



Disaster Recovery: What We Need To Know Now

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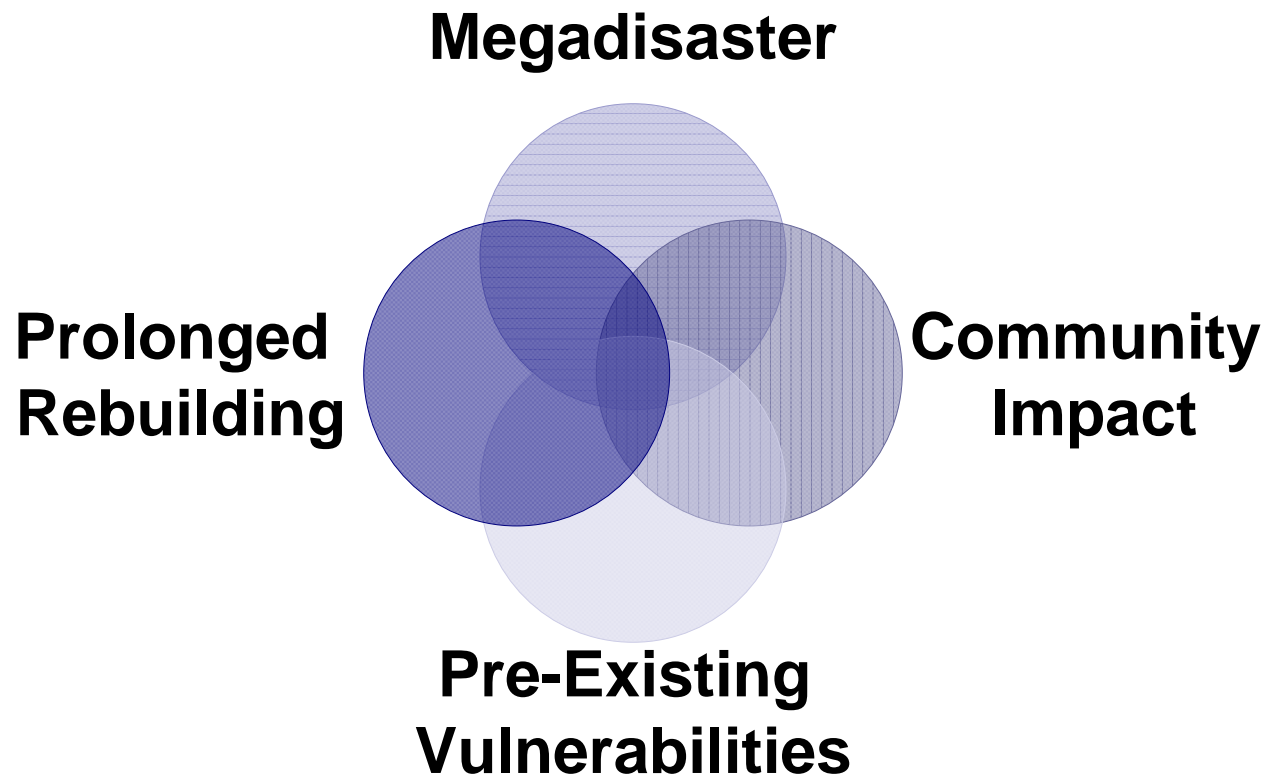


**...just about
everything**



**“Typical” Disaster
v.
Megadisaster**

Dangerous Confluence



What is “Recovery”?

1. **Rebuilding & reconstruction of neighborhoods, infrastructure (presumably “better”)**

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1. **Sustaining “temporary” normalcy & resiliency through re-establishment of communities**

Long-term Recovery's Dual Agenda

Rebuilding

Hard infrastructure

Housing

**Essential systems
(HC, schools, etc.)**

Local shopping

Recreation space

Human services

Temporary, safe housing

Case Management

Access to appropriate HC

Access to quality education

Public safety

Social systems

Jobs, economic development



Six Recovery Challenges

1. Failure to understand and provide for dual agenda
2. Persistent inability to decide on plan
3. Confusion among roles of various levels of government, NGOs, individuals
4. Lack of a designated decision-maker with resources, responsibility and accountability
5. Insufficient resources
6. Poor or absent recovery planning

What federal agency is actually responsible for federal assets and coordination? FEMA? ACF? HUD?



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