

# Responding to Disaster Without (Further) Militarizing It

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Hundred Days After study

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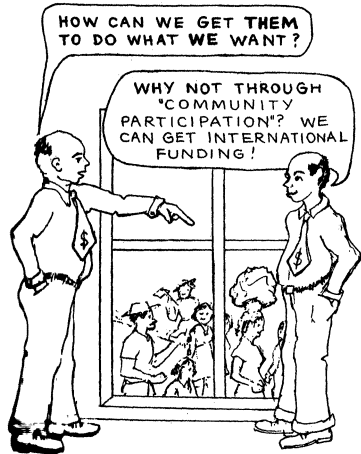
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# Outline

- ▶ What disaster relief does
- ▶ The concept of militarism
- ▶ Militarism in action after Hurricane Sandy

Try using the concept of militarism during program evaluation!

## Disaster relief redistributes resources and power.



## What militarism does

- ▶ Claims territory.
- ▶ Builds perimeter; prepares to hold territory via coercion.
- ▶ Concentrates power/resources.
  - ▶ Sometimes suspends democratic civil authority.

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*Giorgio Agamben 2005, Hannah Arendt 2005, Catherine Lutz 2002 & 2007, William H. Wiist et al. 2014*

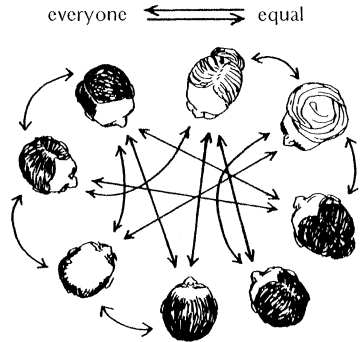
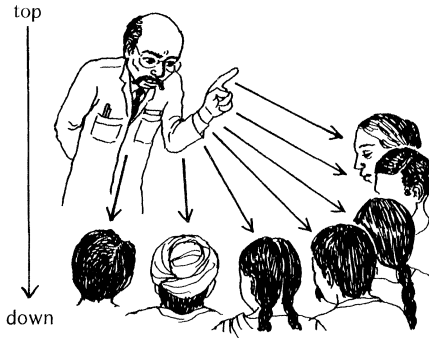
## My standpoint



## People's Medical Relief: Basic practices

- ▶ Volunteer coordination.
- ▶ Systematic survey.
- ▶ Nonpartisan service.
- ▶ Continual advocacy.

# The loudspeaker





## Meeting with FEMA



## Clinics or hospital?



# Evaluation



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