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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

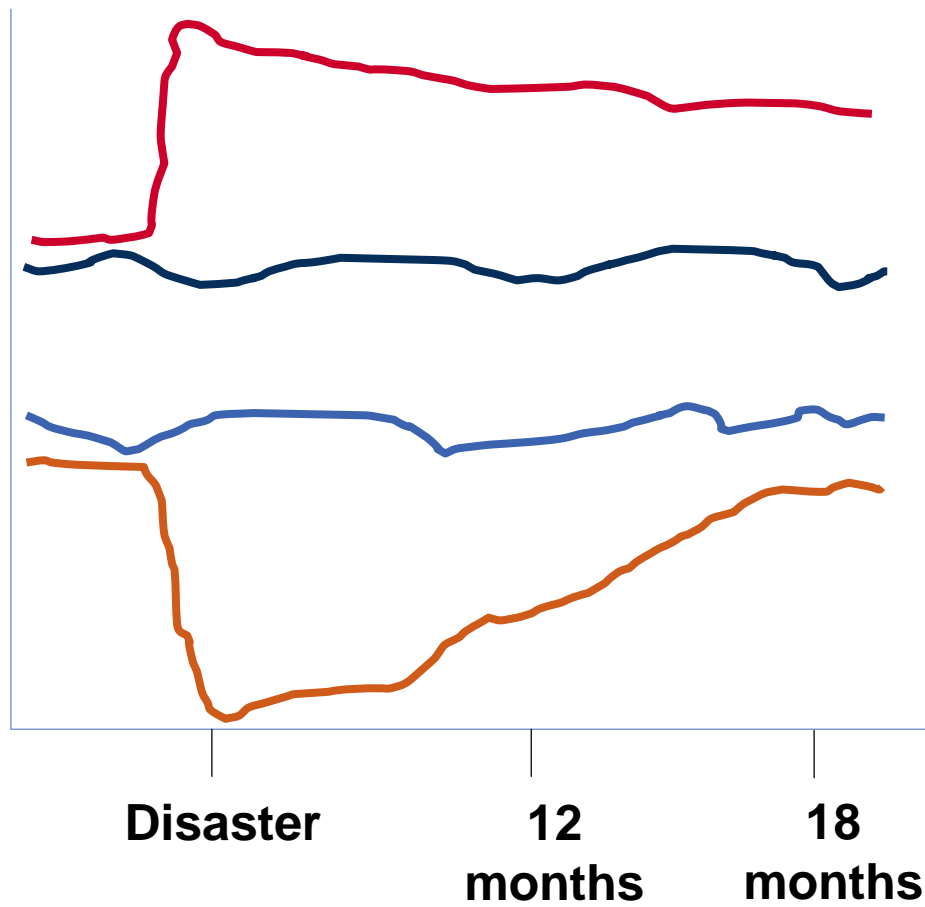
- 4-week course for public health & healthcare in Massachusetts
- Delivering 3<sup>rd</sup> pilot in May 2019

# 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

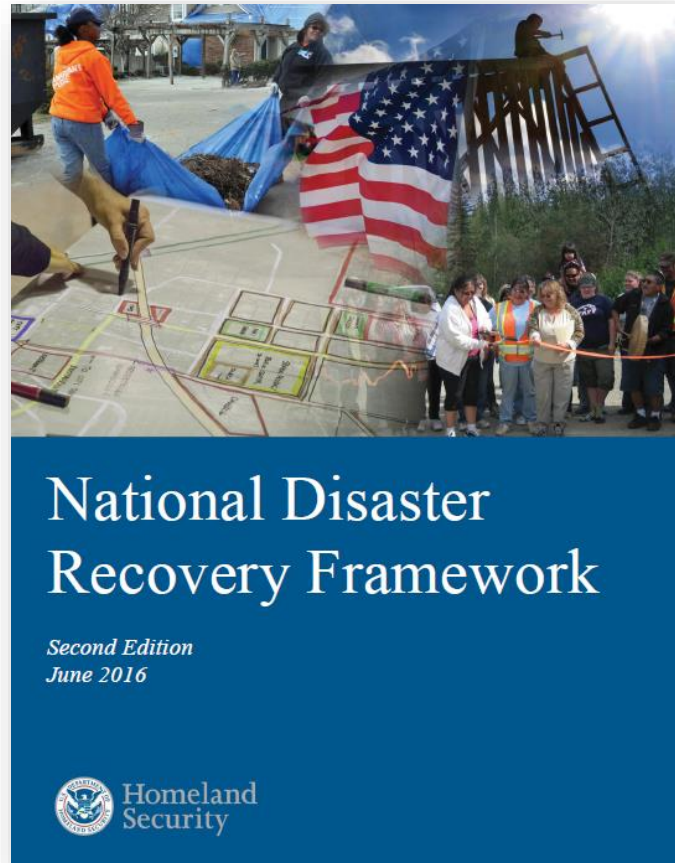
- “Bounce forward”
- Focus on **people** and **health**
- Community-centric process
- Leverage and strengthen social networks
- Maintain equitable access to healthcare

