



Mental Health and Disaster: Response, Recovery, and Preparedness for the Future

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Message from the Guest Editors

After the occurrence of any major natural or human-induced disaster, significant impacts on the mental health and psychological status of the, perhaps, thousands of evacuees and/or affected residents often emerge.

The Great East Japan Earthquake (GEJE) occurred in March 2011. Subsequently, a massive tsunami and nuclear power plant accident forced the long-term evacuation of thousands of residents. The GEJE is but one of the large-scale disasters which have occurred intermittently and globally, e.g., earthquakes, hurricanes/typhoons, floods, and human-made disasters. Hence, in order to learn lessons and improve preparedness for upcoming disasters, the integration of global and national efforts to support disaster-related mental health activities and research is receiving more attention.





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