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INCREASE:

- Local capacities
- Social Support
- Resources

REDUCE:

- Risks
- Miscommunication
- Trauma



WHY DO COMMUNITIES NEED RESILIENCE?

To save lives, to protect
mental and physical health
of its members



Figure1. Billy Haworth

<https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Factors-important-for-community-disaster-resilience>



Inclusive

**Consider assets
and environment**

Equality

**Individual
awareness and
responsibility**

Networking

Capacity building

**Generic
resilience**

**Specific
resilience**

WHAT CAN CBOs DO TO COMMUNITY RESILIENCE?

- Help to cope and recover from a disaster through preparedness before a crisis hits
- Engagement of the voluntaries groups during and after the disaster
- Capacity building of community members on risk prevention/ reduction and recovery
- Dissemination of informative tools on immediate response when a disaster strikes
- Equipment with necessary strategies to cope with stress anxiety and trauma
- To voice needs and create space for high risk individuals to equitable access in services and decision making (advocacy and negotiation)
- To increase responsibility, to foster altruism and empathy among groups within communities
- Cooperation with stakeholders to ensure fulfillment of basic needs in permanent and temporary shelters
- Psychological, social and legal assistance of the communities members hit by the disaster



Credit: RAND Corporation

Challenges

The major challenges associated with disaster response planning are the failure in strictly applying the law, the lack of public and staff education about



Psychological support for 380 families



Psychosocial support to 130 children



food, clothes and sanitation packages,
toys and books for children



Legal assistance to 520 families



Entertainment, animation and educative activities for children



• Life skills training and career counseling
for 40 vulnerable youth as peer educators



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Thank you!