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Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning for  
Public Health and Healthcare:  
Turning Guidance into Actionable Plans

# Introductions



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## Our Vision:

A resilient Boston through healthy, informed, and connected communities that are supported every day and during emergencies by strong, integrated public health and healthcare systems.

- Community fares better after an emergency
- Equitable access to health and human services during and after emergencies



# About Us

- Local public health authority
- ESF #8 lead for the City of Boston
- Sponsoring organization for healthcare coalition



**Boston Healthcare  
Preparedness  
Coalition**

# Your Questions on Recovery Planning

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**What are you hoping to learn today?**

# Our Focus on Recovery Planning

## Planning for City of Boston

- Drafting health & social services recovery plan
- Community engagement

## Instructor-Led Training

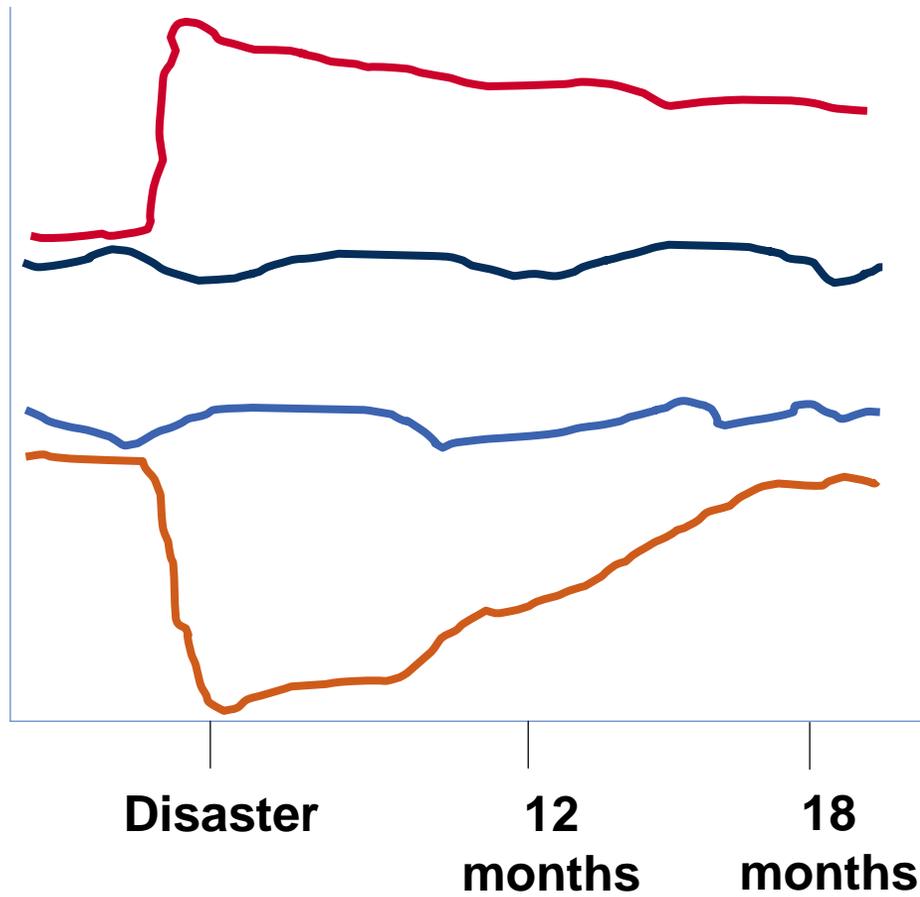
- 4-week course for public health & healthcare in Massachusetts
- Delivering 3<sup>rd</sup> pilot in May 2019

# Why Plan for Recovery?

**“All disasters begin and end locally.”**

- Community health needs increase
- Disparities and unequal access to healthcare are likely
- Communities will lead the way

# Vulnerable Population Needs and HSO Capacity



**Post-disaster needs of vulnerable populations**

**Routine needs of vulnerable populations**

**Routine capacity of HSO's**

**Post-disaster capacity of HSO's**

# What is Recovery, Anyway?

Definitions of Recovery

# A Healthy Community

“A healthy community is one in which a diverse group of stakeholders collaborate to use their expertise and local knowledge to create a community that is socially and physically conducive to health. Community members are empowered and civically engaged, assuring that all local policies consider health. The community has the capacity to identify, address, and evaluate their own health concerns on an ongoing basis, using data to guide and benchmark efforts. As a result, **a healthy community is safe, economically secure, and environmentally sound, as all residents have equal access to high quality educational and employment opportunities, transportation and housing options, prevention and healthcare services, and healthy food and physical activity opportunities.**”

-National Network of Public Health Institutes

# Our Focus

- “Bounce forward”
- Focus on **people** and **health**
- Community-centric process
- Leverage and strengthen social networks
- Maintain equitable access to healthcare

**Recovery = Mitigation = Community Partnerships**

# Guidance & Frameworks

# Key Documents: FEMA

## Core Capabilities: Recovery



### National Disaster Recovery Framework

*Second Edition  
June 2016*



Planning

Public Information and Warning

Operational Coordination

(Community Resilience)\*

Economic Recovery

Health and Social Services

Housing

Natural and Cultural Resources

# Key Documents: FEMA



## Effective Coordination of Recovery Resources for State, Tribal, Territorial and Local Incidents

FEBRUARY 2015



## Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Guide for Local Governments

