



**World Institute  
on Disability**

# Emergency, Disaster and Disaster Resilience

Projects and Programs



- The World Institute on Disability (WID) was co-founded in 1983 by Ed Roberts, Judy Heumann and Joan Leon.
- Thanks to a MacArthur Fellowship “Genius Award” given to Ed, WID was the world’s first public policy center controlled by people with disabilities, dedicated to the promotion of independence and full inclusion in society of people with disabilities and committed to public education and to converting policy into action.
- WID has been consistently disability-led for approximately 40 years.

Accessibility  
Solutions &  
Universal  
Design Services

Emergencies,  
Disasters, and  
Climate  
Resilience  
Services

Community  
Inclusion  
Services

# Disaster Domain – 360 Degree



**Preparedness**

**Response**

**Recovery**

**Mitigation**

**People with Disabilities**  
**Disability-Led Organizations**  
**Service Providers and NGOs**  
**Local and State Agencies**  
**Federal Government**  
**Global Partners**



## Private Preparedness Planning

- Individuals
- Homes
- Service providers
- Workplaces



## Public Preparedness Planning

- Coordinated Inclusive Emergency Operations Plans





## Global Alliance for Disaster Resource (GADRA)

- When disability-led organizations are left out of disaster funding and planning, **people with disabilities are left without the support they need**
- GADRA focuses on connecting disaster impacted disability-led organizations and socially responsible corporations together to accelerate resources and assistance.
- Global virtual network of disability led organizations accessing information, making connections and building capacity.

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## **Disability Inclusive Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Resilience (DIEPDR)**

- Disability-Led Organizations and NGOs
- Small Businesses and Large Corporations





## **Disaster Health Equity**

- Negative Disaster Outcomes
  - Systemic exclusion in disaster plans and processes
    - Steady state barriers and exclusion
      - Equity and justice assumptions



## Barriers in Disasters

- Physical barriers
- Medical diagnostic equipment
- Availability of accommodations (i.e., interpreter)
- Staff skills, knowledge, comfort
- Inaccurate perceptions about life experiences
- Segregation often disguise as “medical need”
- Inadequate public warnings, notifications, and PLANS

## Disproportionate Impact

- Children and adults with disabilities are 2-4 times more likely to be injured or die
- Fewer available accommodations and lack of disability knowledge
- Decreased probability of recovery to pre-disaster status
- Less visibility, even less involvement or ability to engage as SME

# Impacting Disaster Health Equity



## Goals:

- Address overarching gaps through creating awareness, collaborations and shared priorities
- Information and education for providers and disability community
- Public-private partnerships
- Disability representation within agencies
- Changing environments



Adopt a preparedness lifestyle

Connect to local responders

Ask about plans – in all areas and places

Participate to share your expertise

360-degree organizational emergency plans

Join GADRA and other opportunities





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