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The body of local knowledge also consists of people's explanations of threats and disasters that sometimes seem irrational or even absurd to out-group members but makes perfect sense for the people that belong to the particular culture.

Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Local knowledge](#)

Disaster Phases: [Prevention](#), [Preparedness](#), [Response](#), [Recovery](#), [All disaster phases](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [Non-active citizens](#)

Hazards: [Natural hazards](#)

Recommendations:

- [Use local knowledge, collective memory and shared cultural values to improve disaster preparedness, response and recovery](#)

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