February 2017



FEMA Publication FD 008-03

Form a Collaborative Planning Team

Understand the Situation

Determine Goals and Objectives

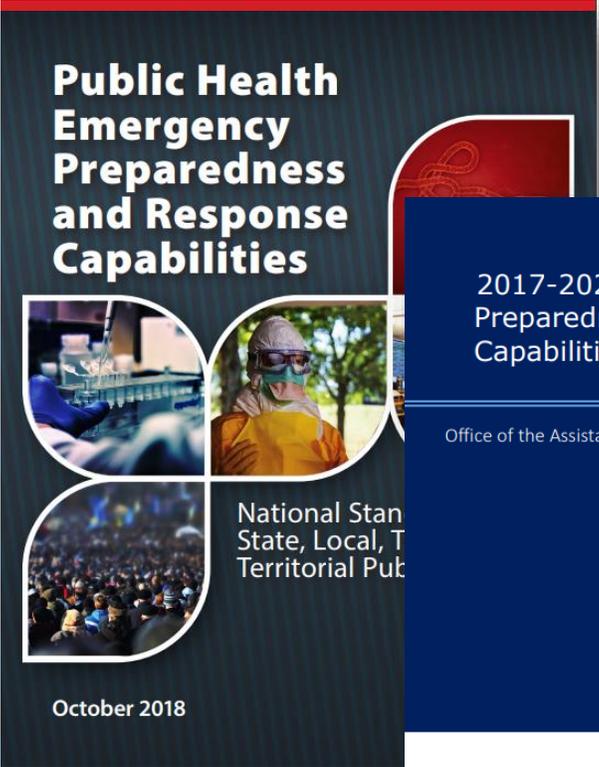
Develop the Plan

Prepare, Review, and Approve the Plan

Implement and Maintain the Plan

# Key Documents: PH & Healthcare

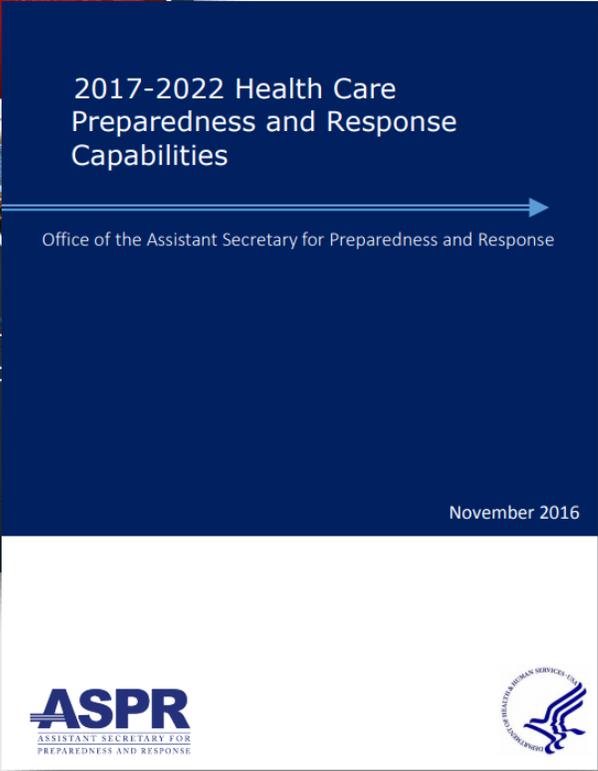
## Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities



October 2018

## 2017-2022 Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response



November 2016



## Healthcare Coalition Recovery Plan Template

### Background

Recovery after a disaster can be the most prolonged and complex phase of emergency management. Recovery includes the restoration and strengthening of key systems and resource assets that are critical to a community's continued viability. Recovery planning should be distinguished from continuity of operations (COOP) planning which seeks to maintain functions during, and following, an incident through response and mitigation activities (see the ASPR Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities for additional information regarding planning versus recovery planning). ASPR TRACIE developed this template to help health coalitions (HCCs) develop/ organize their recovery plan. Please note that jurisdictions are required to use this template nor do they need to follow this exact format (some sections not be applicable to all HCCs).

During the recovery phase of a major disaster, the focus shifts from Emergency Support Functions (ESF) to Recovery Support Functions (RSF) as outlined in the National Response Framework and the National Disaster Recovery Framework. The Health and Social Services is one of the six RSFs. It addresses healthcare system recovery among the following nine mission areas:

1. Public Health
2. Healthcare Services
3. Behavioral Health
4. Environmental Health
5. Food Safety and Regulated Medical Products
6. Long-term Responder Health
7. Social Services
8. Disaster Case Management/ to Social Services
9. Children and Youth in Disaster

Evaluating incident impact and decisions about restoration of services including how to "stronger systems" are critical to successful recovery. Thoughtful recovery processes will simply seek to restore the prior services and infrastructure, but turn the disaster into an opportunity to enhance community resiliency and determine how the services could be provided more efficiently, safely, and cost effectively in the future by evaluating options.

Because the HCC involves key partners from emergency medical services (EMS), Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 (public health and medical services), and emergency management, usually has contacts with ambulatory care, long-term care entities, human services partners and others, it is uniquely positioned to function as a key convener or leader during recovery. HCCs can provide input to the Mission Scoping Assessment (MSA) and the Recovery Support Strategy (RSS) as well as during implementation and transition back to steady state.

In fact, due to the deliberative and incremental nature of the recovery process, the HCC have more of a prominent and/or prolonged role during recovery than during response. For example, bringing all the stakeholders to the table to assess impacts on public health and healthcare, establish plans and priorities for restoration of services and resources, support member healthcare organization's delivery of patient care and tracking, and to sort through



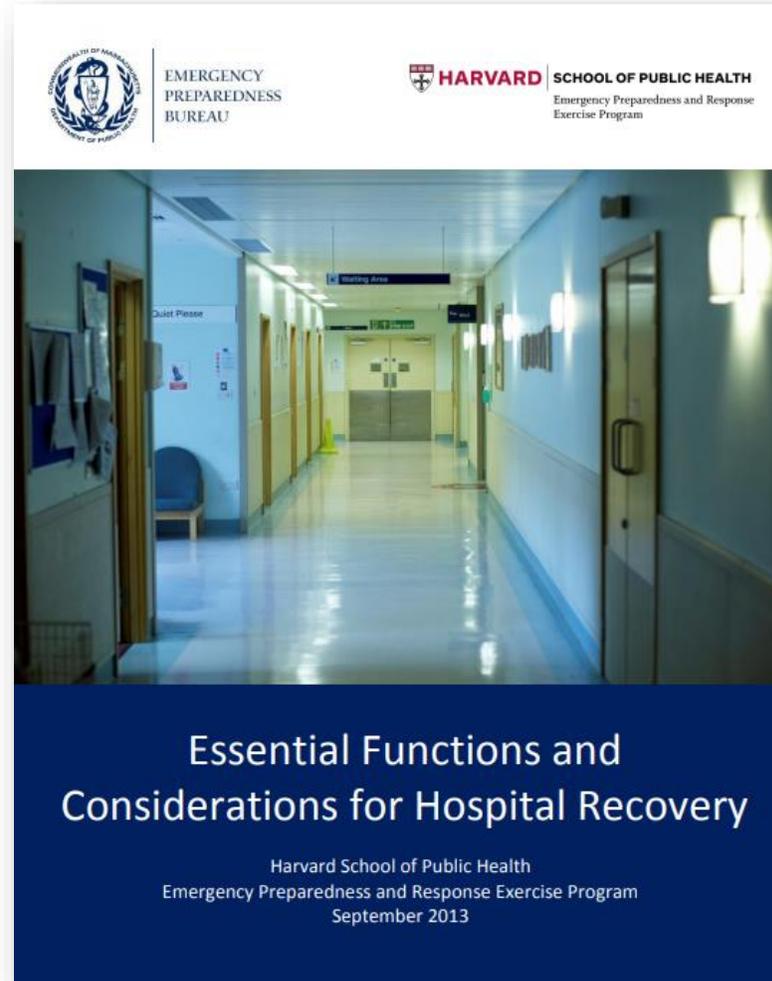
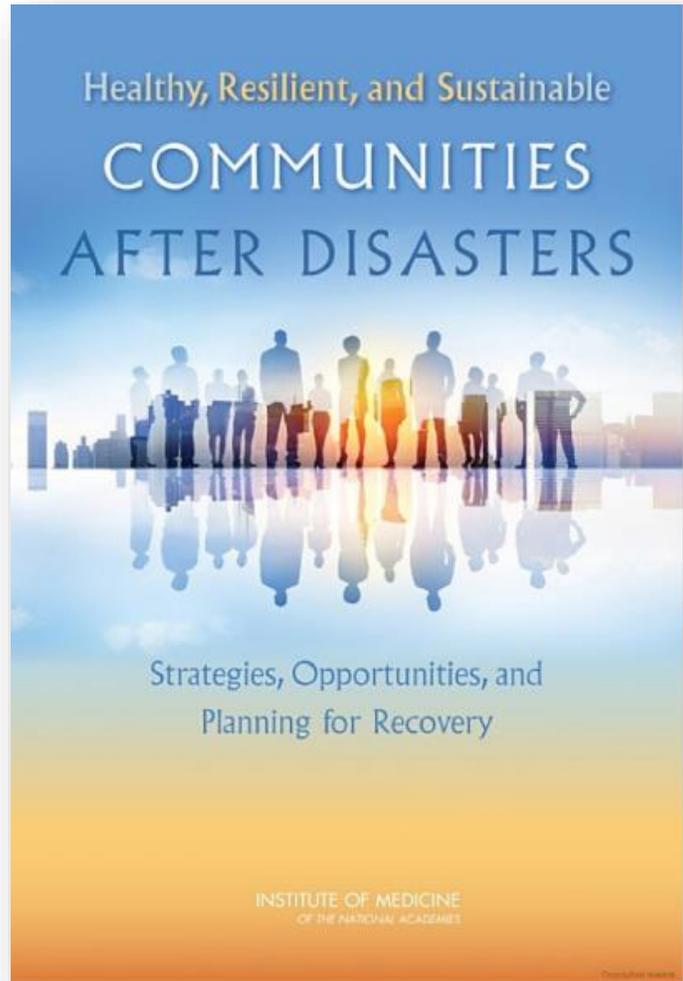
## National Disaster Recovery Framework Implementation in the Healthcare Sector – A Guidebook on Healthcare Sector Resiliency

