



# GADRA Disaster Preparedness Plan Considerations

This document **helps you create or enhance your plan**. It lists some **ideas** to get you started. You may want to use all the information or may only need parts of it. Your plan should consider the kinds of disasters that are **likely in your area**, including:

## **Natural disasters:**

- Severe Storms, Coastal Storm, Hurricane and Tropical Storm, Typhoon
- Flooding, Mudslide and Landslide, Tsunami
- Earthquake, Volcano
- Extreme Temperature, Drought
- Fire, Wildfire
- Winter Storms, Snowstorm
- Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds

## **Human-made and other disasters:**

- Chemical and Biological, Radiation Leak, Virus Threat
- Humanitarian Crisis, Contaminated Water, Dam and Levee Break
- Technology or cyber disaster
- Explosion, War, Terrorism

This document **may not cover everything** you need to consider. Talk to your team about how a disaster could impact your organization. You can also **share this document** and your plans with other organizations. With a disaster preparedness plan, **your organization can be a leader in your community**.

## **Accessing Information and Support**

- Know where to find information about incoming disasters/emergencies (For example: local authorities, national government, weather apps, organizations like International Red Cross/Red Crescent)
- Consider how you can access disaster information (For example: working with sign language interpreter, using braille readers, getting captions, visiting people at home to share information)
- Think about people you can trust to help you (For example: other local organizations, community leaders, friends or family, members of government, lawyers, medical professionals)



## Financial management and advocacy

- Plan for **accessing money** in a disaster (For example: accessing relief funds, petitioning banks to access frozen accounts, raising money through online or local donations)
- You may want to **purchase insurance** for natural disasters

## Administrative work and communications

- **Store important documents** somewhere they will not be damaged or lost (For example: safe, secure online database)
- Think about how your employees/volunteers can work after a disaster (For example: carpooling, meeting in someone's house, asking for donations for laptops)
- Consider how you can **communicate** if phones or internet services **stop functioning** (For example: emergency radios, speaking in person, finding an emergency meeting place)

## Health and basic needs

- Plan how you will access clean water, food, power, or hygiene supplies (For example: set up chairs outside distribution location, request donations for specific foods, advocate for accessible distribution points, provide transportation and information)
- Consider how you can access medical services or clinical mental health services (For example: advocate for accessible medical services, provide transportation and information, working with a sign language interpreter)
- Think about how you can access durable medical equipment, consumable medical supplies, assistive devices, or disability supplies (For example: advocate for provision of durable medical equipment, provide transportation and information, work directly with medical supply company or local distributor)

## Transportation and shelter

- Have an **evacuation plan**
- Find where **nearby accessible shelters** are located
- Think about how you will **transport** community members (For example: ridesharing service, borrowing vehicles, pickup by friends and family)



- Consider **safe places to stay** for community members (For example: staying with friends or family, community shelters, shelter in place)
- A **civil rights lawyer** can help keep your community members out of institutions (Institutions include: group homes, hospitals, long-term care homes, prisons)