**Recovery = Mitigation = Community Partnerships**

# Guidance & Frameworks

# Key Documents: FEMA

## Core Capabilities: Recovery



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

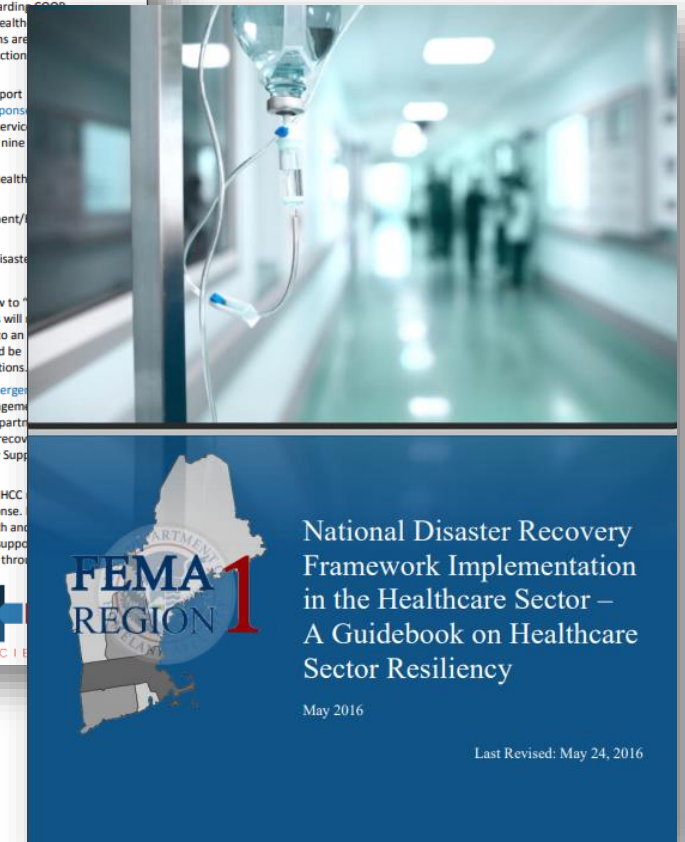
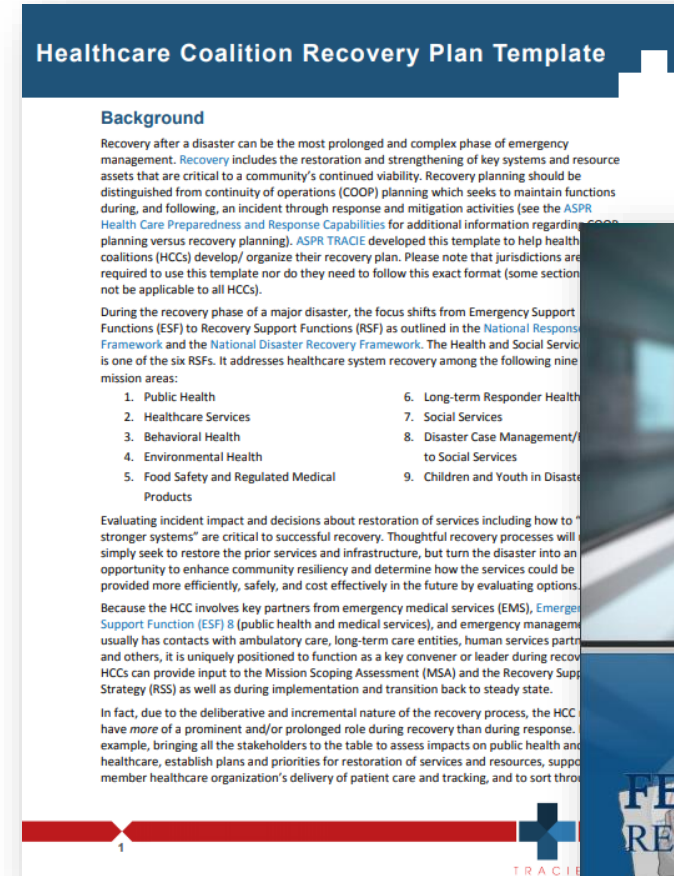
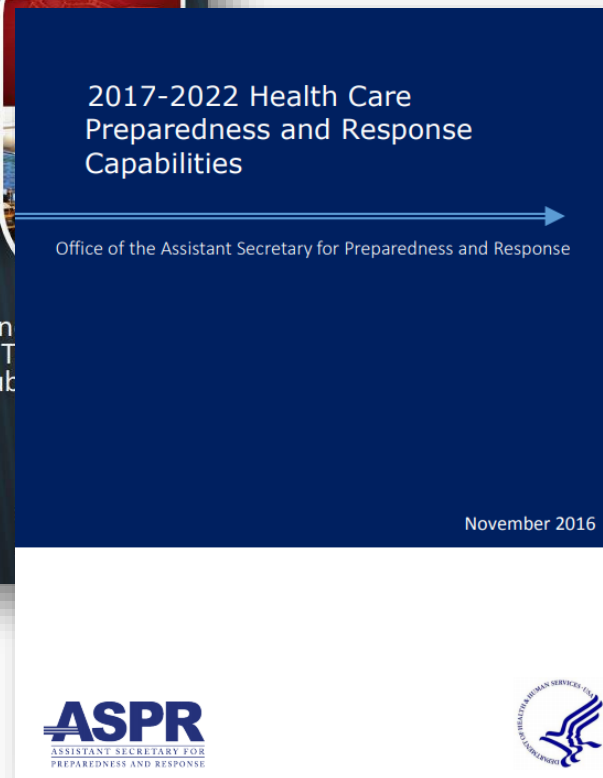
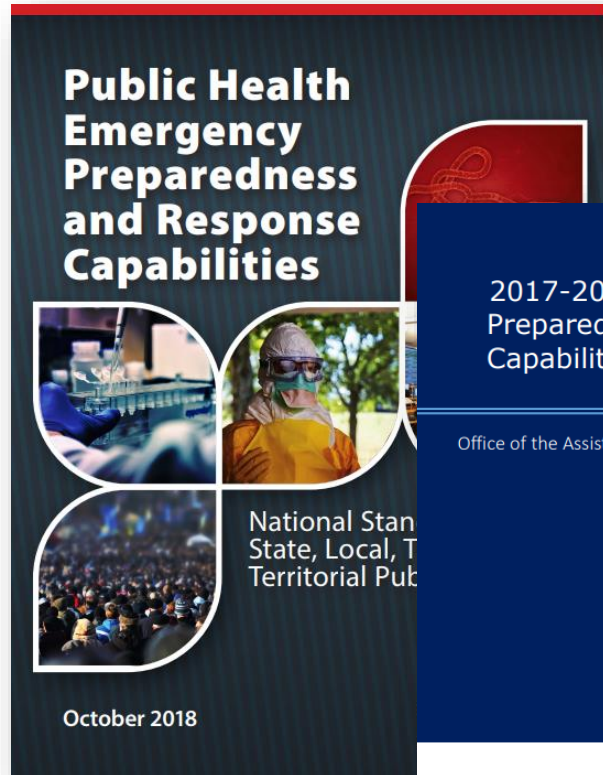
Develop the Plan

