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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