

Review of: "How Social Infrastructure Saves Lives: A Quantitative Analysis of Japan's 3/11 Disasters"

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This article explores how social infrastructure plays an important role in our communities, especially in mitigating and recovering from shocks. The paper is very well organized and easy to read. The author has reasonably engaged with existing and relevant literature and has very well highlighted the research gap informed by sound theoretical debate.

Importantly, this paper provides a novel contribution regarding disaster mitigation and recovery. The article is of value to enhance our understanding in the field of disaster risk reduction and may be favorably considered for publication.

However, I would suggest the author to separate the determinants of mortality and methodology section. The paper lacks the reference from the studies conducted in developing countries. It would be interesting to quote the studies (if any) from developing world as well.