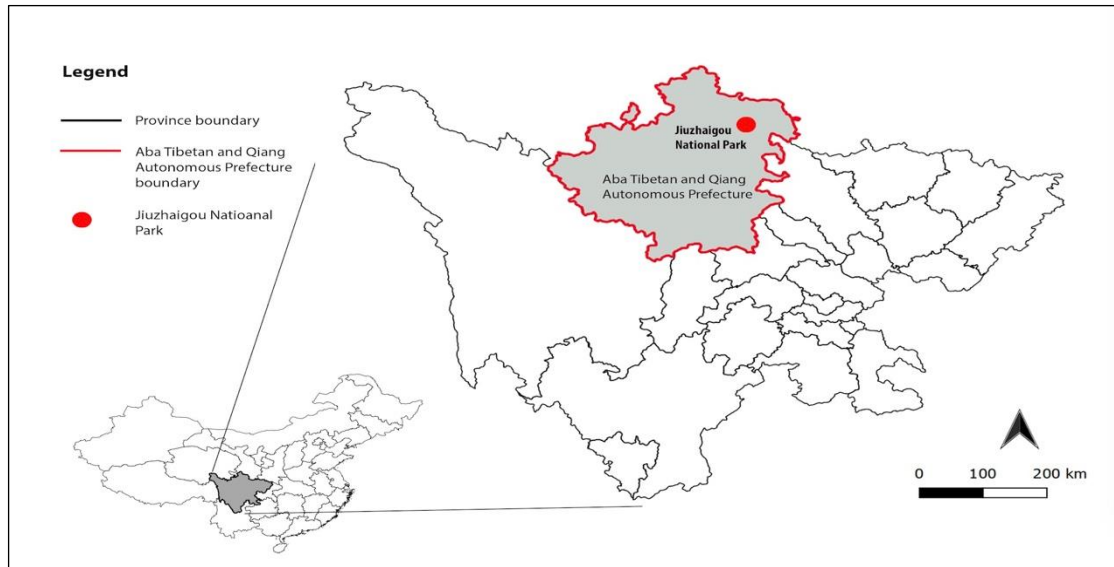
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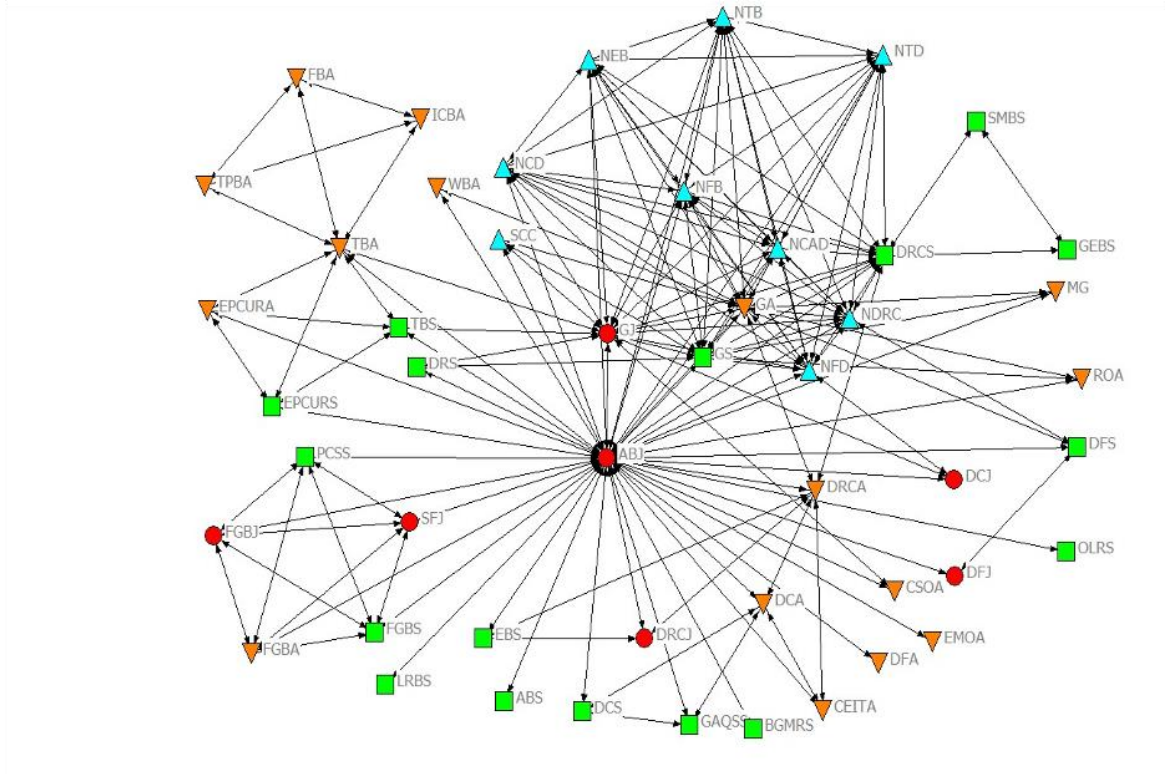
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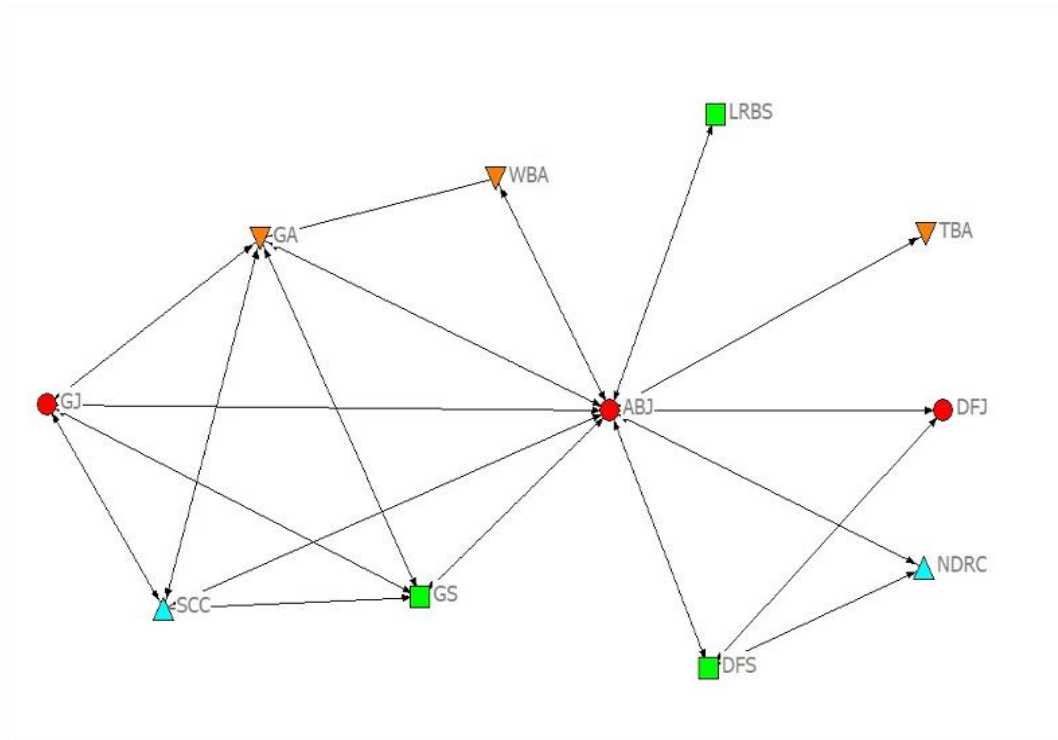
