

Emergency Preparedness Demonstration (EPD)



1. Step One: Site Selection

- a. Recently experienced a disaster
- b. Large numbers of at risk people
- c. Key people willing to help
- d. Supportive community-based organizations
- e. Supportive local Office of Emergency Management



2. Step Two: Community Connections

- a. Clarify the purposes, roles, and responsibilities
- b. Discuss availability of resources
- c. Set community meeting schedule
- d. Identify neutral meeting locations
- e. Decide who should be invited to participate



3. Step Three: Community Orientation

- a. Introduce the community to the project
- b. Recruit volunteers for a community team to:
 - i. Conduct the Community Assessment
 - ii. Map vulnerable areas of the community
 - iii. Develop the plan
 - iv. Implement the plan



4. Step Four: Community Assessment

- a. Assess existing plans
- b. Survey community needs
- c. Conduct focus groups
- d. Complete a vulnerability assessment - Mapping important features:
 - i. Hazards
 - ii. Areas of greatest risk
 - iii. People and property that are at risk
 - iv. People with special needs
 - v. Major employers and critical facilities (hospitals, schools, shelters)
 - vi. Environmental threats
- e. Community feedback



5. Step Five: Plan Development

- a. Vision statement
- b. Goals and objectives
- c. Community review
- d. Final plan
- e. Accountability
- f. Sustainability



6. Step Six: Plan Implementation

- a. Fund raising
- b. Technical assistance