May 2016



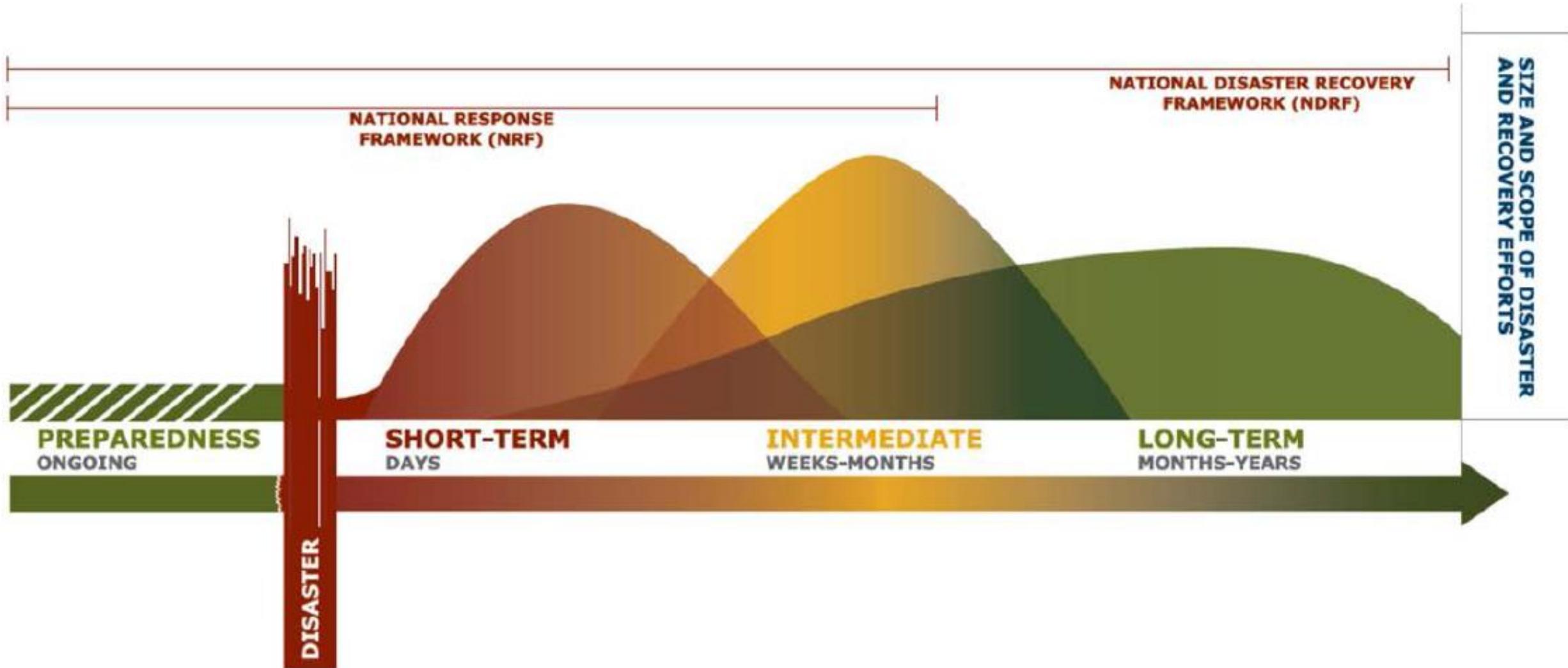
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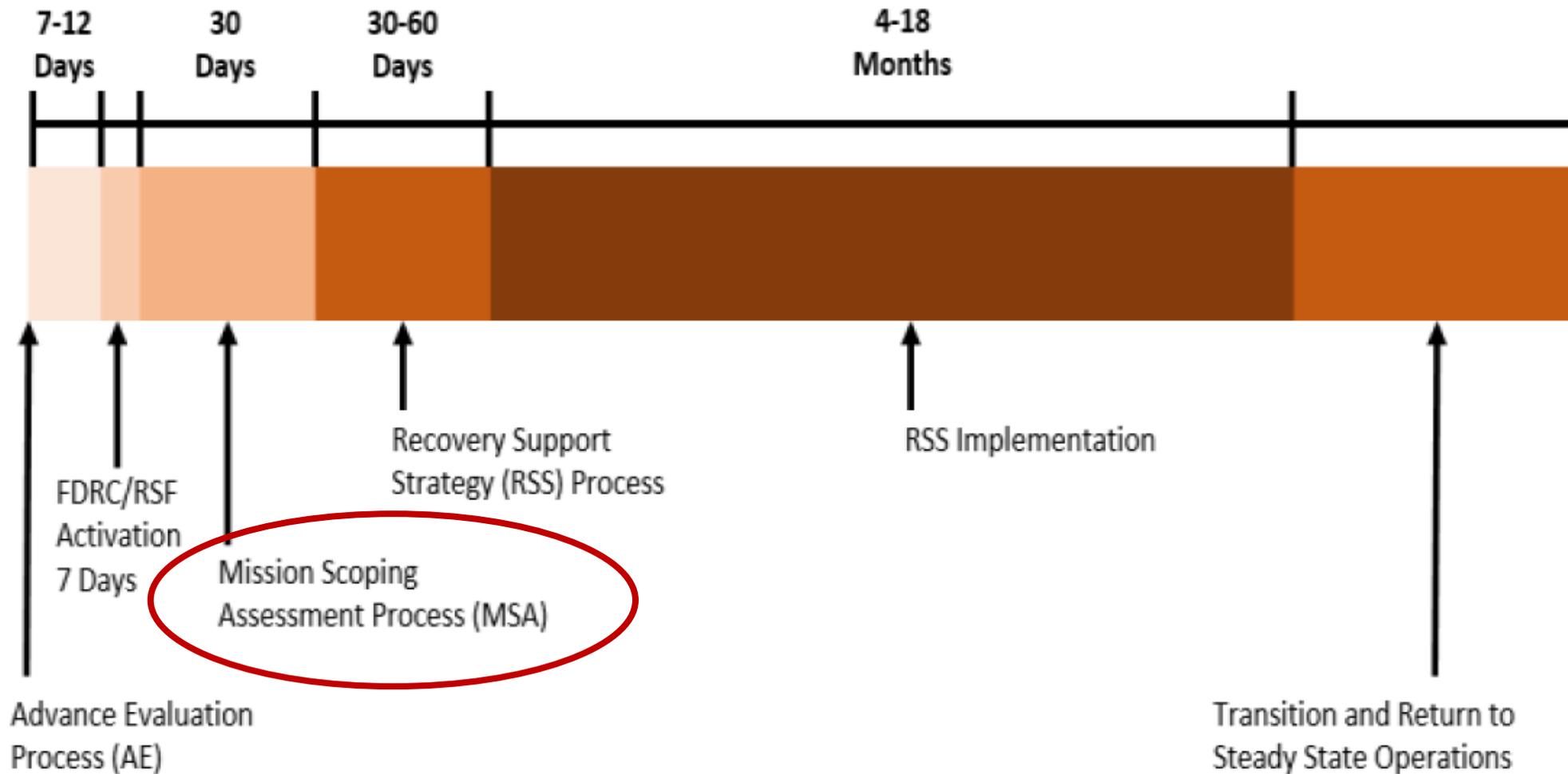


