



Strengthening local practices by assessing local knowledge

There is a need to: ...further assess local knowledge and practices in order to strengthen good local practices (those which are sustainable and equitable) and attenuate unsustainable ones. Ultimately, understanding local knowledge and practices is a precondition for integrating local contexts and needs into DRR programs. DRR projects would benefit in combining external, scientific knowledge with local knowledge in order to create innovative and sustainable solutions.

Note: See source document for full reference.

Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Norms/values](#), [Local knowledge](#), [Individual/collective memory](#)

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

Types of Actors Concerned: [Local authorities](#), [Government](#), [National research bodies](#), [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:

- [Use local knowledge, collective memory and shared cultural values to improve disaster preparedness, response and recovery](#)
- [Prioritise protection of cultural heritage when preparing disaster management plans and procedures. Moreover, disasters managers should capitalize on tangible and intangible cultural heritage to assist communities in becoming more resilience](#)

Source

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