

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

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This paper outlines the history and preparedness of FEMA to deal with disaster impact on Mental Health, but lacks an understanding of how communities do and can coordinated services and longer term recovery with multiple private, nonprofit's like the Red Cross, local, state, and federal agencies. It would be wonderful if you could elaborate a bit on how you are doing this in your local community and how to build local preparedness planning.

I have been at the heart of community response to covid in the midst of wave after wave of California wild fires that have taken the homes of thousands and the lives of hundreds. We are in constant discussion with all partners to find a ways to support the mental health crisis. We have a local community foundation that supports many projects to address these issues.