

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

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Overall, the review is significant and have raised important concerns on the challenges in disaster research.

There are few ambiguities in the paper which as a reader suggest a revision for clarity, rigour and flow.

1. The abstract should be concise, to the point and the summary of the entire research. I suggest revising it into 4 major paragraphs. eg introduction/background, result, discussion & conclusion, not necessarily have to be under separate headings but would shapeup well if discussed the information on each paragraph.
2. The introduction section needs to be more comprehensive to discuss the context of the study and emphasise the gaps or the need of the review.
3. Method sectio is not very clear. It does not say how many articles, "the selective articles" is vague. The method section needs a revision for rigour and replicability.
4. In the result section, the findings are discussed in each paragraph. Using themes/concepts would help to offer greater understanding of concepts.
5. Discussion of the review should be supported and elaborated using the findings from the literature. The literature review section is also missing. More reading is required to discuss the results and make appropriate conclusion.
6. As much the topic clearly states that the review is about the background, methods and challenges of disaster research, the content should also follow the similar patterns of explaining each element clearly and adequately.
7. Overall, the paper needs a little more reading to find more information around the topic, documenting a clear methodology and discussing the results by supporting author ideas with literature (references).