# Phases of Recovery

# The Recovery Continuum



# Enhanced Recovery Coordination Timeline



# Roles in Recovery

Across Disciplines & Levels of Government

# FEMA's Role

## Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator (FDRRC)

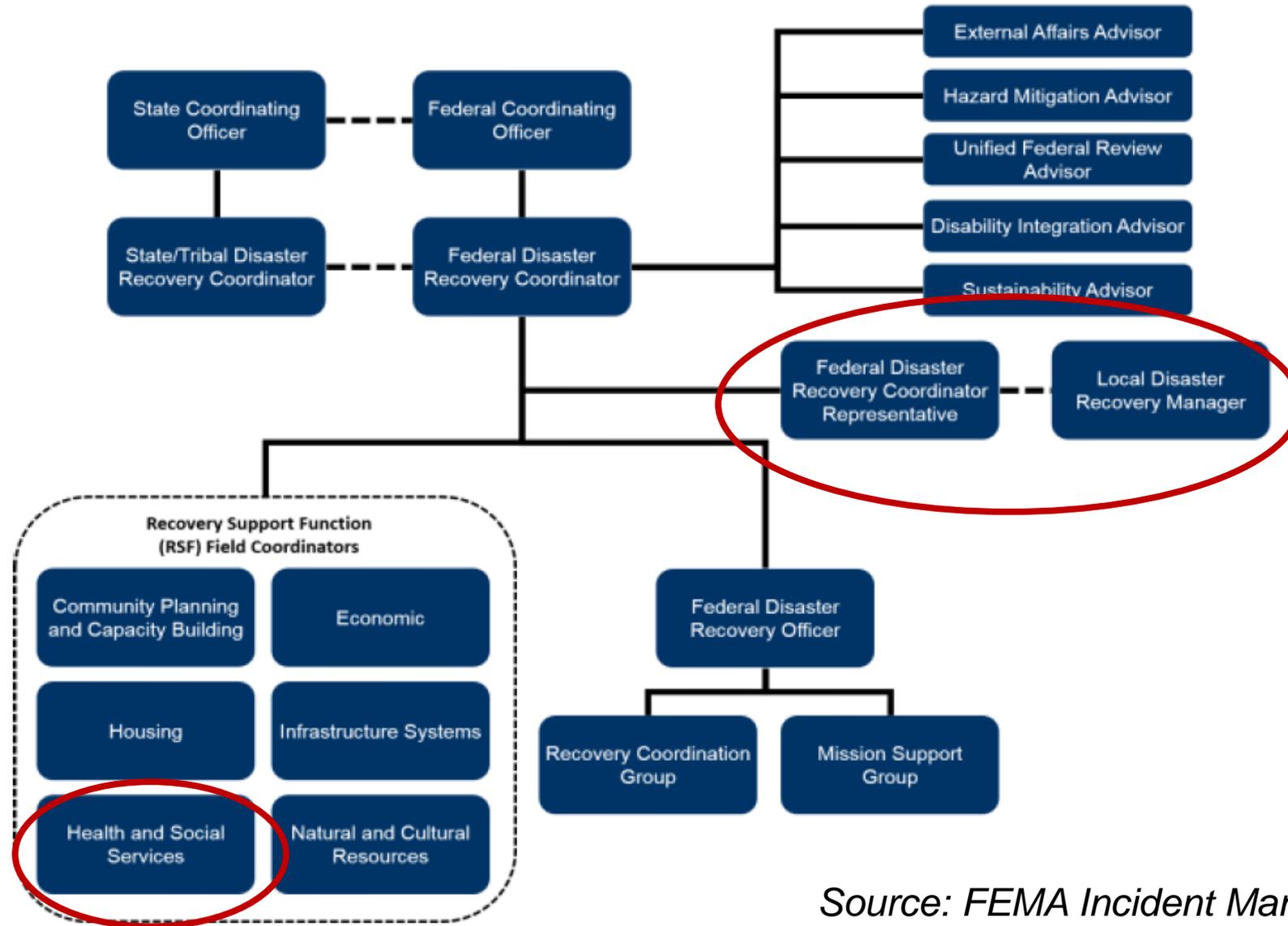


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# Use of ICS in Recovery: Federal Level

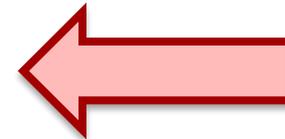


Source: FEMA Incident Management Handbook

# HHS Role

Coordinating agency for the **Health and Social Services** RSF, with objectives to:

- **Complete assessment of community health and social service needs**, prioritize those needs, and develop a comprehensive recovery timeline
- Restore health care, public health, and social services functions
- Improve the resilience and sustainability of the health care system and social service capabilities



