



Survivor Assistance

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Rebuilding Together



What's in it for you?

Recovery of individuals and households is the most important part of the disaster recovery process.

Survivor assistance is how to make that happen.



Types of Disasters

Declared

- Local
 - Leads the recovery process
- State
 - Opens different types of state resources
- Federal
 - Opens a variety of federal resources and programs
 - FEMA Individual Assistance

Non-Declared

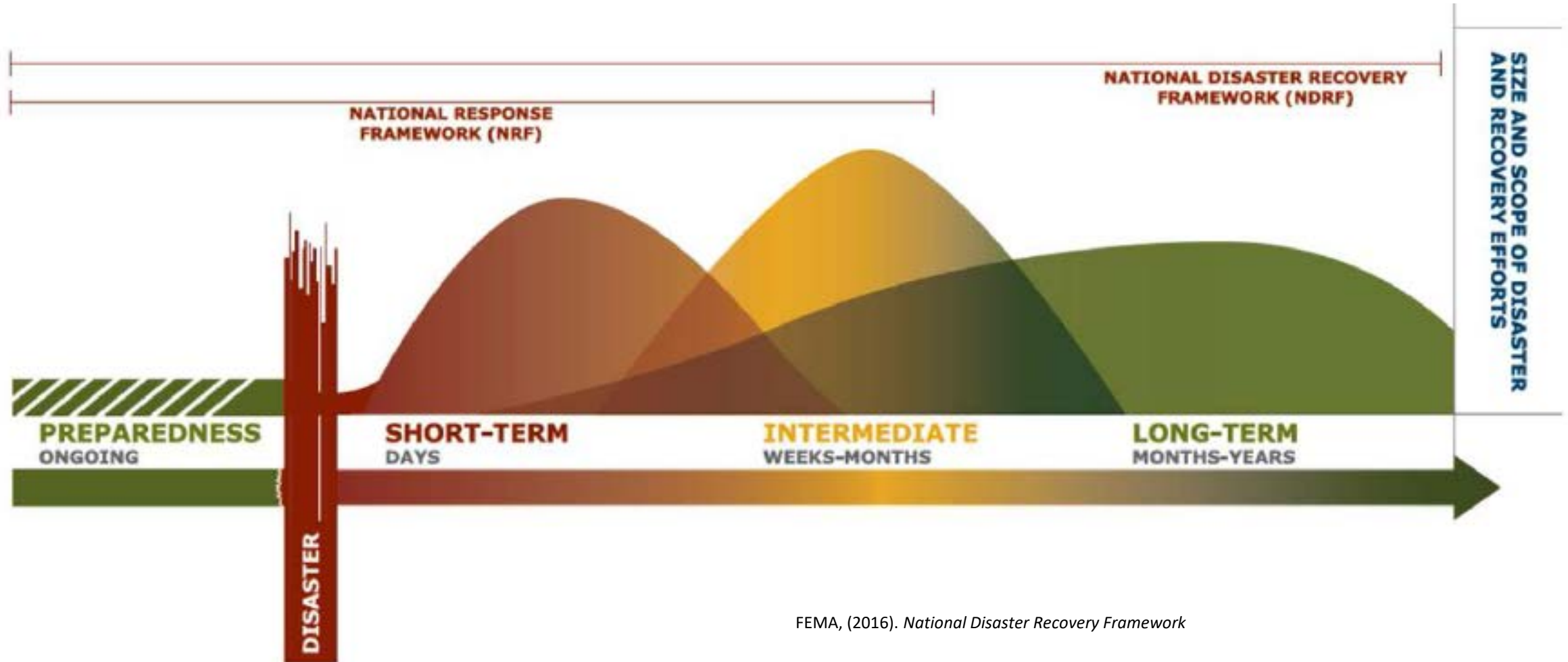
- Local event
- State support



More Common



Recovery Continuum



FEMA, (2016). *National Disaster Recovery Framework*



Disaster Assistance Sequence of Delivery: Designed to reduce or eliminate duplication of benefits.



Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

- History
 - Haphazard and siloed responses
 - Little inter-agency cooperation
- Turning Point
 - Organizations work together to maximize their strengths

Coordinate

Collaborate

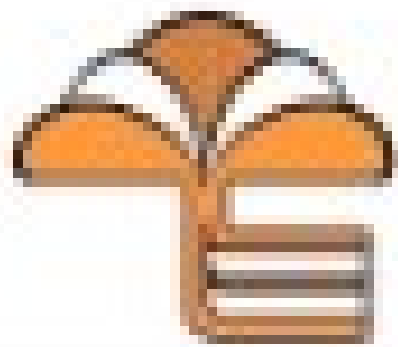
Communicate

Cooperate

Strengthen **Capacity** for disaster recovery



Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster



National
Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster

50 YEARS



What does survivor assistance look like?



Mobile Registration
Intake Center (MRIC)



Federal



What does survivor assistance look like?

Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)



Local, State, and
Federal
Partnerships



What does survivor assistance look like?



Multi-Agency
Resource
Center (MARC)

State and Local



A MARC in Action

Lee County
Multi-Agency
Resource Center

Tornado,
January 2022



The Common Denominator

- Communities determine the best way to provide services to affected survivors.
- Pre-disaster activities lay the groundwork for successful survivor assistance operations.

