



THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO) IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RISK REDUCTION: A NECESSITY FOR VETERINARY AUTHORITIES AND ANIMAL HEALTH

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# "Sometimes it takes a natural disaster to reveal a social disaster." -Jim Wallis







#### **AGENDA**

#### Bridging the Gap on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

- 1. The Importance of Veterinary Medicine in Disaster Management
- 2. The Role of CSOs in Disaster Management and Risk Reduction
- 3. Examples of CSO Contributions in Veterinary Disaster Management
- 4. Collaboration between CSOs, Government Agencies, and Veterinary Professionals
- 5. Conclusion







#### THE IMPORTANCE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

In the Aftermath of a Disaster, the Health and Well-being of Animals Become Paramount.





# THE ROLE OF CSOS IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RISK REDUCTION



**CSOs Bring a Unique Set of Strengths to Disaster Management** 





## EXAMPLES OF CSO CONTRIBUTIONS IN VETERINARY DISASTER MANAGEMENT







# COLLABORATION BETWEEN CSOS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND VETERINARY PROFESSIONALS

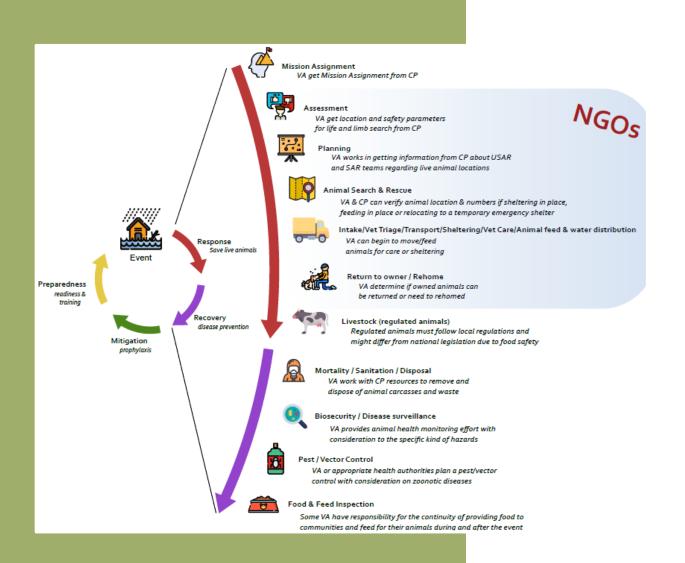






### EXAMPLES OF CSO CONTRIBUTIONS IN VETERINARY DISASTER MANAGEMENT





#### **Under the Veterinary Authority:**

- Response management
- Assessment
- Planning
- Search & Rescue (when credentials are authorised)
- Temporary Emergency Animal Sheltering
- Veterinary support and care
- Animal Ownership: Return to Owner or Local Authority



## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION







## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE: ENDURING AND ADAPTING IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY







#### **CONCLUSION**







"We cannot stop natural disasters, but we can arm ourselves with knowledge: So many lives wouldn't have to be lost if there was enough disaster preparedness."
-Petra Nemcova, All Hands and Hearts







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