

Review of: "An approach to the background, methods and challenges of research in disasters"

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This is a selective literature review that also includes non-literature significant events in the disaster research. The paper also presents the current conceptual framework from which the research in disasters is carried out, and a scheme of the disaster phases.

The paper identifies main challenges in disaster research, (such as the development of a common conceptual framework, the absence of actual multidisciplinary approaches, as well as research into feasible and cost-efficient prevention and response strategies).

The language used (English) is at appropriate level.

This is a good paper, especially at a high level and for readers that are not specialized in disaster research. If this was the reason of writing this paper, then its contribution to this level of presentation and analysis is successful. However, a more thorough literature review and presentation of successful examples of multidisciplinary approaches could provide some interesting insights to scientists involved to disasters research.