Prepare, Review, and Approve the Plan

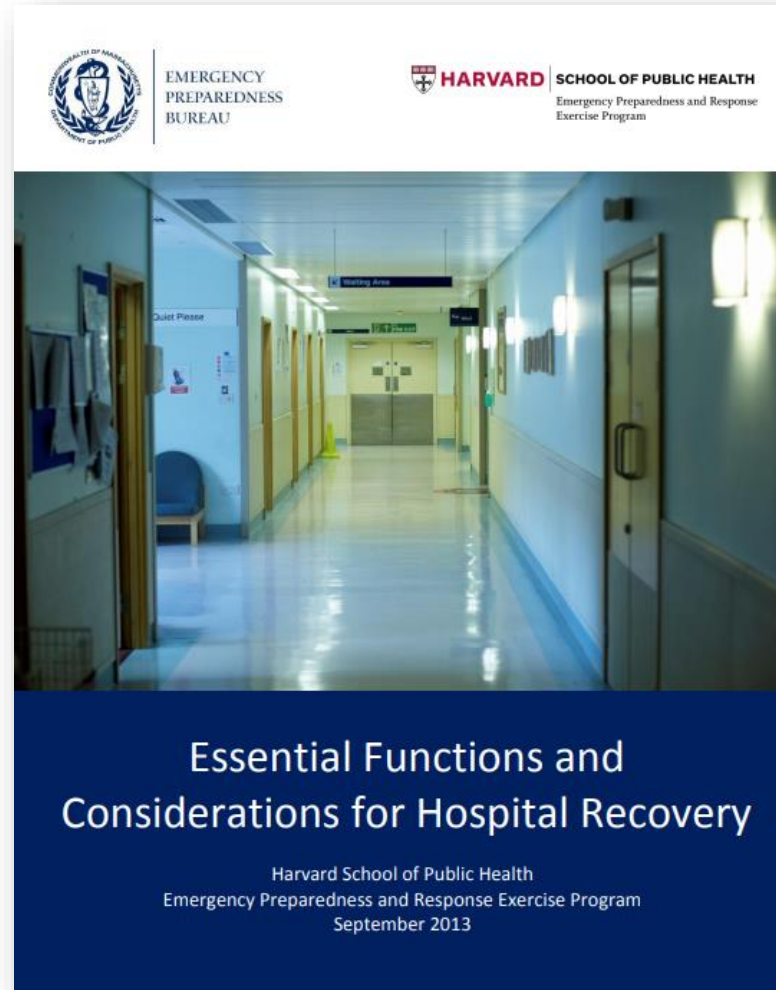
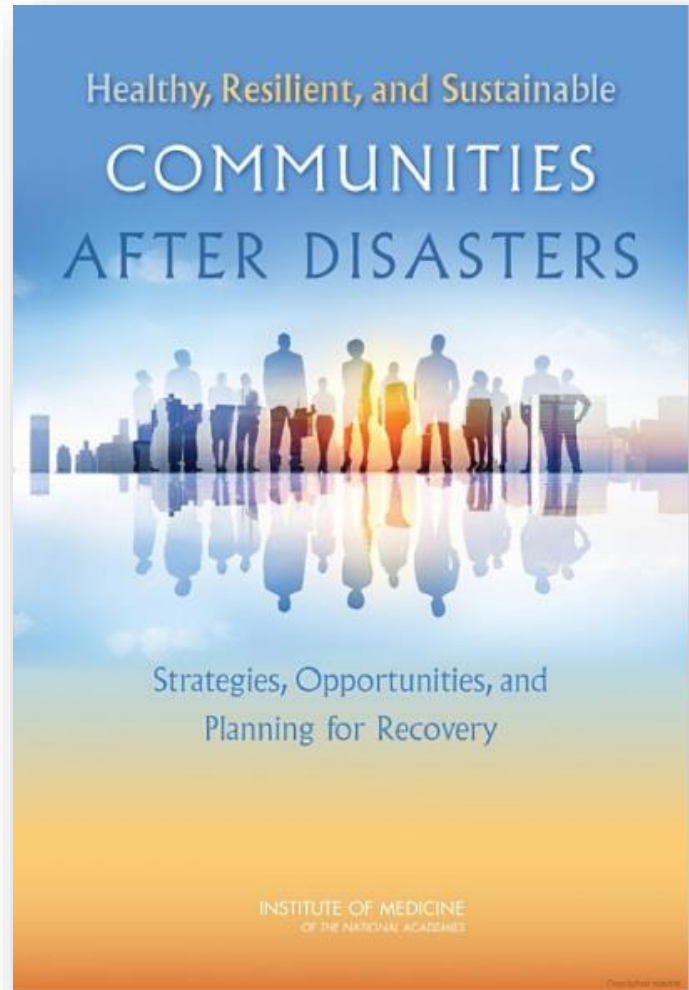
Implement and Maintain the Plan



