

Innovative Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Environmental / Climate Action

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DISABILITY IS A CATALYST FOR INNOVATION!

Lived experiences of persons with disabilities provide real-life scenarios that can aid in the development of policies, training initiatives and programs that support inclusive climate action.



 Caretakers, family members, government officials, persons with disabilities, health and disaster response workers must all play an integral part in ensuring that persons with disabilities are prepared before, during and after a disaster.

BEFORE DISASTER



PROACTIVE PARTICIPATION

PREVENTATIVE METHODS

EVACUATION PLANS

PROACTIVE PARTICIPATION

ADVOCATE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR:

- Policies and legislation that include accommodations and solutions for persons with disabilities within environmental/ climate action.
- * Efficient tracking systems to document information on persons with disabilities such as location, medical needs and assistance level prior to a disaster.



AWARENESS AND EDUCATION TRAINING

* To introduce the disabled community to topics and risks associated with climate action.



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PREVENTATIVE METHODS

IDENTIFY YOURSELF!

- Utilize a Medical ID Bracelet
- Register with a Disability Association or Organization



Implementation of Inclusive Climate Action Programs

- Geared towards caretakers, family members, persons with disabilities, concerned citizens and volunteers.
- These can include:
- National Swimming Programs
- Floatation Device Assistance
- CPR / First Aid Training

EVACUATION PLANS

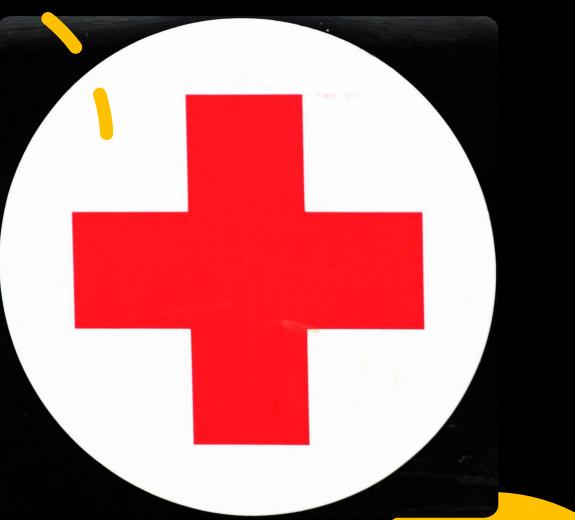
Should include information such as :

- Location or contacts of emergency personnel, hospital or support network
- Electrical backup for phones or medical devices
- Transportation or carpool instructions
- Evacuation routes and meeting place
- Emergency Supply Kit



EMERGENCY PLAN

- Name, dosage, and Purpose of medication
- Contact persons' or support networks' names and contacts
- Name, Address and Phone contact
- Passport, Driver's License and National Insurance or Social Security Number
- Local Emergency Contacts
- Personal -Assessment documenting what you are able to do and what specific help that may be needed



DURING DISASTER

Implement strategies developed in Emergency Plan

Listen to sound medical advice

Follow instructions from reputable news outlets

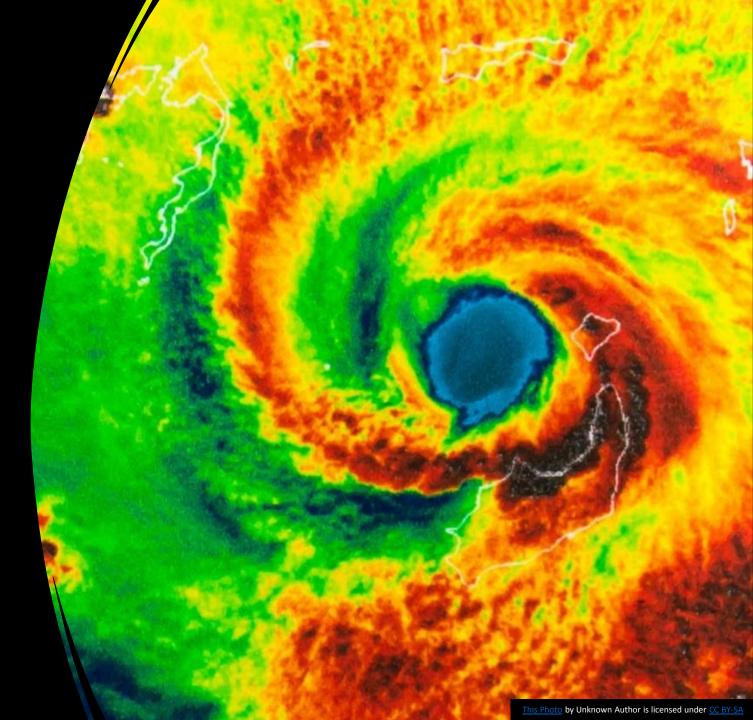
Events that may occur during this time are:

*Displacement

*Extreme Heat

* Flooding

* Tsunami, Hurricane or Tornadic Activity



AFTER DISASTER

- REGROUP- With support network and health care workers for reassessment.
- REBUILD Daily routines, home, garden, food and water supply.
- REQUEST Revision of government policies through organizations and NGO's to address gaps, receive feedback and collect data.
- REPACK- Emergency Kit



Persons with disabilities must demand to be active participants of climate change discussions to ensure that their voices, ideas and concerns are always at the forefront and the rate of casualties are reduced.

