



Culture "enhancing" citizens' abilities in disasters

What is actually meant by culture “enhancing” the abilities of citizens in disasters? Essentially, it is all about reducing mortality, injury and damage to property and livelihoods, by either accounting for cultural factors (working around them or changing them for example), or exploiting them (harnessing and nurturing functional elements). Thus, solutions to cultural barriers are outlined in the report, but also, culture as the solution in itself. Additional metrics that measure how culture enhances capabilities can include better mitigation of risk, greater awareness of hazards, improved safety measures, improved relations between actors, improved coping capacities, more empowered communities and citizens and improved capacities.

Applicable to:

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

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

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

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

Recommendations:

- [Develop a personal “culture of preparedness”](#)

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