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# **The History of WSPA in Disasters**



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*Our mission:*

**Save and help animals during disasters**



**Belize, 2002**

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## ***Our history:***

**22 years experience.**

- **7+ years of technical rescue.**
- **Delegates at FA-HUM.**
- **Observers at CFAC.**
- **Invited by CENTCOM.**
- **Army consultants...**



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*Plans are useless, but planning is essential*

(President D. Eisenhower)

*It is time for a more professional approach, with properly trained staff to deal with future challenges.*

(Economical Renovation Theory-R. Waterman)

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***Our goal:***

- **Reduce animal suffering & loss** by incorporation of veterinary element in emergency management plans.
- **Lead rescue & relief work operations...**

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## *Our objectives 1*

- 1. Identify contacts in disaster-prone countries to improve assessment/deployment time.**
- 2. Work proactively on predictable events, to act quickly.**
- 3. Incorporate veterinary component in nat. emergency management plans of disaster-prone & key countries.**



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## *Our objectives 2*

4. Develop Training Programs for WSPA & Armies, Civil Defense & Vet. Schools & M. S. in disaster-prone & strategic countries.
5. Serve as disaster-prone portal for emergency management information & expertise.
6. Minimize animal suffering, disruption & reduce animal loss life during disasters.



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## *Our strategy*

- **Lobbying process**
- **Research**
- **Literature development**



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## *Our strategy Cont*

- **Develop Information Portal**
- **Develop ground contacts for assessment & ground support**
- **Develop WSPA team.**
- **Develop Pilot squemes**



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## *Why are we involved in this mission?*

**Victims - Farm animals generally overseen.  
Economical impact on producers.**

- **Economical Reason**
- **Public Health Reason**
- **Safety Reason** - <50% of evacuated people... (FEMA)



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*Few examples:*

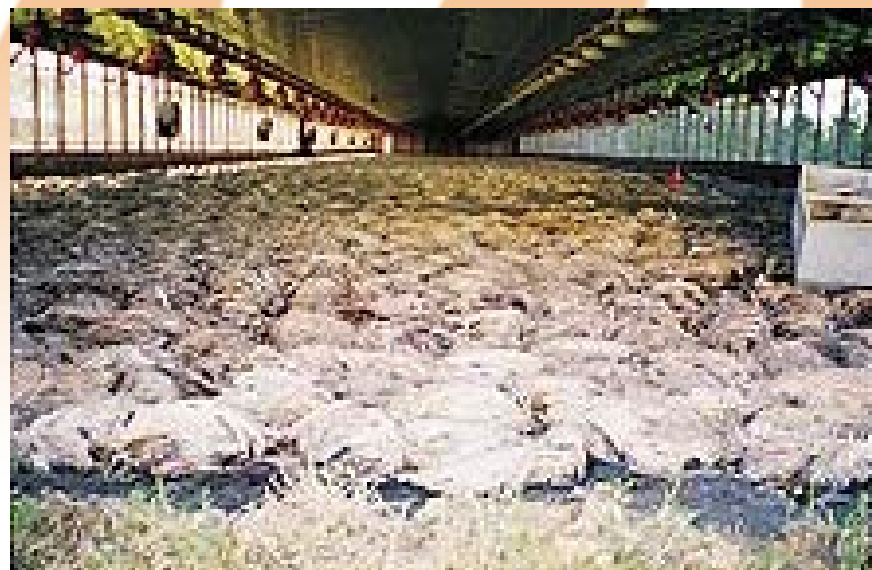


Floods in Midwest, USA  
FEMA News Photo

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*Hurricane Floyd, USA  
Foto Dr. Tom McGinn*



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*Some operations:*



Peru blizzards, 2003

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Armero, Colombia

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Hurricane Keith, Belize, 2000

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Montserrat, 1998

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Kosovo, 1997

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