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972 Figure 3. The intergovernmental collaboration network at the emergency stage

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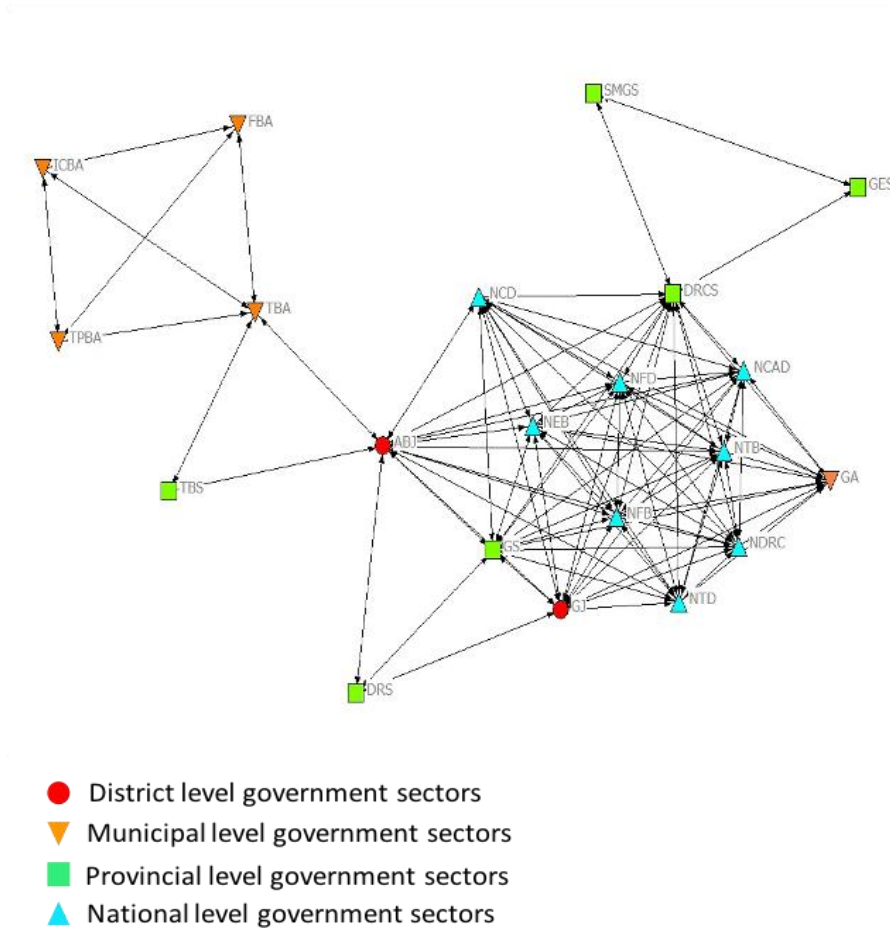
