

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

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I want to congratulate the author on this timely and critical topic! Most communities in the US have developed emergency plans in order to provide survivors with the medical care needed immediately after a catastrophic event. Even though disasters emotionally traumatize one out of five victims for long periods of their lives, few US communities were able to establish preparedness plans for mental health interventions. Although the psychological first aid and crisis counseling services provided by agencies like FEMA are prevalent for mental healthcare post-disaster, they are more intended for short-term mental health support. As a result, many survivors lengthily suffer from illnesses like anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorders. The paper is a bit short, but it would be a good fit for a medical magazine article. There is some inconsistency in the referencing style. I would recommend extending the parts of the paper and turning the paper into a literature review paper.