

SAFE HOSPITAL INITIATIVE

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A hospital is the most visible aspect and emblematic of the provision of health care. Ensuring that hospitals remain functioning after disaster is among the *most critical measures* a country can take to strengthen community and health system resilience. However many hospitals continue to collapse, especially in low income countries, which impeded their ability to deliver health services when most needed. The Safe Hospital initiative adopted by an increasing number of countries is already giving important results. The paper will cover the main progress from the field and recommended measures for governments and institutions including professional associations, and health professionals, to meet the goal of the Hyogo Framework for Action, namely that all all new hospital will be safe by 2015.