

Standard for Disaster Management in Queensland

Shared responsibilities overview factsheet

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Shared responsibilities

The shared responsibilities are the elements of disaster management that all entities should deliver against and that everyone within the sector is responsible for contributing to. Shared responsibilities should not be considered in isolation – they are the interconnected responsibilities that collectively make up the system of disaster management within Queensland.

The shared responsibilities are used to categorise the outcomes.

Managing risk

The management of risk is fundamental to making the community safer. Risks need to be identified for both natural and human-caused hazards. Entities have a shared responsibility to work together with their community to develop integrated strategies to manage these risks.

Outcome 1: There is a shared understanding of risks for all relevant hazards

Outcome 2: Risk is managed to reduce the impact of disasters on the community

Planning and plans

Planning involves many steps. It should result in entities working with their community to prioritise how their collective and collaborative efforts will reduce the impact of disasters on the community. Plans document these efforts, identify interdependencies, roles and responsibilities, and provide guidance on how to undertake disaster management. The planning process results in a shared understanding of the efforts required to reduce the risk to the community.

Outcome 3: There is a shared understanding of how the impact of disasters will be managed and coordinated

Outcome 4: Plans outline and detail how the impact of disasters on the community will be reduced

Community engagement

The community is central to disaster management. Community engagement entails actively involving the community in managing their risk. It involves collaboratively planning how the community's collective efforts will contribute to their safety. Community engagement builds local capability, capacity and community self-reliance. This allows entities to focus their efforts where they are needed most.

Outcome 5: Entities proactively and openly engage with communities

Outcome 6: The community makes informed choices about disaster management, and acts on them

Capability integration

Capability integration involves entities building their capabilities together in a way that complements existing capability within the community. Capability integration is dependent on a shared understanding of the goals that guide the sector, and the ability to share and manage resources appropriately.

Outcome 7: Resources are prioritised and shared with those who need them, when they need them

Outcome 8: Entities develop integrated capabilities and shared capacity to reduce the impact of disasters on the community

Operations

Operations are the activities undertaken by entities during response, relief, and recovery for a specific event, including activities to mitigate and prepare for the impacts of that event.

Outcome 9: Operations minimise the negative impacts of an event on the community and provide the support needed for recovery

Outcome 10: Relief operations minimise the negative impacts of an event on the community and provide the support needed for recovery

Outcome 11: Recovery operations minimise the negative impacts of an event on the community and provide the support needed for recovery

Collaboration and coordination

Collaboration and coordination refers to how entities consider an integrated approach, and work together to promote a positive environment within the disaster management sector across all phases of disaster management. It includes the ways in which they show leadership and commitment to the principles behind disaster management.

Outcome 12: Entities proactively work together in a cooperative environment to achieve better results for the community

Outcome 13: A collaborative culture exists within disaster management

Common language

The use of common language across the disaster management sector allows for clear communication within and between entities, and when communicating with the wider community. It minimises the potential for confusion and misunderstanding

Outcome 14: Common language is used by all entities within Queensland's disaster management arrangements