

EPISODE 10

GAETANO VIVO

DG ECHO

PRACTICAL TIPS

- ✎ **Prevention and preparedness are critical but often unprioritised.** We need forward-looking and constantly adapting strategies and policies to prepare for future disasters. Investing in prevention and preparedness often yields benefits that outweigh the costs.
- ✎ **Community-based approaches and reliance on community networks are essential.** In disasters, family members and neighbours often play a life-saving role before emergency services are able to make it to disaster-hit areas. Investing in training community agents to deliver first-aid and other basic emergency knowledge should be prioritised.
- ✎ **Knowledge-sharing is critical.** Sharing good practices between regions fosters mutual learning. Learning from how other regions have dealt with emergency situations and what solutions were implemented will help address weaknesses and/or gaps.