Disaster Preparedness: Planning for the Future and Lessons from the Past

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Welcome

- Welcome remarks
- Housekeeping
- Overview of workshop agenda
- Participant introductions
Workshop Objectives

• Look at importance of disaster preparedness for food banks and why

• Learn about phases of disaster and who does what in an emergency

• Planning tips for food banks
Importance of Disaster Preparedness for Food Banks

• Why should we prepare?

• What is expected of your organization?
  – By your clients/consumers
  – By your community at large
  – By your funders

• THEY WILL COME...
Video Clip
Phases of Disaster
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• **Preparedness** =
  Steps taken to prepare people and organizations to survive and respond to disaster

• Examples:
  – Planning
  – Training and exercises
  – Resource acquisition
Phases of Disaster

• **Response** =
  
  Actions taken in direct response to a disaster

• **Examples:**
  
  – Rescues and evacuations
  – Sheltering affected populations
  – Feeding people
  – Clean-up
Phases of Disaster

• **Recovery** =
  
  Actions necessary to return the affected area, its people and its organizations to normal

• **Examples:**
  – Re-building/damage repair
  – Cost recovery
Phases of Disaster

• **Mitigation** =
  Steps taken to reduce the potential harm from a foreseeable event

• **Examples:**
  – Retrofitting structures
  – Abating hazards
  – Securing heavy objects
How Government Works

• All disasters are local

• Who’s in charge in a disaster?

• Priorities: protecting life, property and the environment
How Government Works

Federal (DHS/FEMA)

State (Cal EMA)

Coastal, Southern or Inland Region (Cal EMA)

County (Operational Area)

City (EOC)

Field Response Level

Lines of Communication
How Government Works

• Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) at all levels provide “centralized coordination” for the overall emergency response
Why It Matters

• Important to know where you tie in and whom to contact

• Potential benefits to food banks:
  – Access to information
  – Ability to request resources
  – Potential reimbursement through California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA)
Agency Preparedness

- Agency Emergency Plan
- Continuity of Operations Planning
- Partner Agencies
- Facilities
- Vendors and Suppliers
- Mutual Aid Coordination
- Staff Training and Exercises
Community Coordination

• Relationship building with
  – County Office of Emergency Services
  – American Red Cross
  – Local VOAD
  – 211 provider

• Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)
Sharing of Experiences

• Jeff Dronkers
  *Los Angeles Regional Food Bank*

• Larry Sly
  *Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties*
How Can Food Banks Support One Another

- Example of San Francisco Bay Area Food Banks project
  - Mutual Assistance Agreement
  - Table Top Exercise
  - Resource Tool
  - Discussions with CAFB
Continuum of Preparedness

• Self and home

• Agency

• Community coordination
Self and Home Preparedness

• Are you prepared?

• Staff and volunteers

• Clients and consumers
House of Cards...
Thank You

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