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Partnerships for Risk Management: Case Study of Japan 2019-2020

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This study explores the impacts of local government partnerships on disaster risk management and their potential application to future hazards. Special focus was placed on water-related disasters in Japan in September and October 2019, as well as preliminary findings regarding the COVID-19 pandemic [in early 2020?]. Disaster pacts signed between different local governments, and between local governments and private entities, were evaluated for impacts on risk reduction based on literature review, stakeholder interviews, and surveys. We found that disaster pacts have great potential to benefit disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation as well as response to future pandemics. There are, however, multiple challenges to be overcome before disaster pacts can reach their full potential to contribute to comprehensive risk management and enhance resilience.

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