



This new publication takes a look at older people in disaster situations, with a particular focus on the Caribbean, and provides an overview of considerations to ensure that the needs of this group of people have the required response during disasters.

While it is true that the vulnerability of older persons is gaining attention, much more needs to be done to meet their particular needs. It is important to keep in mind that a large segment of the over-age-60 population has one or more disabilities, whether physical, mental or sensory, and that this increases to more than 50% in the over-age-80 group.

The vulnerability of a person or group of persons will affect their ability to cope and survive in a disaster. Older persons, as a group, are frequently identified as among the most vulnerable segments of the population, but at the same time it is necessary to recognize that they can make unique contributions in preparing for and responding to disasters.

The publication is available at: http://new.paho.org/disasters/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1657&Itemid=1&lang=en