“We need to make it easier for people making decisions to obtain and use evidence on what works, doesn’t work and is unproven in disaster settings.”

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