# Key Documents: PH & Healthcare



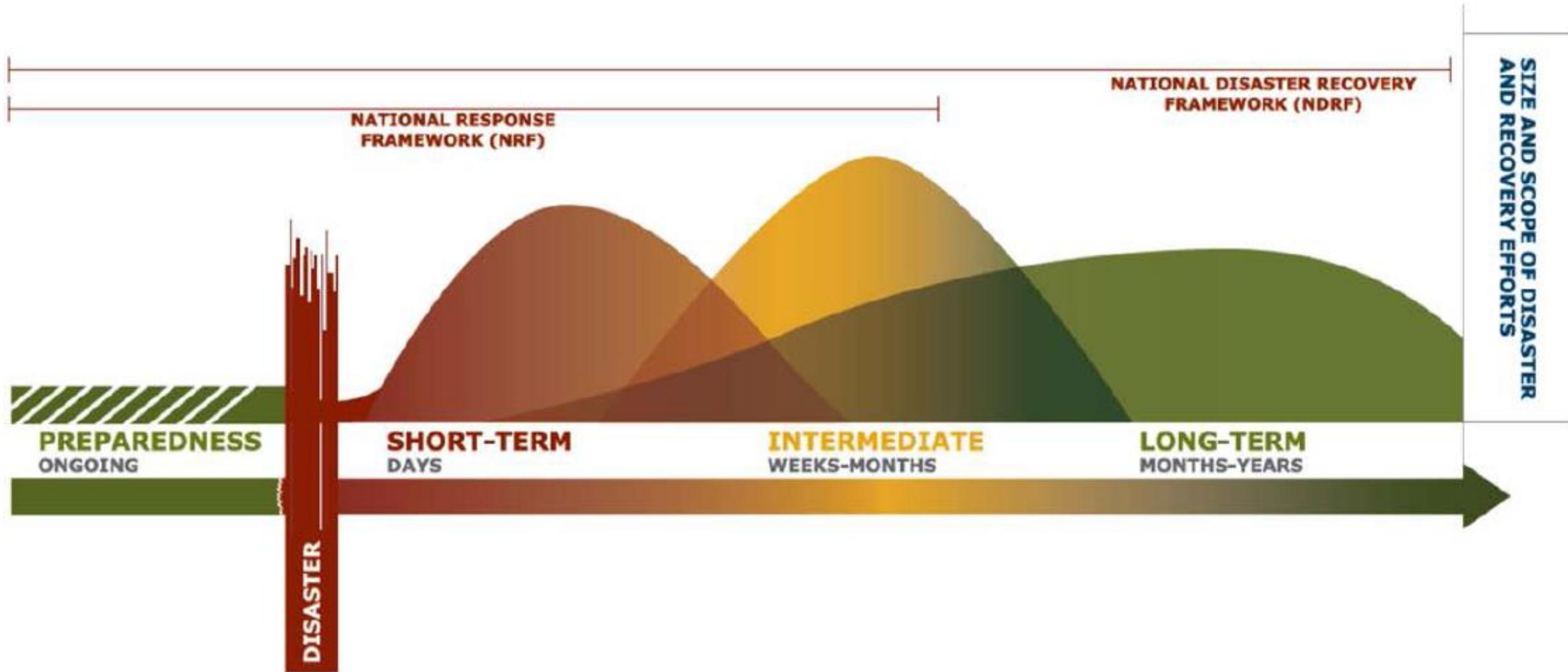
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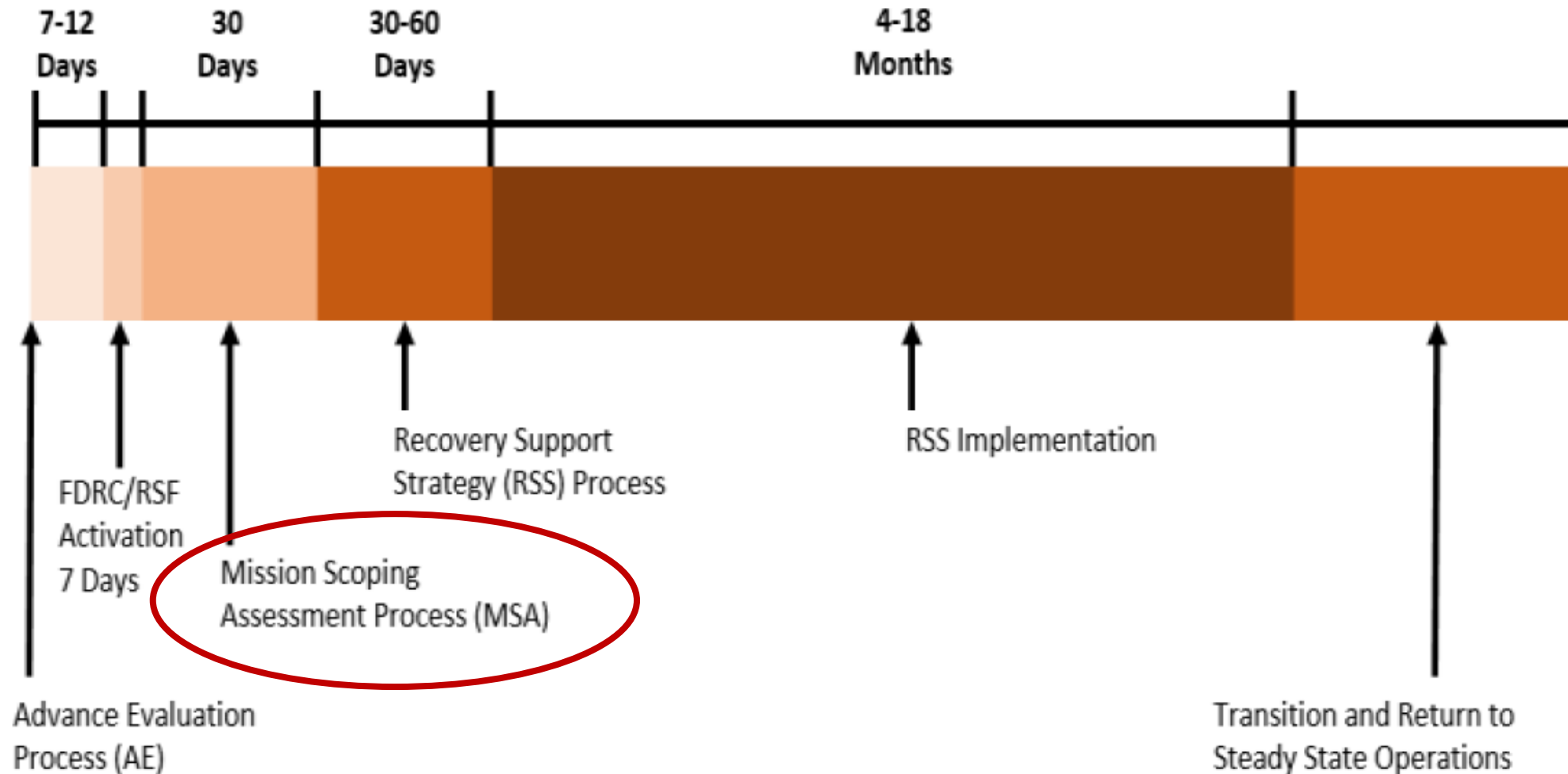
# Phases of Recovery

# The Recovery Continuum



Source: FEMA National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF), p. 5

# Enhanced Recovery Coordination Timeline



# Roles in Recovery

Across Disciplines & Levels of Government

# FEMA's Role

## Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator (FDRC)

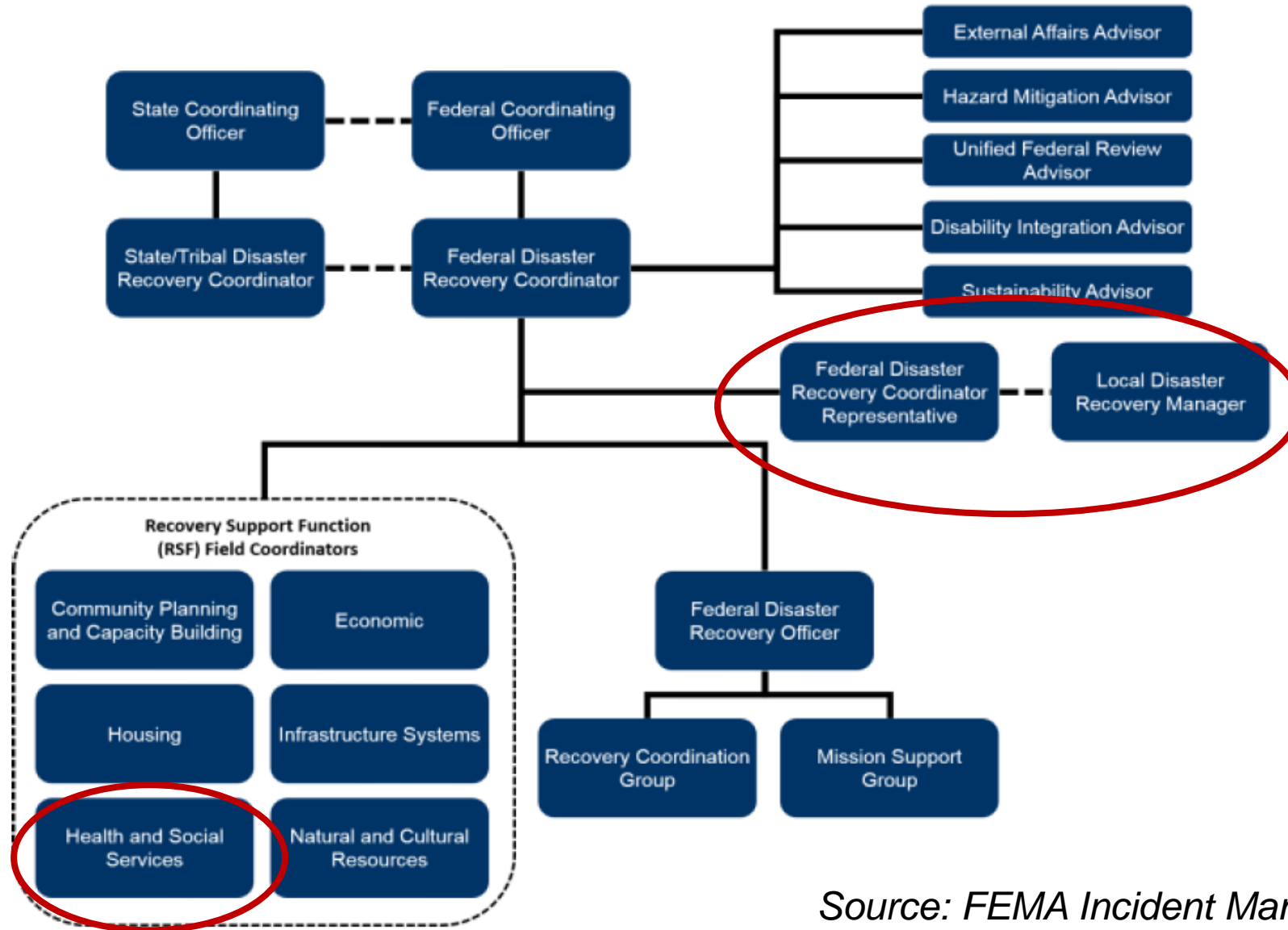


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# Use of ICS in Recovery: Federal Level