**FEMA's Mission  
Scoping  
Assessment (MSA)**

# HHS Role: 9 Core Mission Areas

Public Health

Healthcare  
Service

Behavioral  
Health

Environmental  
Health

Food Safety &  
Regulated  
Medical  
Products

Long-term Health  
Issues Specific to  
Responders

Social Services

Referral to Social  
Services/Disaster  
Case Management

Children in  
Disasters

# Local Level Roles

**Local Public Health**

**Healthcare Coalitions**

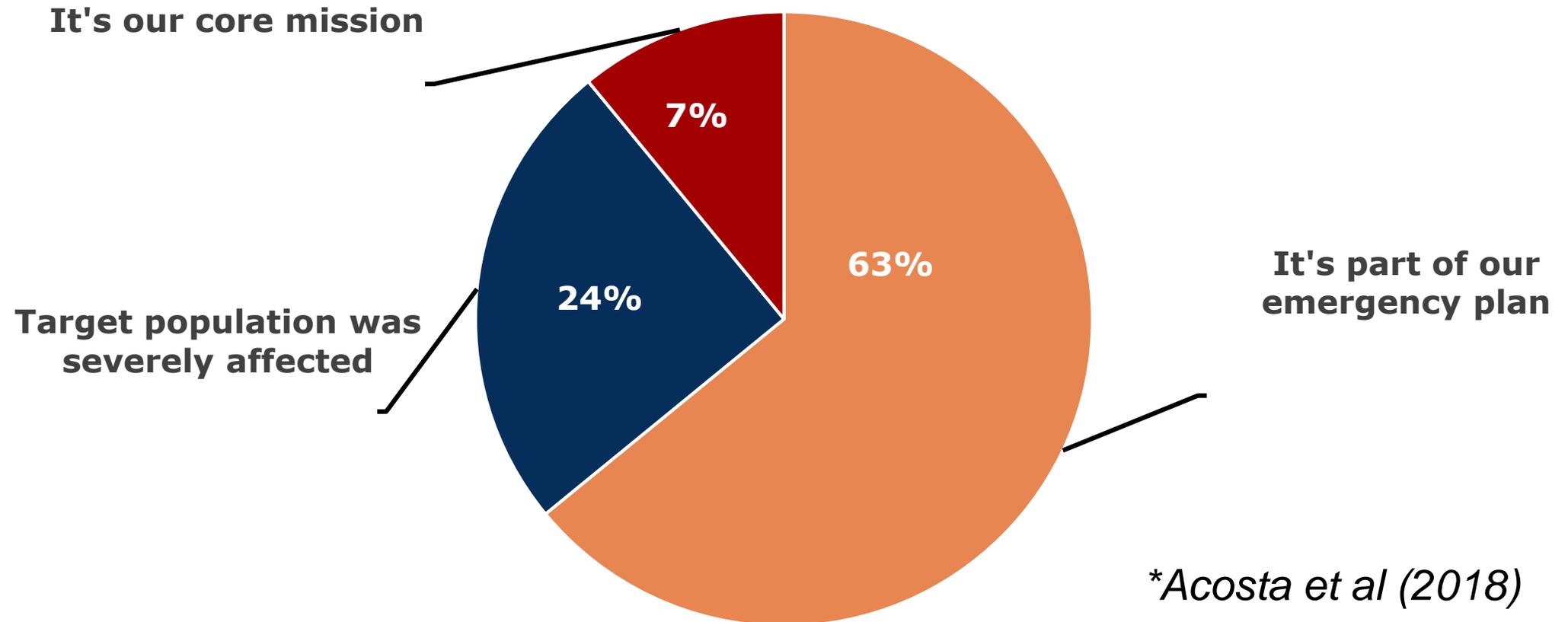
**Local EMA**

**Healthcare Organizations**

**Non-Governmental  
Organizations**

# Community Organization Role

369 organizations were asked why they provided disaster recovery services after Hurricane Sandy\*:



*\*Acosta et al (2018)*

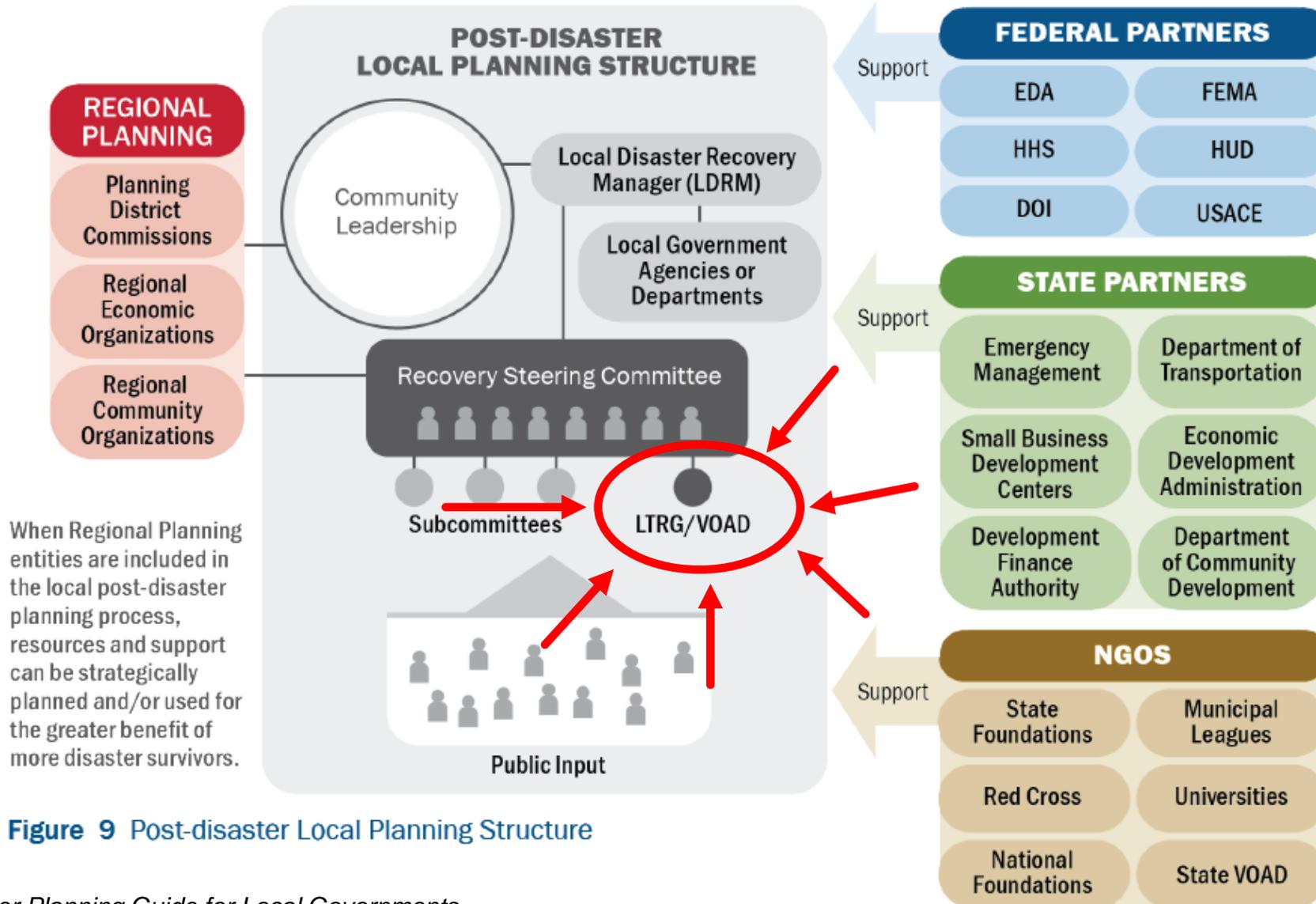
# Long-Term Recovery Groups

“One significant mechanism used for coordination by NGOs that focus on local disaster recovery is the establishment of a long-term recovery group. If one does not exist, **the local government needs to be a proponent to establish such an organization** and then define the coordination points.”



*FEMA Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Guide for Local Governments, p. 52*

# Coordination with NGO's & VOADs



**Figure 9** Post-disaster Local Planning Structure

# Local Public Health Role

## Goal: To “bounce forward”



### EARLY RECOVERY

- Shared communication effort about health risks of the disaster
- Assessments of community health and social service needs
- Delivering public health services to meet post-disaster needs of the community
- Reestablishing critical public health infrastructure
- Providing support to impacted health care delivery systems

### LONG-TERM RECOVERY

- Continual community engagement and assessment
- Protect resident’s long term health
- Facilitating health-informed recovery decision making through data
- Engaging in health-informed community rebuilding and redevelopment planning

# Healthcare Role

## EARLY RECOVERY

- Ensure access:
  - Availability of pharmaceuticals
  - Utilize mobile services
- Ensure comprehensive care needs are met, e.g.
  - social services
  - behavioral health

## LONG-TERM RECOVERY

- Conduct community health needs assessments
- Data-driven decisions
- Engage stakeholders, community leaders
- Improve quality, fill pre-existing gaps in healthcare capacity

# Discussion: Your Role in Recovery

Based on the scenario given, **what would your public health agency's role be in leading & supporting the long-term recovery?**

