

Emotional & Spiritual Care in Disasters

Definition

“The emotional and spiritual care provided in times of disaster and crisis is based on an objective assessment of impact and need and seeks to provide or facilitate anything that may assist the individual in drawing on their own emotional and spiritual perspectives and resources to nurture the human spirit and enhance coping, strength, hope and healing. Care provided is understood in the context that persons are relational beings and any effective helping actions are founded on an effective ministry of presence.”

(Ellers, 2009)