Protecting Vulnerable Communities from Targeted Violence and Mass Casualty Attacks

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PLAN, RESPOND, MITIGATE: Get Your Community Faith-Based Organizations Ready for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Importance

May 2014:
- A lethal terrorist attack on the Jewish Museum in Brussels denotes a rising tide of anti-Semitism in Europe and America.

2014 - present:
- Increase in terrorist attacks in public settings such as stadiums, cafes, subway stations and airports, desecration of religiously affiliated buildings, schools and homes, and mass killings in churches, mosques, temples, and synagogues.
- Highlights the need to increase the preparedness of vulnerable communities, especially communities of faith.
Goals

- Assess the levels of preparedness and resilience demonstrated by houses of worship and vulnerable communities against targeted violence and mass casualty attacks.

- Decrease the vulnerabilities of certain populations and slow down growing levels of violence directed at them.

- Prepare vulnerable communities to deal with pandemics.
Overview of R.E.S.I.L.I.E.N.C.E. Model

Roles and Responsibilities
Engage Partners
Share Information and Intelligence
Integrate Information
Leverage Resources and Technology
Implement Best Practices & Lessons Learned
Enlist Guardians & Execute the Plan
Neutralize Negative Mindsets
Constant Communications
Enduring Organizational Reform
Pandemic Model

- Extension of the RESILIENCE Model.

- Taking the RESILIENCE Model and applying it to the coronavirus pandemic.

- Outline how religious communities can still engage while still following suggested practices.

- Use both qualitative and quantitative analyses to identify recommendations that can be made to religious communities.
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