

## Workstream 2: Community Disability Support Services – Roles, tools and capacity for DIDRR



The aim of Workstream 2 is to understand the potential for community and disability support organisations to contribute to Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DIDRR). In this workstream, the Community Services Industry Alliance (CSIA) and The University of Sydney project team will work together with a diverse range of community and disability support services to understand their current practice situation and identify opportunities for their involvement in DIDRR in the future. Specific emphasis will be placed on the integration of person-centred emergency preparedness with organisational preparedness and business continuity planning that addresses duty of care for people with disability and service providers in emergencies. Resources will illuminate the issues and showcase best practices in the development of workforce capacity in the community, health care and disability services sectors to engage in DIDRR.

### **Objectives**

Community, health care, and disability support providers and their managers will:

- increase their awareness of local hazard risks for themselves and the clients they serve
- identify current practices, opportunities and challenges in the areas of person-centred emergency preparedness and business continuity planning for organisations serving people with disability
- identify knowledge, skills, tools, and networks needed for DIDRR leadership and recognise opportunities to develop and contribute to DIDRR within their current role/practice
- make recommendations for developing workforce capacity in the community, health care and disability service sectors to engage in DIDRR

## **Key Activities**

One hundred community and disability service providers, including team leaders and managers from diverse community and disability organisations will participate in stakeholder consultations, workshops and other activities designed to: (a) share how they view their role and contributions to enabling emergency preparedness of people with disability; (b) discuss tools, approaches and community assets that can help service providers to contribute to DIDRR; and (c) identify facilitators and barriers to enacting DIDRR in their routine practices (e.g., service provision with clients in the community).

## **Locations**

Stakeholder consultations and workshops will take place in five Local Government Areas: Brisbane, Ipswich and surrounds, Moreton Bay and surrounds, Rockhampton and surrounds and Townsville.

## **Products**

- Final stakeholder report that synthesises findings and compares them with international research to identify gaps and solutions. This practical report will provide the community and disability support services sector with best practice guidelines to develop DIDRR practice and training resources for workforce capacity development in the future
- Case studies of community organisations leading DIDRR
- Videos and infographics that showcase Workstream 2 findings

## **Outputs**

- 100 community and disability support providers have resources for enabling person-centred emergency preparedness and business continuity planning
- Interviews and focus group discussions to clarify the role, responsibilities, and capacity of service providers to contribute to DIDRR
- Networked peer support between diverse community services and disability support organisations as local community asset for DIDRR

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## **Where can I learn more?**

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