

# New Directions for Evaluation

Special issue:

“Disaster and emergency management evaluation”

Guest editors: Liesel Ashley Ritchie and Wayne MacDonald

## Notes

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## Call for abstracts

Events such as 9-11, the Indian Ocean tsunami, hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the Pakistan earthquake have drawn considerable attention to disaster and emergency management. In these diverse contexts, issues of preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience are being scrutinized more closely from a variety of perspectives—highlighting a critical need for increased transparency, accountability, and learning in disaster and emergency management evaluation.

This special issue aims to encourage the review and examination of disaster and emergency management evaluation in international and domestic settings. The editors welcome applied, empirically based, and theoretical contributions. Suggested topics are provided on the reverse side of this flyer (see Subject coverage); the editors encourage and welcome additional related topics. Accepted abstracts will be included in the full proposal and submitted for review to the *New Directions for Evaluation* (NDE) editorial board. Upon approval by the NDE Editorial Board, authors will be invited to submit papers of not more than 20 pages in length.

## Notes for intending authors

Please include the following sections in your submission: (1) complete contact information for author(s), including institutional affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address; (2) author background, including relevant expertise, publications, and so forth; and (3) a detailed narrative abstract of 2-5 pages in length. Please note that submission of an abstract does not guarantee that it will be included in the proposal to NDE. Moreover, the full issue proposal must be reviewed and accepted by the NDE editorial board.

## Important dates

For consideration, abstracts must be received by April 9, 2007. Authors will be notified in June 2007. Authors will be required to submit papers of 15-20 pages in length in the summer of 2007. The special issue is expected to be completed in the fall of 2007.

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## Subject coverage

The editors will provide an introductory chapter to this special issue, offering a comprehensive review of literature and broadly examining the history and evolution of disaster and emergency management evaluation. Topics suitable for this special issue of *New Directions for Evaluation* (NDE) include, but are not limited to these:

- The evaluation of disaster and emergency management preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience in domestic (U.S.), as well as international contexts
- Transparency, accountability, and learning in disaster and emergency management evaluation
- “Best practices” in disaster and emergency management evaluation
- Standards and criteria in disaster and emergency management evaluation
- Utilization of disaster and emergency management evaluation
- Evaluating risk reduction, vulnerability, and capacity building
- Ethics in disaster and emergency management evaluation
- Negotiating and addressing the challenging social, political, and physical contexts in which disaster- and emergency-related evaluations are conducted
- The role(s) of various organizations in disaster and emergency management evaluation
- The role of theory in disaster and emergency management evaluation
- Interdisciplinary and interorganizational approaches to developing approaches, practices, concepts, and theories related to disaster and emergency management evaluation
- Impacts of disaster and emergency management evaluation on survivors
- The role of evaluation in shaping policy related to disaster and emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience
- Evaluating the role of the media disaster and emergency management