

Disability inclusive & Disaster-resilient Queensland Communities

Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DIDRR) requires emergency personnel to work together with people with disability and the services that support them to identify and remove barriers that increase disaster risk for people with disability in emergencies.

This project focused on developing DIDRR in Queensland communities through cross-sector collaboration. Our efforts were threefold:

- 

Including people with disability in community engagement activities and co-designing tools so that they would have accessible resources they could use to self-assess preparedness, capabilities, and support needs and take effective steps to prepare.
- 

Building capability among community and disability support services and disability advocacy organisations for enabling personal emergency preparedness with the people they support and engaging in organisational preparedness and service continuity planning.
- 

Expanding community engagement practices of emergency personnel to include community, disability support, advocacy services, and their networks; and making disaster risk information, education, and resources accessible for everyone.

Phase One :



Inclusive community engagement forums in 4 Queensland communities

250 participants
75 with a disability



30 key informant interviews
9 were people with disability



5 multistakeholder advisory meetings



85 resources relevant to DIDRR

The [DIDRR Framework and Toolkit](#), including a companion [DIDRR Resource Library](#) were the products of this learning. We also published our inclusive community engagement methods and findings in the [International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction](#).

Phase Two

DIDRR implementation with three stakeholder groups:



1
people with
disability, their
representatives,
and advocates



2
community,
health, and
disability service
providers



3
emergency
managers and
emergency
services personnel

Outcomes were shared in:



a four-part [video series](#) showing DIDRR in action



a four-part [webinar series](#) on collaborating 4 DIDRR



eight [case studies](#) on disability inclusive emergency planning



three [research in brief reports](#)



two articles published in The Conversation:

[Nobody checked on us: What people with disability told us about their experiences of disasters and emergencies](#)

[Three things we can do now to help people with disability prepare for disaster](#)



[P-CEP Peer Leadership Program](#)



[P-CEP Workbook](#)



[P-CEP Resource Package](#)

This project was proudly supported by the Queensland Government through the Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund (QDRF) and the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy. It was led by the Centre for Disability Research and Policy at The University of Sydney and conducted in partnership with the Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN) and the Community Services Industry Alliance (CSIA).

Contact:

Associate Professor Michelle Villeneuve
michelle.villeneuve@sydney.edu.au

Funded by

