

Foundations in Indigenous disaster resilience



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Background

In Australia, researchers have found that Indigenous people are more likely to be negatively impacted by natural hazards.

Despite this growing challenge, there is a lack of research examining the experiences of Indigenous peoples – individuals, families, communities, and First Nations – during times of major disasters. National Indigenous Disaster Resilience (NIDR) seeks to investigate the experiences of Indigenous peoples and communities before, during and after major disasters through the project, *Foundations in Indigenous Disaster Resilience* (Foundations project).

The Foundations project has been developed in response to the growing recognition of the disproportionate impacts that natural hazards, including bushfires, floods, cyclones, heatwaves, rising oceans

SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS

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and more are having, and will continue to have, on Indigenous peoples and communities.

Project description

This project aims to create an ecosystem of authoritative knowledge and practical guidance to better support Indigenous peoples and communities to strengthen their resilience while creating lasting change in the structures, institutions and processes of emergency management and disaster resilience.

The project aims to record the experiences of Indigenous communities before, during and after major disasters, promote Indigenous leadership in disaster response, recovery and resilience and develop a suite of resources to strengthen Indigenous Disaster Resilience in Australia.



Intended outcomes

The project aims to deliver the following outcomes:

- An evidence-based framework for guiding Indigenous disaster resilience policy and practice across Australia
- New evidence and authoritative guidance as a knowledge base regarding Indigenous peoples and disaster resilience
- An Indigenous disaster resilience Community of Practice
- Resources to support Indigenous communities and organisations to acknowledge and enhance Indigenous leadership and disaster resilience
- Culturally safe, healing-centred and trauma-informed methodology for engaging with Indigenous peoples impacted by disaster, to be used by communities and emergency management personnel, to improve processes and experiences of disasters.
- A published handbook guide on Indigenous disaster resilience

Translation and implementation potential

Through the delivery of key outputs such as the National Framework and handbook guide, the project aims to celebrate and promote Indigenous leadership, and create lasting change in the structures, institutions, and processes of emergency management and disaster resilience, across Australia.

Further information

For full project details head to: <https://www.naturalhazards.com.au/research/research-projects/foundations-indigenous-disaster-resilience>

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