

# Review of: "Are mental health dimensions included in disaster and climate change interventions in St. Lucia?"

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The article discusses a very important aspect of mental health and disasters in St. Lucia. The paper is well written. Some of my observations are as under:

1. Paper needs English editing to remove grammatical mistakes
2. Although the paper discusses about the relevant documents in detail, but it is not sure if there is any St. Lucia health policy available or not? it seems that no major health related stakeholders were contacted for this study.
3. The resources/ mental health clinics/ private clinics (if any) etc. available in St. Lucia to deal with mental health issues have not been discussed in the paper.
4. Thorough literature to establish the link between mental health and disasters was lacking
5. No data provided regarding mental health related diseases prevalent in St. Lucia to support the arguments built in the study
6. The impacts of neglecting the mental health aspect during post disaster recovery and rehabilitation were not found
7. Although it has been proved according to the study analysis that the mental health aspect is neglected in St. Lucia, but the study did not explain as to which countries are leading in this context and how are they addressing this issue (if any).
8. Way forward as to what should be done to address this important issue seems to be missing from the study
9. Conclusion part seems to be sketchy and very short.
10. **Recommendations**. May be accepted with **MAJOR REVISIONS**