



## Achieving Disaster Resilient Communities

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What processes and mechanisms that contribute to enhancing the ability of communities to respond to disaster? What structural conditions that enable and disable communities to mitigate the impact of disaster? How do social, economic, political, and cultural factors shape resilient capacity of communities in coping with crisis and disturbance? As the world is facing the growing trends of disaster, be it physical or biological, the question of resilience becomes increasingly important to address. In this special issue, we look into resilience at the level of communities that function as the ground for social coordination, collaboration, and mobilization in response to disruption and shock. To extend the existing literature in disaster resilience, two premises underlie our framing of resilience at the community level. First is the role of social cohesion in enhancing resilient communities. Second is the impact of risk knowledge on disaster preparedness of communities. These two factors are inextricably intertwined in the social production of resilient communities.





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