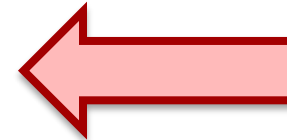


Source: FEMA Incident Management Handbook

# 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**

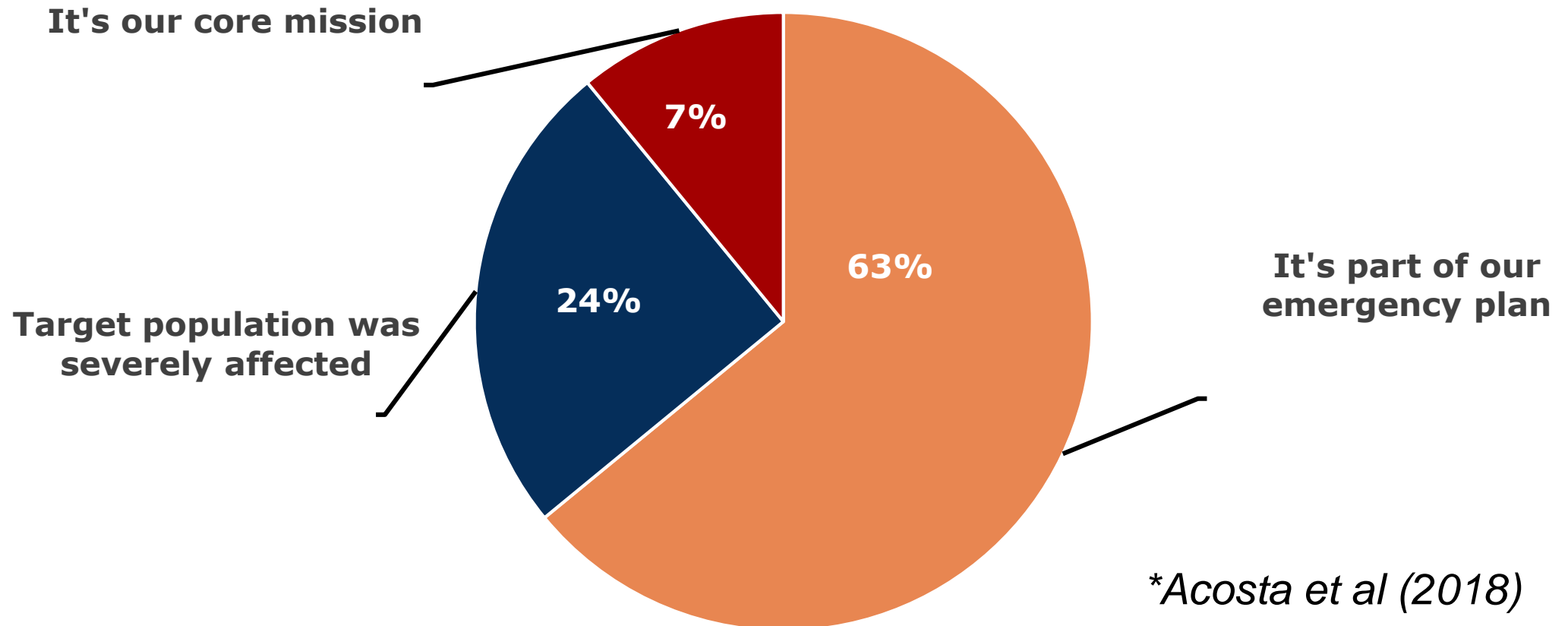
**Local EMA**

**Healthcare Organizations**

**Non-Governmental  
Organizations**

# Community Organization Role

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



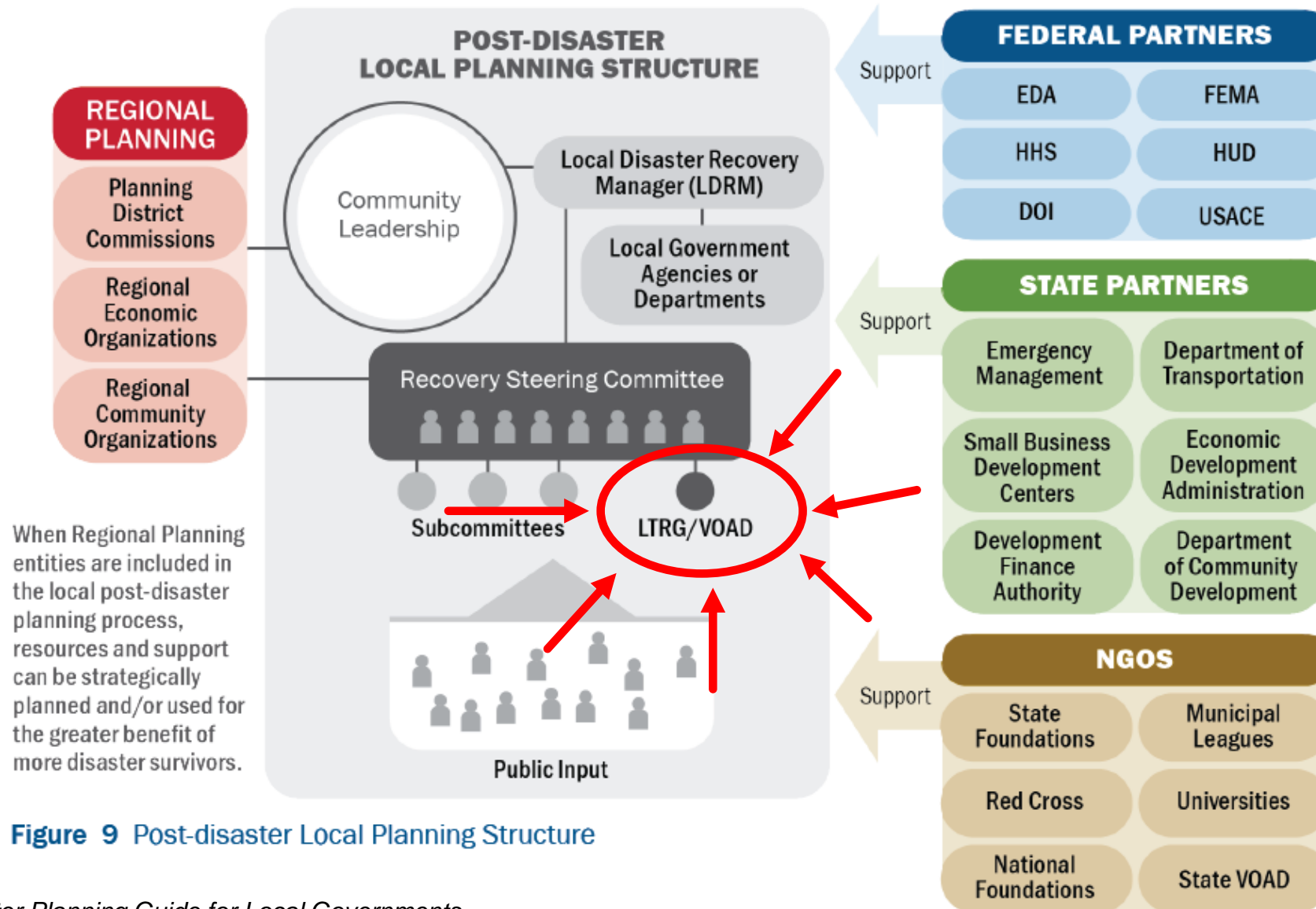
# Long-Term Recovery Groups

“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

*Adapted from “Healthy, Resilient, and Sustainable Communities After Disasters: Strategies, Opportunities, and Planning for Recovery”*