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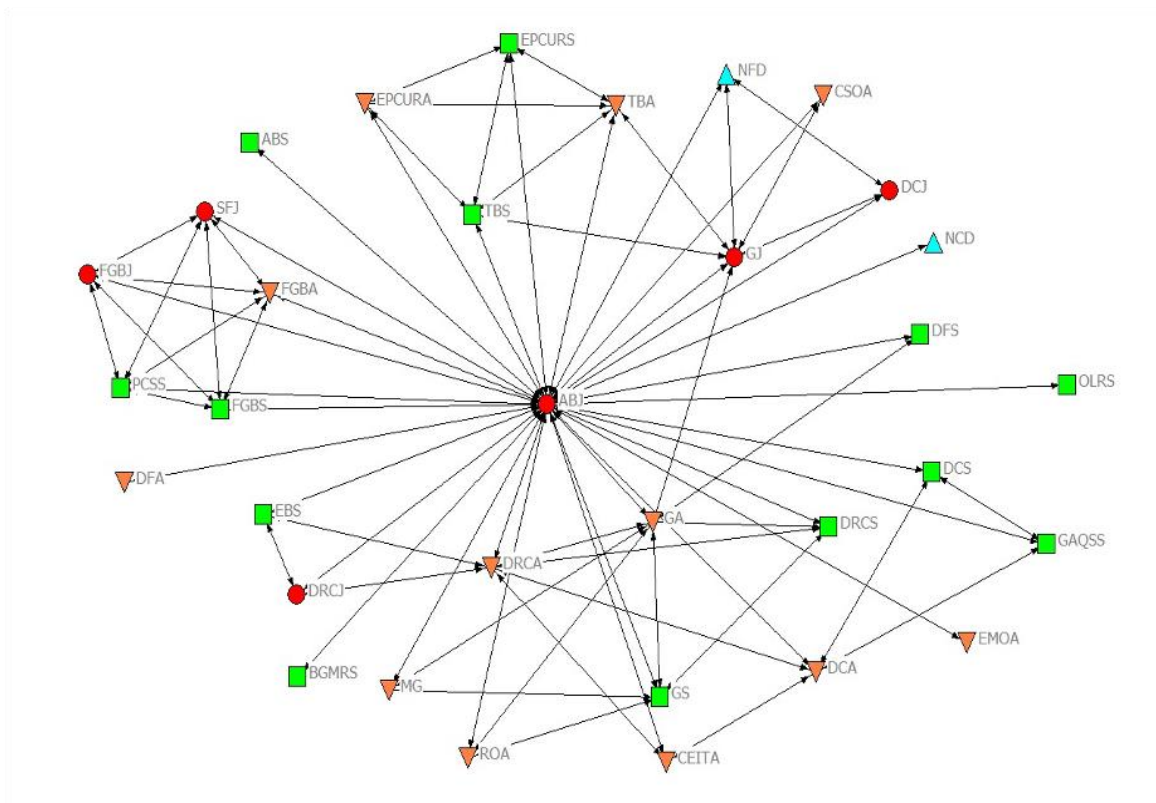
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1014 Figure 5. The intergovernmental collaboration network at the long-term recovery stage