

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

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It is certainly an interesting article. Among grey, green and social infrastructure, the author argues for social infrastructure. It is no doubt that social infrastructure cannot be considered less important than grey and green one. Community centers, libraries etc. are also shelters in case of natural disasters. What I suggest is that community building is crucial for the community facilities to play a role of mitigating impact of disasters. For example, in case of tsunami, community should provide services to transport those elderly in time to the safe shelters. The service providers also have a clear knowledge where the elderly are, while the modern urban worlds cherish privacy.