# 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

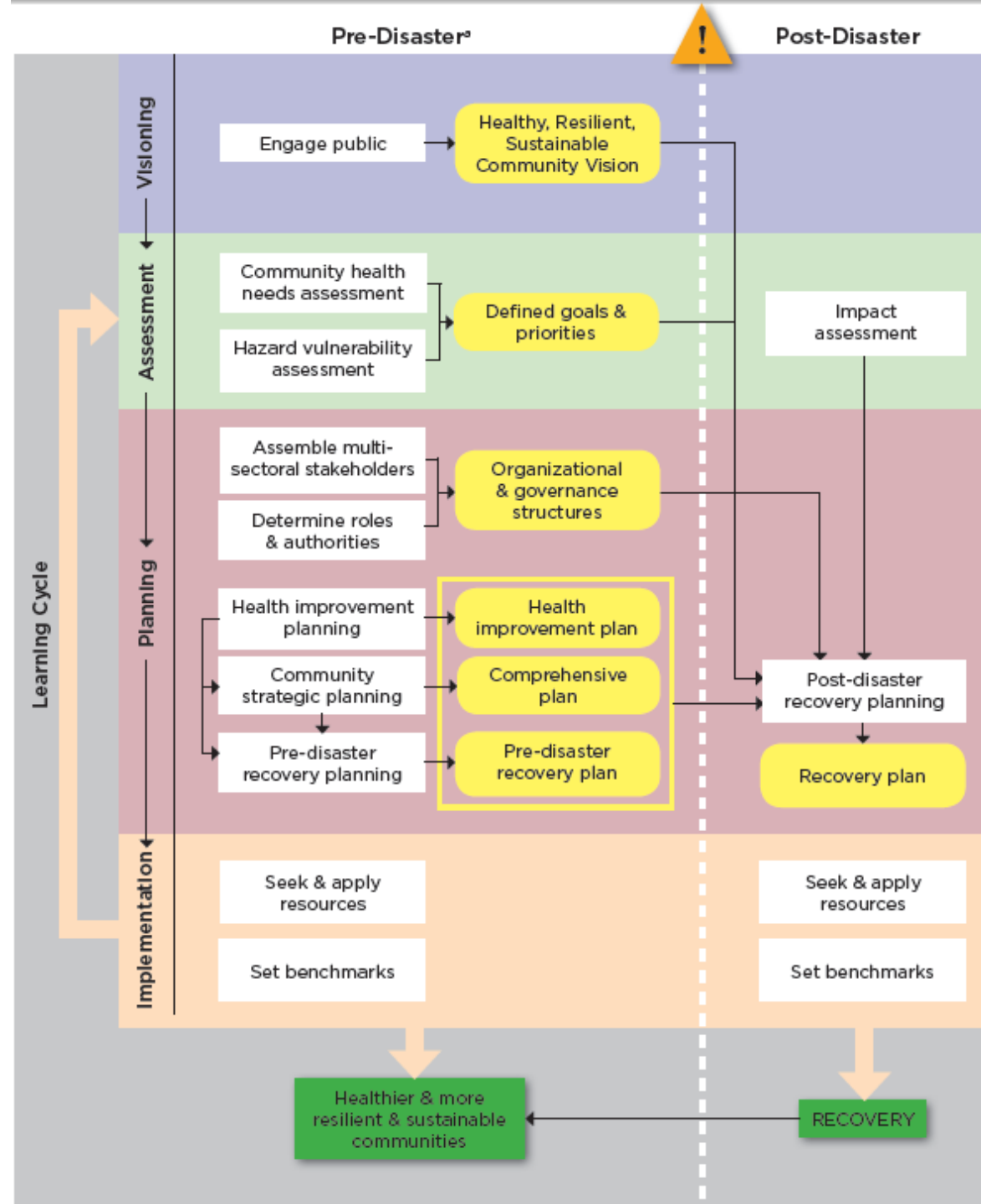
# How To Plan For Recovery

Putting the right plans in place now

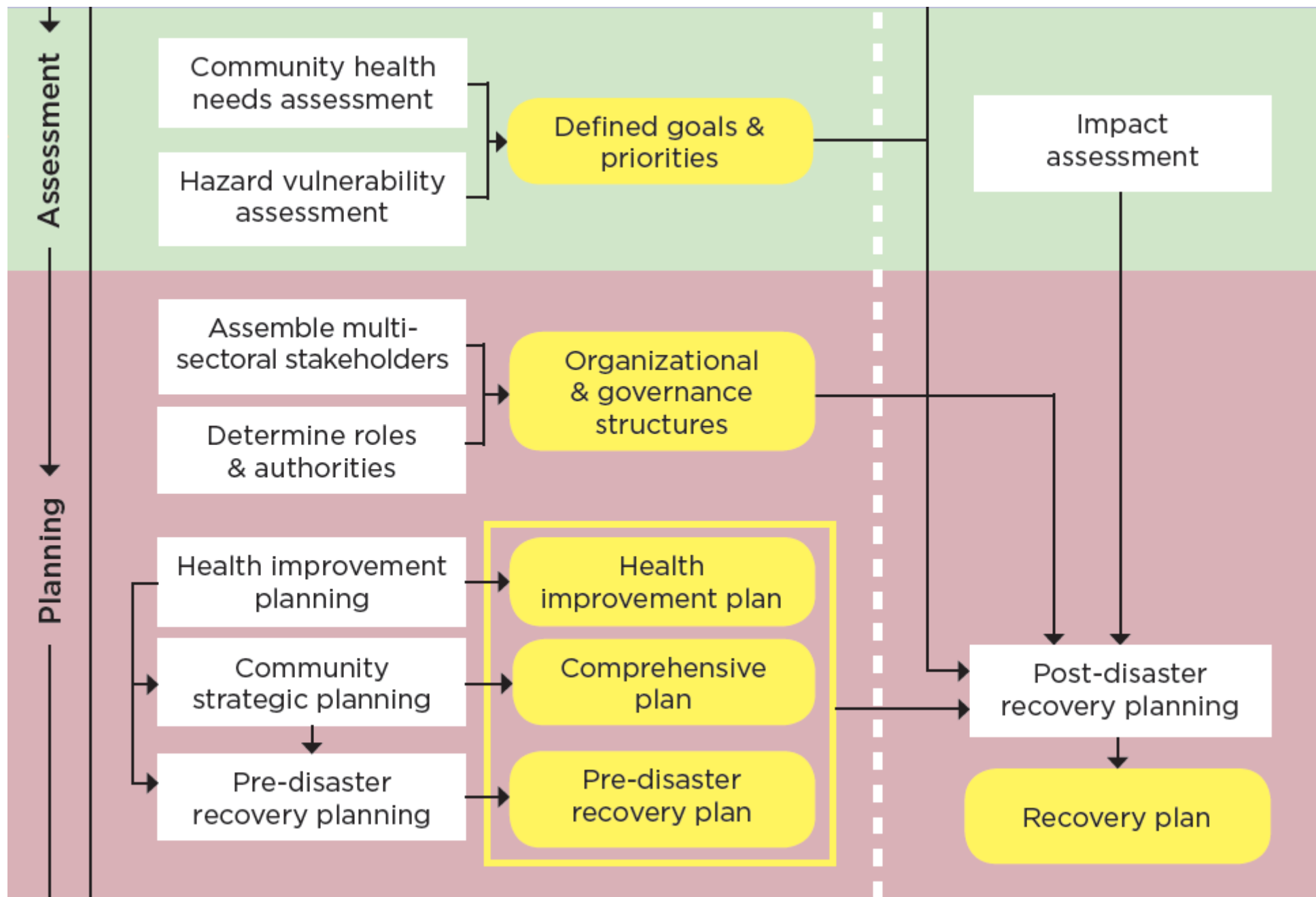


# Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning: First Steps

- 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



