



Community cohesion as an important cultural aspect in disasters

Despite the fact that there is a perceived loss of community cohesion in some areas, the large majority of participants related to community cohesion as a “tradition” – “in Malta, traditionally we are very close to one another, as we are very small, too” – and as a cultural aspect which has persisted over time.

Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Customs/traditions/rituals](#), [Norms/values](#)

Disaster Phases: [Response](#), [Recovery](#)

Hazards: [Natural hazards](#), [Man-made non-intentional hazards or emergency situations](#), [Man-made intentional hazards](#)

Recommendations:

- [Develop guidelines for disaster practitioners that take into consideration the different needs of and approaches to different ethnical groups](#)
- [Foster social connectedness and the development of a strong sense of community, as these encourage citizens to help each other in disaster situations](#)

Source

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