

PLANNING FOR A CRISIS

During the fourteenth century, the Black Death and climate changes had an enormous impact on the European economy, government, and population. How do you think the governments would react today in a similar outbreak? What should the governments have done then to help their citizens?

Simply, many of us rely on our governments to protect us in times of emergencies more than we realize. During a time of natural or human-made disaster, or a period of civil unrest, many citizens have come to expect the government to shield them from trouble. When governments fail to safeguard their populations, some of the people will question and criticize the lack of provisions. As a result, they will demand that new agencies be created and funded in order to avoid future problems. Many governments enact plans and fund agencies to protect their people in times of unrest.

Today, you will begin a project that asks you to investigate some of those agencies in our own government, and how they have provided aid during either a recent or historical crisis. You will conduct research to identify how government crisis agencies intervened and provided aid during a specific emergency. Examples of these government agencies may include the CDC, emergency alert system, the Center for Infectious Disease, the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, or The National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. You may choose to research a historical crisis or a more recent event, such as Hurricane Maria or the Ebola outbreak.

Directions

For this project, you are creating a slide presentation educating fellow students on two government crisis agencies that have assisted during a time of emergency. Your presentation should contain a minimum of 6 slides and include the following:

Slide 1 – Title page

Slide 2 – introduce the importance of having a prepared crisis response plan and the specific crisis event(s) you will be discussing.

Slide 3 – inform your audience of the history of the first government agency that intervened in one specific crisis you are writing about, and how exactly they provided support and aid to people. Cite specific textual evidence from your sources that will support the development of this slide.

Slide 4 – inform your audience of the history of the second government agency that intervened in the second specific crisis you are writing about, and how exactly they provided support and aid to people. Cite specific textual evidence from your sources that will support the development of this slide.

Slide 5 – The concluding slide needs to address a claim or counterclaim for the future funding of governmental aid agencies

Slide 6 – References