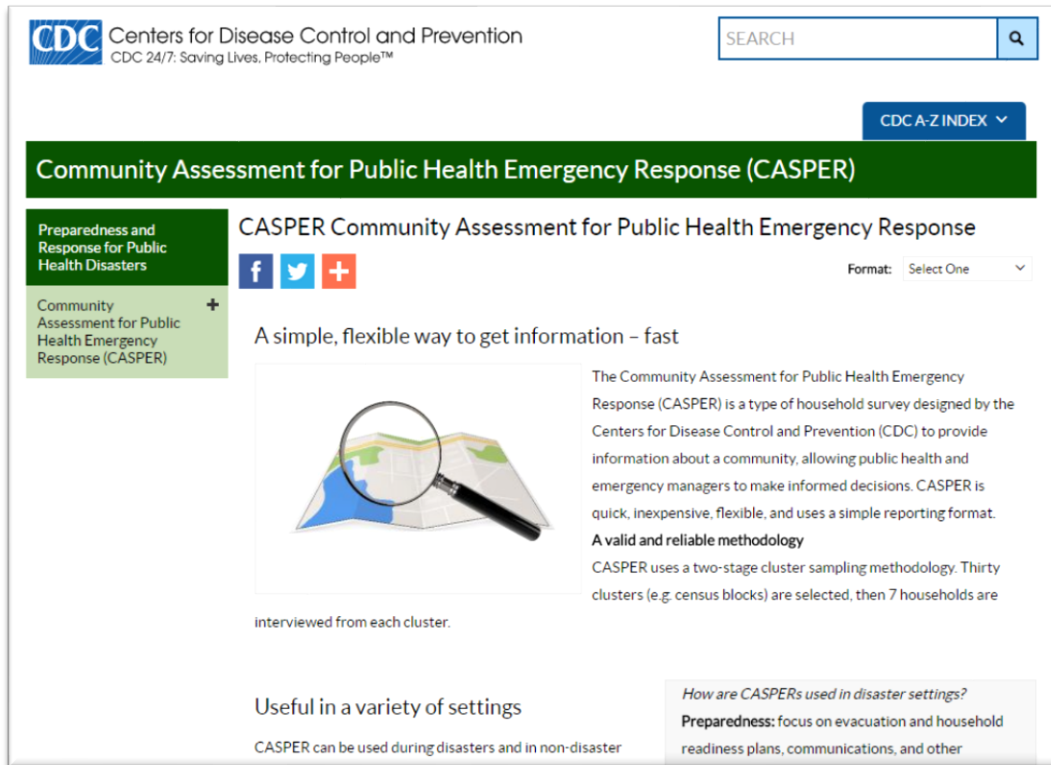
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**Outcome = Healthier & more resilient & sustainable communities**

# Conducting Needs Assessments

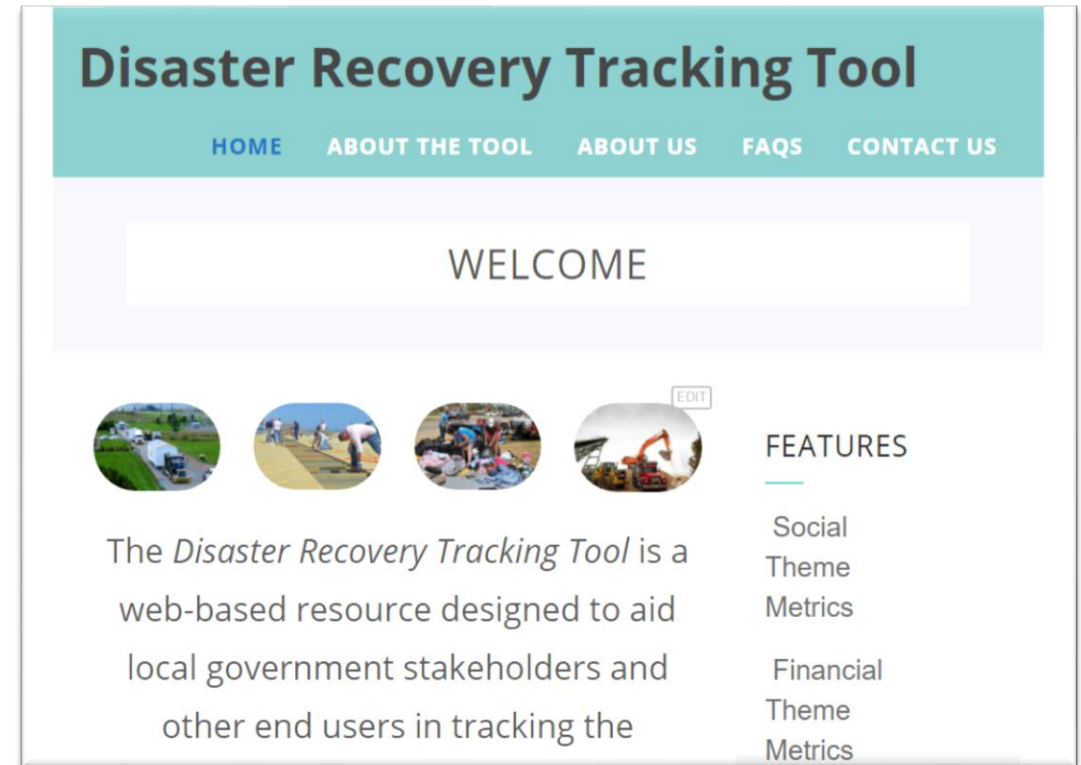
## Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER)



