



Socio-cultural capital in the recovery phase

During the recovery phase, people are often still drawing on their community and other networks to aid their recuperation. A number of studies suggest this element is vitally important for recuperation and resilience. Following the Chilean earthquake and tsunami in 2010, social capital resources were identified as the foremost factor in overcoming the impacts of the disaster. Further, “it became clear that those households recovering in isolation recover slower than those with increasing access to, for instance, social and political capital”. Accordingly, for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) plans, policies and practices to be effective they largely depend on the socio-cultural capacity of the affected communities. In areas where these dimensions are strong, they should be nourished and maintained, while in areas where they are not they should be promoted and strengthened. Ensuring adequate socio-cultural structures and acknowledging their importance will allow for enhanced community resilience.

Note: See source document for full reference.

Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Norms/values](#), [Social networks](#)

Disaster Phases: [Recovery](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [National civil protection body](#), [Local authorities](#), [Non-active citizens](#), [Government](#), [Red Cross](#), [NGOs](#), [Military](#), [Law enforcement agencies](#), [Healthcare and emergency services](#), [European Civil Protection Mechanism](#), [UN and other international organisations](#)

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

Recommendations:

- [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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