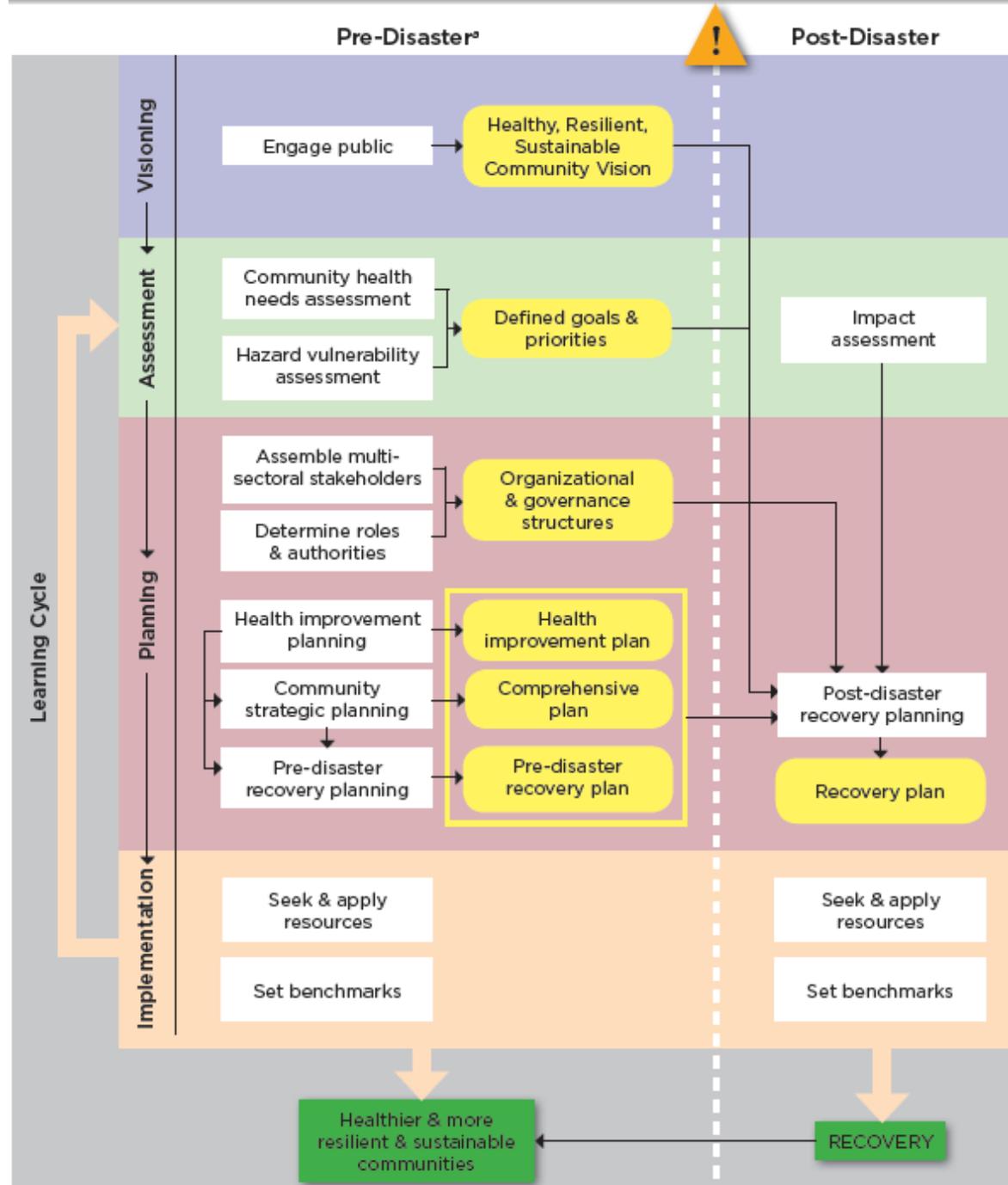
- Break into groups of ~4 people
- Answer the question

# How To Plan For Recovery

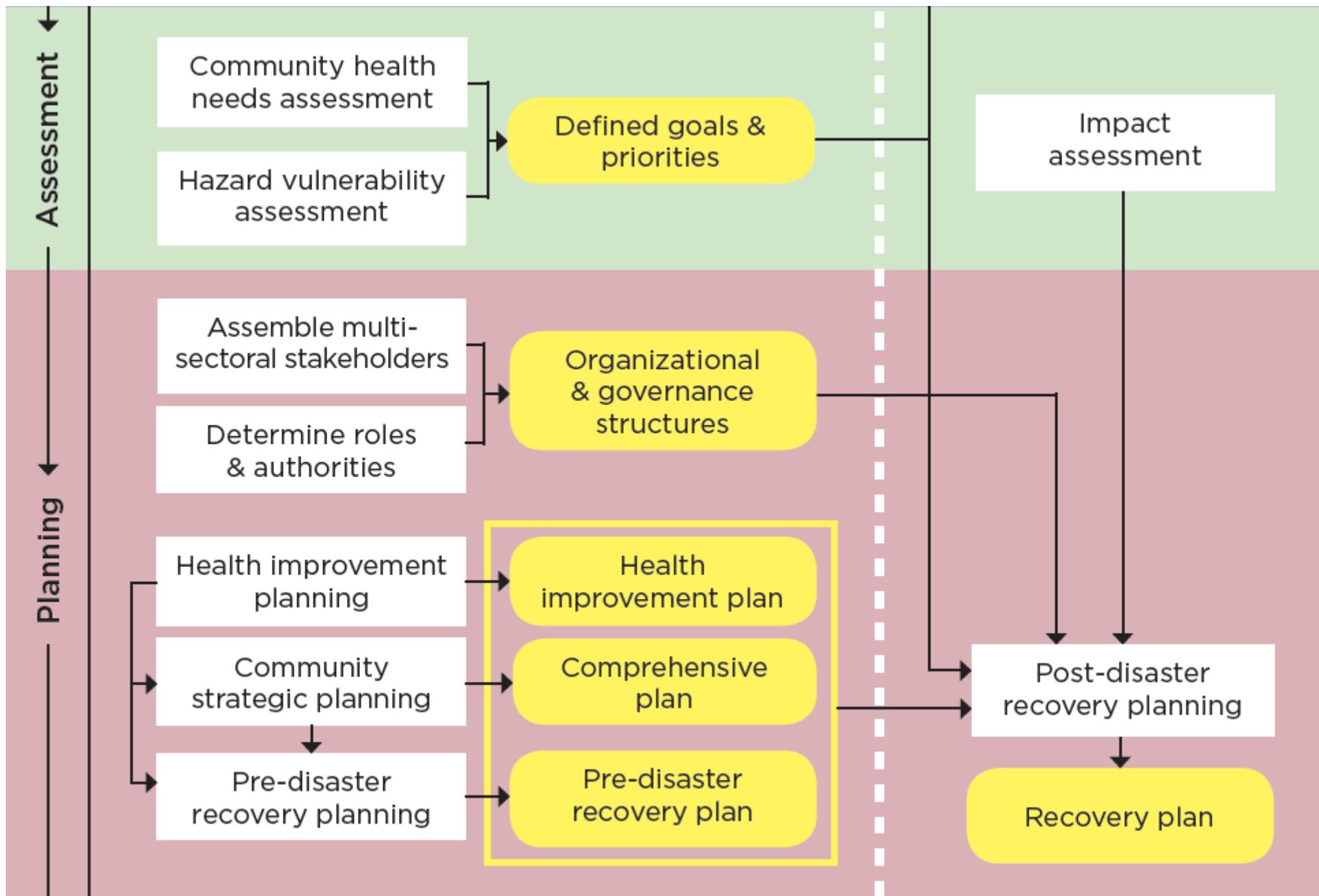
Putting the right plans in place now

# Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning: First Steps

- Co-define your agency's role in recovery
- Review plans related to recovery, such as:
  - Mitigation plans
  - Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)
  - Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
  - Community Resilience plans
- Deepen/establish partnerships needed for recovery
  - Community groups working on health & resilience
  - Coalition, HHS and EMA partners



