

# *Crisis Management for Health Sector Professionals*

## **Abstract**

A crisis is a time of intense difficulty or danger. Any crisis that is not managed well can lead to an emergency situation that will have an unprecedented impact on people and their livelihood who are struggling to survive by escaping from a potential crisis or an actual emergency. If an emergency is not managed well, it can become a disaster or catastrophe. In the context of a crisis or an emergency due to natural hazards and man-made reasons, it is important that the critical sectors such as electricity, water, and health need to be well-prepared to serve the people and importantly the most vulnerable segment of the population. In this talk, the key elements of a crisis management framework will be presented and how health sector professionals can contribute in managing the current socio-economic crisis will be discussed.

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