ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: Improving American Natural Disaster Planning: Lessons from the Sri Lanka Tsunami

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This study has presented a comprehensive overview of the state of federal disaster response programs in the United States of America. The study shows several problems in the way disasters are planned for as well as problems with how local planners and city managers recover from natural disasters. As a way of addressing the issues brought forth in this paper, a comparative study has been done between our own federal programs and those of Sri Lanka; which has recently completely changed how it responds to disasters as a nation. The comparisons between Sri Lanka's and our own programs will be used to make informed suggestions as to how our federal disaster response programs could be improved.