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COPING WITH NATURAL DISASTERS: THE ROLE OF LOCAL HEALTH PERSONNEL AND THE COMMUNITY

Published in 1989, the Manual *Coping with Natural Disasters: the role of Local Health Personnel and the Community* (WHO - OMS, 1989) is particularly timely and useful for all who want to support people affected by the natural disasters. In particular, the text shows that local communities are able to react to emergencies and that foreign aid would have to have them much more into consideration. It also explains the importance of preparing the local communities to face the emergencies, with support from the central structures of the states.

The full text of the Manual is available in English, Spanish and French in the following links:

[Coping with Natural Disasters: The Role of Local Health Personnel and the Community](#)

[El Personal Local de Salud y la Comunidad Frente a los Desastres Naturales](#)

[Le personnel local de santé et la communauté face aux catastrophes naturelles](#)

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