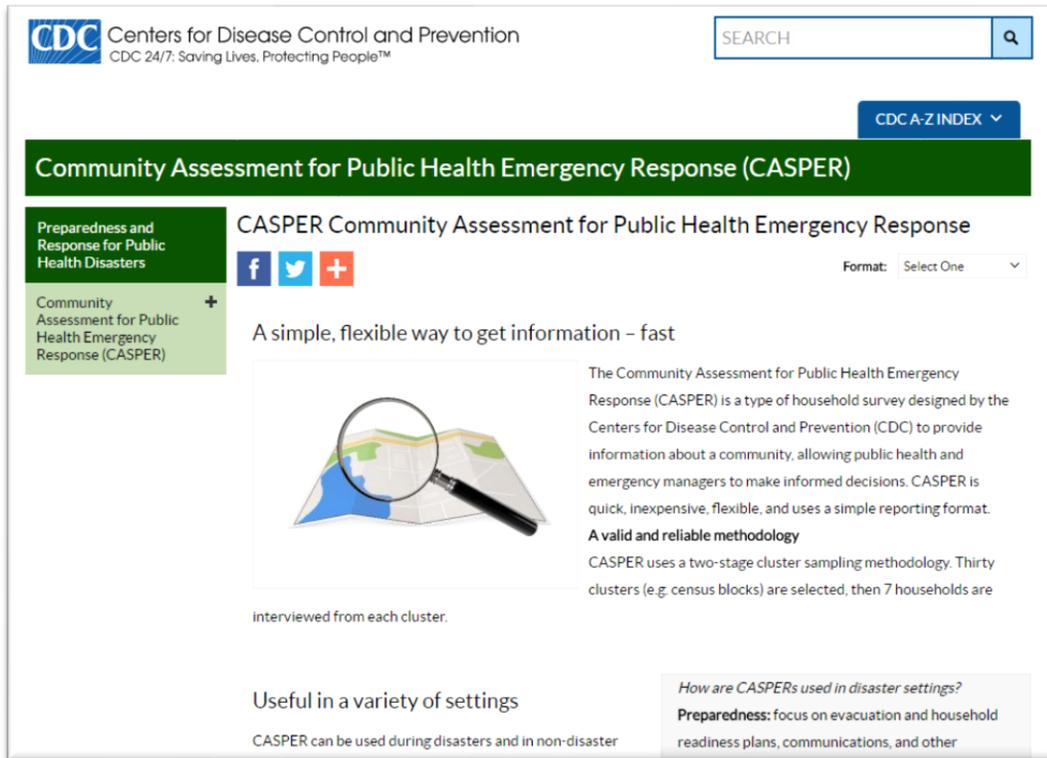
Source: "Healthy, Resilient, and Sustainable Communities After Disasters: Strategies, Opportunities, and Planning for Recovery"



**Outcome = Healthier & more resilient & sustainable communities**

# Conducting Needs Assessments

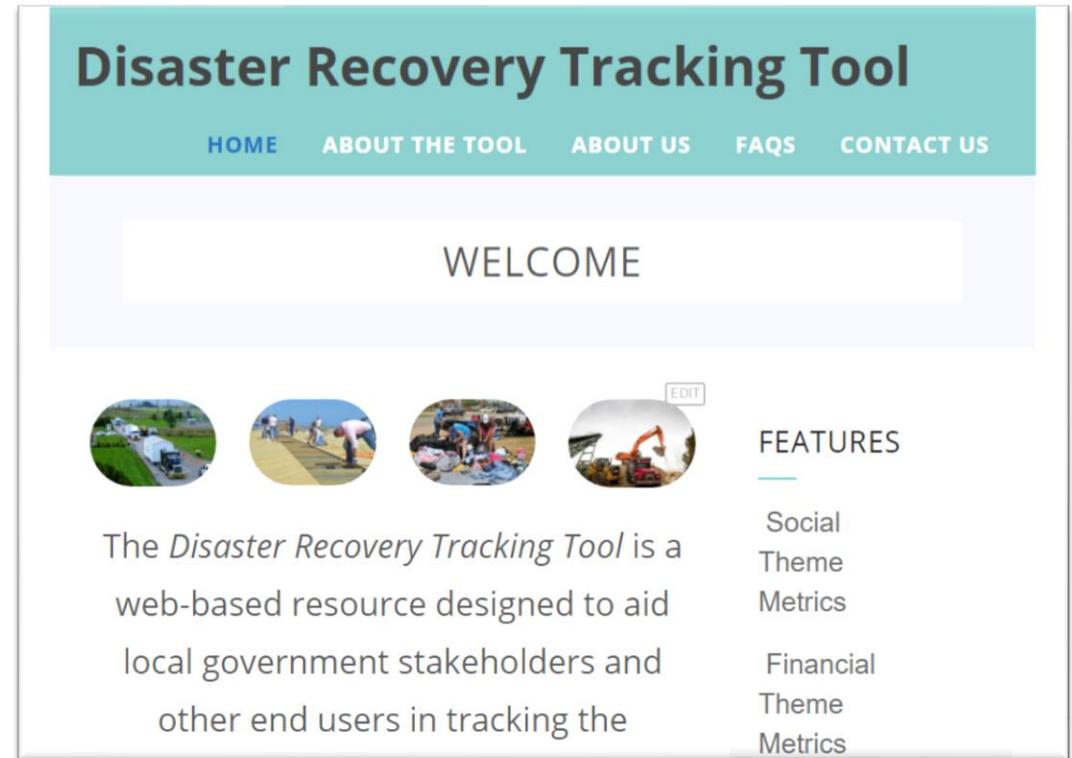
## Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER)



The screenshot shows the CDC website for CASPER. At the top left is the CDC logo and the text "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC 24/7: Saving Lives. Protecting People™". To the right is a search bar and a "CDC A-Z INDEX" dropdown menu. Below this is a green banner with the text "Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER)". On the left side, there is a sidebar with "Preparedness and Response for Public Health Disasters" and "Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER)". The main content area features the title "CASPER Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response" with social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, Plus) and a "Format: Select One" dropdown. Below the title is the heading "A simple, flexible way to get information – fast" and an image of a magnifying glass over a map. To the right of the image is a paragraph: "The Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) is a type of household survey designed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide information about a community, allowing public health and emergency managers to make informed decisions. CASPER is quick, inexpensive, flexible, and uses a simple reporting format. A valid and reliable methodology CASPER uses a two-stage cluster sampling methodology. Thirty clusters (e.g. census blocks) are selected, then 7 households are interviewed from each cluster." Below this is a box titled "How are CASPERs used in disaster settings?" with the text: "Preparedness: focus on evacuation and household readiness plans, communications, and other". At the bottom left, it says "Useful in a variety of settings" and "CASPER can be used during disasters and in non-disaster".

