



Extension Services in Disaster

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Presentation Abstract: Resources are increasingly tight for emergency management agencies and traditional partner agencies. One group available to support them that is rarely tapped are university extension agents, faculty, and staff. In Hawaii the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resilience (UH-CTAHR) Extension team brings knowledge, skills, and abilities in more than agriculture (SESF11) and include areas of practice that support SESF6-Mass Care, SESF8-Public Health & Medical Services, VOAD, and more.

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn what services and resources can be tapped from Extension in general by EMAs and of the EDEN national network.
2. Learn what UH-CTAHR Extension can offer to Hawaii's EMAs
3. Find out how to leverage Extension resources from mitigation planning to preparedness plan to disaster response and recovery.

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