

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this interesting and important article. The article makes a compelling argument that mental health support from the federal government is available immediately but not in the long term after disasters. I think the point should be well taken by the policymakers. The article could be strengthened by discussing specific action plans. For example, given the important role of social support in buffering stress, can we leverage peer support in local community to increase resilience. Similarly, what types of resources are urgently needed by local clinicians to better help those with mental health problems. Are barriers primarily financial or organizational? The recommended interventions can be better organized under the framework of stakeholder, barriers, and proposed actions, so that the findings are more directly useful.