Long-Term Recovery Quick Reference Guide

Long-term recovery is the time following a disaster when the impacted community and its residents focus on achieving permanent recovery solutions. A Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) is a collaboration of community stakeholders who join together to lead in this time, often encouraged and supported by partners with disaster recovery experience. The goal of any LTRG is to unite recovery resources with community needs in order to ensure that even the most vulnerable in the community recover from disaster (Long-Term Recovery Guide, p. 9). As a collaborative, community-led organization, an LTRG is positioned to build partnerships, conduct needs assessments, and coordinate data collection so that it can identify, locate, and channel the resources needed to help individuals and the community recover. LTRGs reflect their local community in makeup and in operations, so every recovery is as unique as the community affected; however, the fundamentals for LTRG development and operation are consistent. The National VOAD Long-Term Recovery Guide describes key elements and best practices of LTRGs which can be adapted for any community’s response. This quick reference guide is an index for easily finding key topics.

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