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

## Disaster Recovery Tracking Tool



The screenshot shows the Disaster Recovery Tracking Tool website. The top navigation bar is teal and contains the title "Disaster Recovery Tracking Tool" and links for "HOME", "ABOUT THE TOOL", "ABOUT US", "FAQS", and "CONTACT US". Below the navigation bar is a large white box with the word "WELCOME" in teal. Underneath, there are four circular images: a house, a person walking, a group of people, and a construction site. To the right of these images is a section titled "FEATURES" with a list: "Social Theme Metrics" and "Financial Theme Metrics". Below the images is a paragraph: "The Disaster Recovery Tracking Tool is a web-based resource designed to aid local government stakeholders and other end users in tracking the".

<http://www.trackyourrecovery.org/>

# Process of POST-Disaster Recovery Planning

- Activate recovery position(s)
- Refer to pre-disaster plan and refine recovery objectives
  - Refer to existing mitigation plans
- Conduct assessments
- Develop post-disaster recovery plan
- Execute post-disaster plan
  - Capture information to incorporate into future mitigation plans

# What's in a Recovery Plan?

# A Plan Can Take Many Forms...

- Agency-specific or community-wide?
  - Public health has to address both
- Type of plan depends on local jurisdiction, e.g.:
  - Annex to public health EOP
  - Annex to city/town CEMP

# What's in a Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan?

## Introduction

- Plan purpose
- Hazards, risks, exposures, vulnerabilities
- Mitigation plans

## Recovery Leadership

- Recovery Leadership
- Recovery Authorities

## Recovery Functions and Operations

- **Engagement of Partners**
- Activation of Personnel
- Communication guidelines
- **Assessment and data gathering**
- Organizational Chart
- Timelines
- Roles & Responsibilities

## Recovery Implementation

- Priorities and policy alternatives
- Funding strategies
- Transition to steady state



Source: FEMA Pre-Disaster Recovery planning Guide, Appendix E; ASPR TRACIE template

## **NACCHO Toolbox**

- Plans from other jurisdictions
- Local Public Health Recovery: An Operational Tool Focused on the Local Role in the Recovery Process

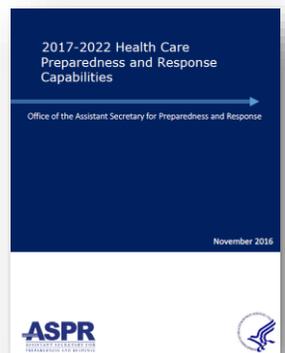
# **Your Organizational Recovery Plan**

# Conducting Damage Assessment for Your Organization

- Prioritize recovery activities
- Apply for reimbursement
- Reassess to monitor and track progress
- Share results to plan with partners



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# Organizational Recovery Capabilities

Planning

Incident Command

Communications

Resource Management

Service Delivery

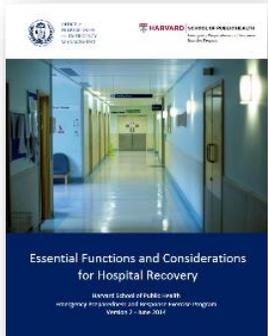
Staffing

Safety & Security

Behavioral Health

Financial & Legal

Volunteer & Donations Management



# Supporting Community Recovery

Planning to support community recovery with a focus on health

# Community Recovery: Core Capabilities

Planning

Public Information and Warning

Operational Coordination

(Community Resilience)\*

Economic Recovery

Health and Social Services

Housing

Natural and Cultural Resources



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# HHS Recovery Support Function: 9 Core Mission Areas

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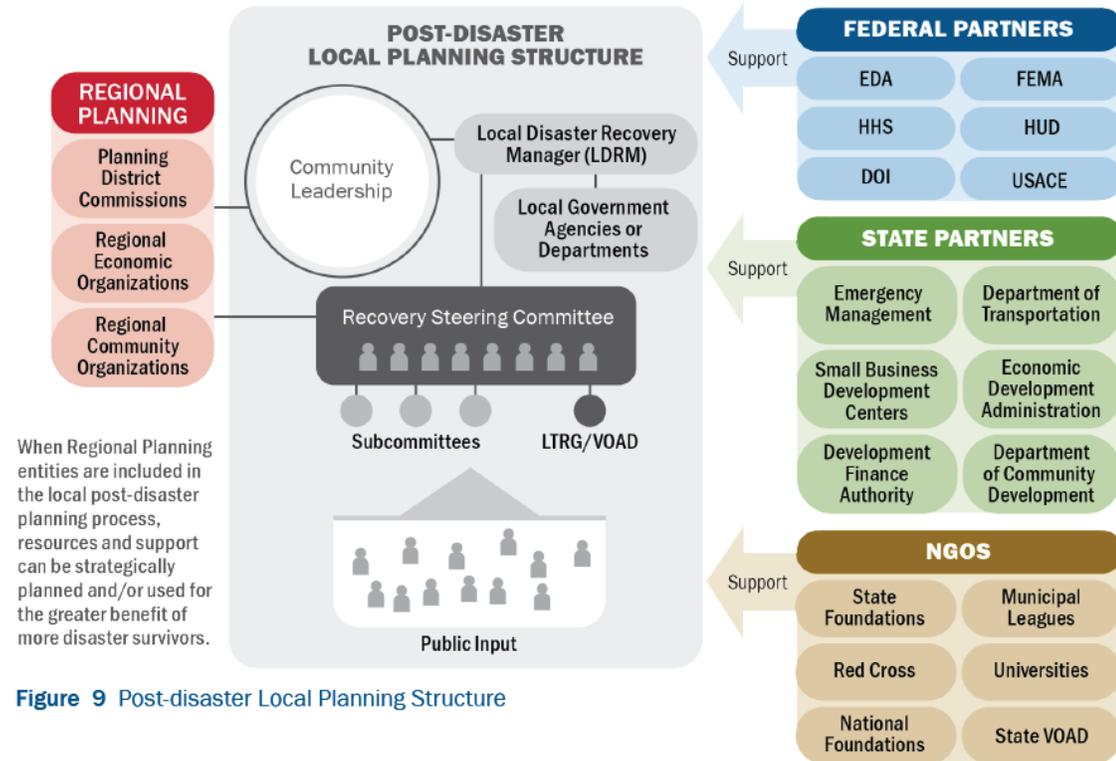
# Recovery in action: Boston Marathon Bombing

## *Top Needs and Services Requested*



# Who do we need to collaborate with?

“...the establishment of an overarching multistakeholder coordination structure and may provide a means of **integrating existing health-related community collaborations into a recovery governance structure...**”



# Collaborations for Community Recovery

- What agencies and organizations do you need to coordinate and collaborate with to execute a post-disaster recovery planning process that addresses your community's health and social service needs?
- What community collaborations or other governance structures already exist that can be used or built upon?

# Conclusion

# Summary

Guidance

Roles

Planning  
Process

Plan  
Contents

# Discussion

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What is one thing you need to do now to advance your recovery planning?

# Suggested Next Steps

1. Define your agency's role in recovery
2. Meet with key partners in recovery planning
  - Departments within your own organization
  - Health Care Coalition
  - Community-based organizations
  - Local EMA/OEM
3. Layout the contents of your recovery plan/annex
4. Determine how you will conduct assessments

# Recommended Resources

- FEMA Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Guide for Local Governments
- IOM Report  
<https://www.nap.edu/catalog/18996/healthy-resilient-and-sustainable-communities-after-disasters-strategies-opportunities-and>
- ASPR TRACIE topic collection  
<https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/18/recovery-planning/16>
- NACCHO Toolbox

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## Help us write this course!

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  - Subject line: "NACCHO Recovery Planning"
  - Include your contact information (name, org, title)
- We'll share the curriculum with you

# Thank you for participating

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