The screenshot shows the CDC website for the Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER). The header includes the CDC logo and the tagline "CDC 24/7: Saving Lives. Protecting People™". A search bar and a "CDC A-Z INDEX" dropdown are in the top right. The main heading is "Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER)". Below this, there's a sidebar with "Preparedness and Response for Public Health Disasters" and "Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER)". The main content area features a "CASPER Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response" title, social media icons, a "Format: Select One" dropdown, and a description: "A simple, flexible way to get information – fast". An image of a magnifying glass over a map is shown. Text describes CASPER as a type of household survey designed by the CDC to provide information about a community, allowing public health and emergency managers to make informed decisions. It is quick, inexpensive, flexible, and uses a simple reporting format. A section titled "A valid and reliable methodology" states that CASPER uses a two-stage cluster sampling methodology: Thirty clusters (e.g. census blocks) are selected, then 7 households are interviewed from each cluster. At the bottom, it notes "Useful in a variety of settings" and "CASPER can be used during disasters and in non-disaster". A small box on the right asks "How are CASPERs used in disaster settings?" and lists "Preparedness: focus on evacuation and household readiness plans, communications, and other".

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

## Disaster Recovery Tracking Tool



The screenshot shows the Disaster Recovery Tracking Tool website. The header is teal with the title "Disaster Recovery Tracking Tool" and navigation links: "HOME", "ABOUT THE TOOL", "ABOUT US", "FAQS", and "CONTACT US". The main content area has a large "WELCOME" message. Below this, there are four circular images showing disaster recovery activities: a person working on a road, a person working on a building, a person working on a road, and a person working on a building. To the right of these images is a section titled "FEATURES" with a list: "Social Theme Metrics" and "Financial Theme Metrics". The main text describes the tool: "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



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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

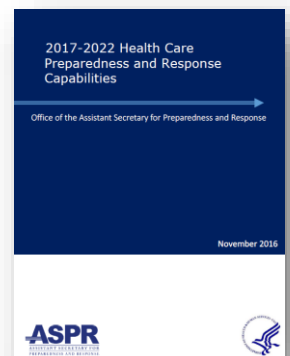
# **Your Organizational Recovery Plan**

# 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

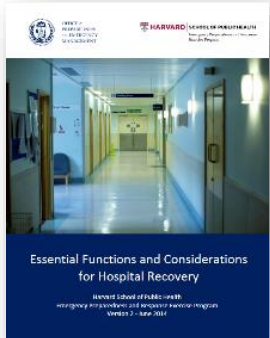
Staffing

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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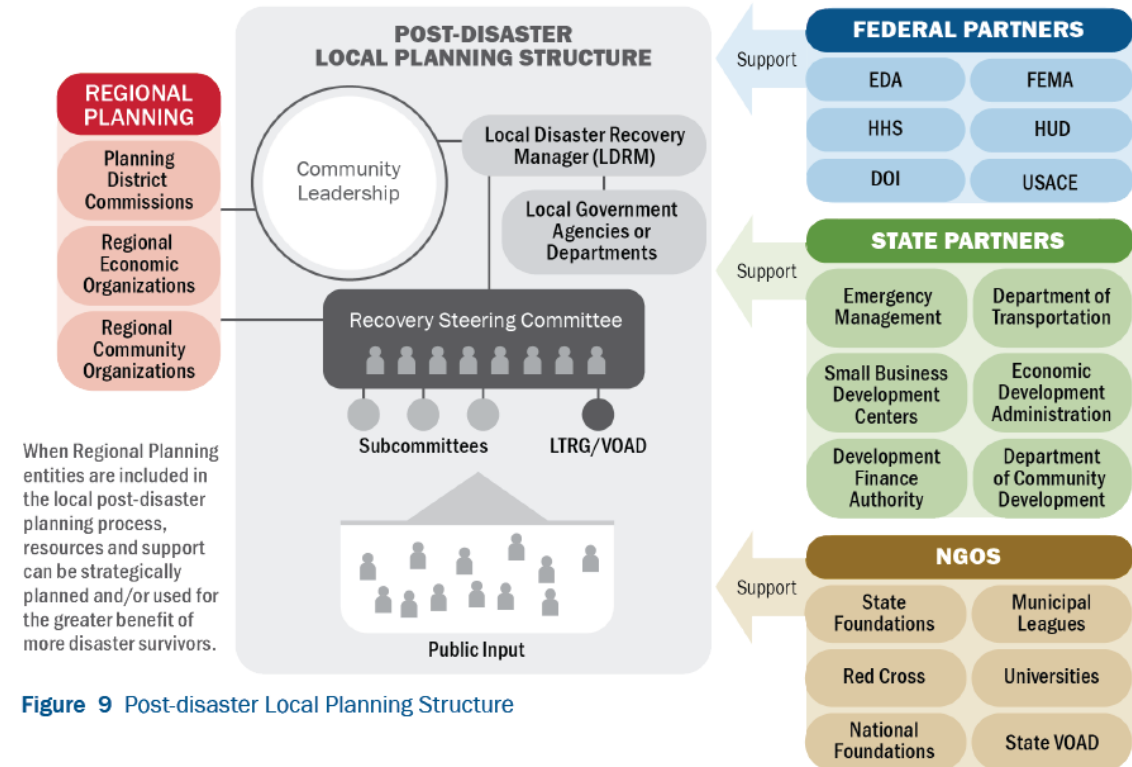
# Recovery in action: Boston Marathon Bombing

## *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

# Contribute now!

## Help us write this course!

- Email us your content & resources ideas
  - To: [delvalle@bphc.org](mailto:delvalle@bphc.org)
  - 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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