

Review of: "How Social Infrastructure Saves Lives: A Quantitative Analysis of Japan's 3/11 Disasters"

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I read this paper with interest. I found it had some particularly useful insights for those of us applying social capital theory and working in recovery on the ground. Obtaining quantitative data is problematic given the nature of disasters. However, in the spirit of moving forward in a complex space, this work offers clear advice for community leaders wanting to build their region's resilience.

I note in Queensland's (Australia) recent flood events travellers and tourists were a highly vulnerable group, a group, which may have been attracted to the area because of its social infrastructure. This work highlights the need for greater understanding of the role of social infrastructure, not just during a disaster but across the disaster cycle.