Standardizing the Non-Standard: Applying Emergency Planning Frameworks to Human Services Related Events

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"Emergency management organizations must expand and adapt their planning frameworks and support human services and other departments in providing a human-centric approach for non-traditional events"

CHALLENGE

- Emerging threats have an increasing human services impact
- Effective preparedness efforts require engagement from human services personnel and agencies
- Human services and non-traditional response personnel may not be familiar with emergency management principles

BACKGROUND

- Disasters have a compounding impact on vulnerable populations
- Weather events, social stressors, and other disruptions lead to displacement including an estimated
 233k+ each year domestically in the US* and an estimated 140 million globally by 2050**
- Human services agencies are increasingly at the forefront of disaster preparedness efforts

HUMAN-CENTRIC APPROACH



Develop and Train a Human-Centric Planning Team

- Create a planning team outside of typical organizational structures, incorporating both emergency management and human services expertise
- Develop regular working sessions and systems to share knowledge, trainings, and expertise



Identify Human Centric Dependencies

 Identify vulnerabilities for human services systems and constituent populations



Create Human Centric Plans

 Develop collaborative plans to mitigate disruption to human services provision

IMPACT

- ✓ Relationship Building: Foster collaboration between human services and emergency management personnel ahead of a disrupting event
- ✓ Resilient Service Provision: Promote undisrupted services to mitigate impact to vulnerable populations
- ✓ Organizational Capacity: Develop staff capacity through knowledge sharing, and training, and new ways of working

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