

Why the focus on international lessons learned?

Sharing lessons learned and innovative practices with the whole emergency management community, whether foreign or domestic, is an important part of the preparedness cycle. International real-world events, such as another country's response and recovery to a complex catastrophic disaster, disaster risk reduction (i.e., preparedness and mitigation) policies and practices of other countries, as well as assessments and research carried out in other countries can yield knowledge to build and improve domestic capabilities at all levels, reduce risk, and foster domestic innovation and learning. Collecting and sharing international lessons learned and innovative practices supports agency learning and continuous improvement. Learning how other countries prepare for, protect against, respond to, and recover from disasters, and mitigate hazards, can help validate our own domestic actions and decisions, and provide us with new ideas to strengthen our emergency management policy and practices at all levels and across the whole community.



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