Considerations and Keys to Success:

- Scope and Scale of Disaster
- Disaster-caused Needs
- Community Composition
- Community Capabilities



Who should be at your table?

- Thrift store partnerships
- Groups that provide direct client financial services
- Provides Case Management
- Who provides human services functions everyday in blue sky?
- Other partnerships....?



How do you bring them to the table?

Plug in with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

- Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
 - Benefits
- Local level Volunteers and Donations (ESF-15)
- Long Term Recovery Groups
- Have a Disaster Case Management Plan



Things to consider in Blue Sky

Training

- **How** and **when** will you train?
- **Who** will you train?
- How will you track resources to avoid duplication of benefits?
 - **Reporting, reporting, reporting**



Financial Assistance to Survivors

- Why cash is preferred after a disaster?
 - Helps Voluntary agencies meet precise needs of the community
 - Helps rebuild local economy
 - Cash is timely
 - Physical location – like a warehouse not needed
 - Provides support for Long-Term Recovery Committees

Direct financial assistance to individuals vs. Voluntary agencies.



Long Term Recovery Committees

- A cooperative body made up of representatives from community faith-based groups, local organizations, and other **COMMUNITY** organizations working to assist individuals and families as they recovery from a disaster
- Each LTRG is unique to their community
- Disaster survivors have a link for disaster recovery

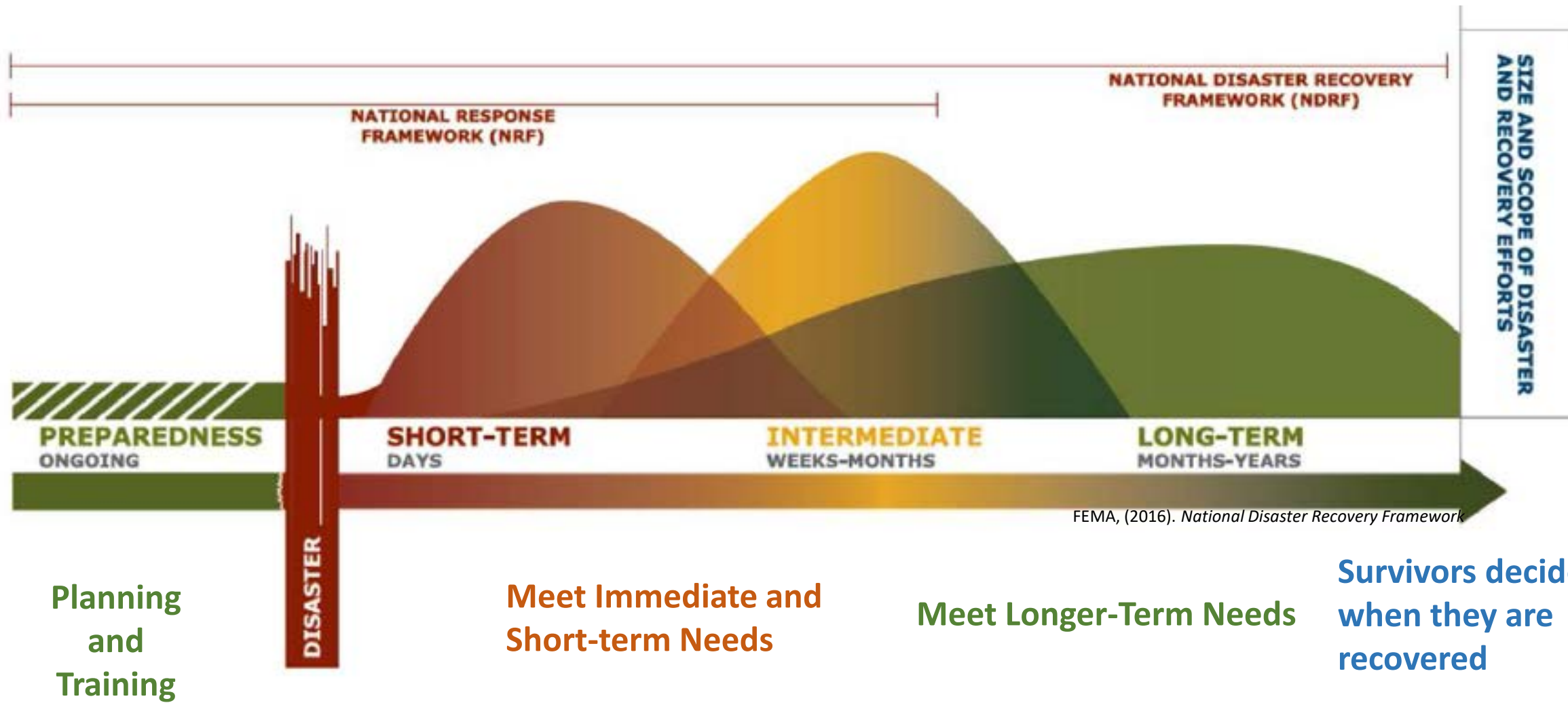


Disaster Case Management

- Partnership between case manager and disaster survivor
 - Provides a single point of contact to facilitate access to a broad range of resources.
 - Identifies survivors disaster related unmet needs and development of a goal-oriented plan with steps necessary to achieve recovery.
- Federally Funded Disaster Case Management vs Unfunded



Tying it all together



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