



## **Empowering communities and individuals in planning, coordinating and re-building during disasters**

Empowered communities and individuals who are proactive in planning, coordinating and re-building during disasters can be assisted to manage their own localities, or they can be more formally involved in large-scale efforts. Numerous case studies demonstrate valuable lessons in how disaster managers collaborate with and train communities, years before disaster strikes, to enable them to best design and operationalise a disaster plan themselves. The guiding principles suggest that communities, not disaster management authorities are best placed to understand, manage and take advantage of the unique collective way of life of the community, for the best outcomes in a disaster.

Note: See source document for full reference.

### **Applicable to:**

Stakeholders: [Local knowledge](#), [Livelihoods](#)

Disaster Phases: [Prevention](#), [Preparedness](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [National civil protection body](#), [Local authorities](#), [Non-active citizens](#), [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:**

- [Develop culturally aware disaster preparedness and response training](#)
- [Engage in activities and develop strategies aiming to improve trust between citizens and authorities](#)
- [Foster the adoption of a culture of disaster prevention and resilience by informing and motivating citizens to take action](#)

### **Source**

[Deliverable D7.3 "Report on cultural factors and citizen empowerment" \(page 77\)](#)

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