

Review of: "Integrating Mental Health Support in Emergency Planning and Disaster Risk Mitigation Strategies"

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This abstract provides a concise overview of the research;

Starting with the Introduction section provides historical context; tracing the evolution of emergency response in the US and the establishment of FEMA. It emphasizes the limitations of FEMA's crisis counseling program, which focuses on short term support and may not adequately address the long term mental health issues faced by the survivors.

The author also emphasizes the importance of community involvement and collaboration in addressing mental health needs during and after disasters. It correctly suggests that local communities play a big role and are best positioned to understand the unique needs of people living in the community; together with cultural and psychosocial factors. What aligns with the principles of community based approach is the recommendation to involve various stakeholders; together with non profit organizations; health care workers; government health department staff and neighbourhood leaders/committees.

The importance of a holistic and multi-dimensional view of individual's needs within vulnerable communities is also highlighted well in this research.

The importance of addressing barriers to implementation; including cost, limited access to mental health services and stigma is also recognized well.

However; there is limited discussion of stakeholder engagement; including the roles and responsibilities each stakeholder would have; hence a detailed guidance on how stakeholders would collaborate effectively would enhance the practicality of the recommendations.

In addition to the descriptive information provided; incorporating empirical studies; case studies can provide deeper insights and further support the arguments presented.

A methodology section on data collection; analyzed or sample size would help with the findings presented. Lastly, including specific recommendations or examples of successful initiatives would make the research more actionable for policymakers and practitioners.

