



## Community leaders as mediators between DMAs and citizens

Community leaders can be the “critical link” between DMAs and citizens. They could also influence citizens to become actor citizens and pass on preparedness training efforts. In Ohio, which has one of the largest populations of Somalis in the USA, the Somali citizens requested that the Regional Planning Commission consults with community leaders in their community for preparation and response functions, because “they were the foremost sources of trustworthy communication”.

Note: See source document for full reference.

### Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Norms/values](#), [Customs/traditions/rituals](#), [Local knowledge](#), [Communication](#), [Livelihoods](#)

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

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:

- [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" \(page 33\)](#)

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