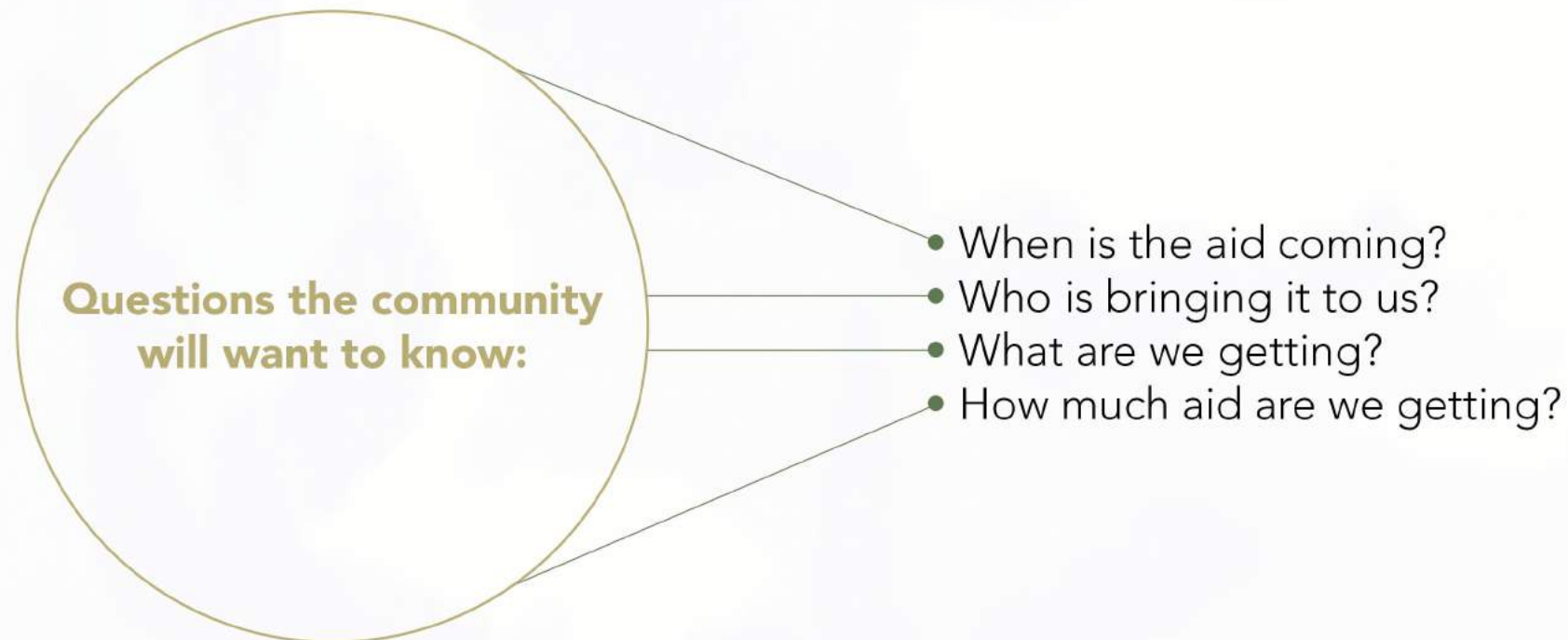


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## Questions the media will want to know:

- When is the aid coming?
- Who is controlling its distribution?
- Who is providing the aid?
- How is the government determining priorities?
- What are the priorities?
- Who is overseeing this process?
- Why is the aid being delivered by the Armed Forces?
- How is the aid being broken up?
- Where is each country's aid going?

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The most valuable commodity during



Making **rapid** and **effective responses to exceptional circumstances** requires informed **stakeholders**.

Moreover, it influences the **mobilization of resources**, especially in the:

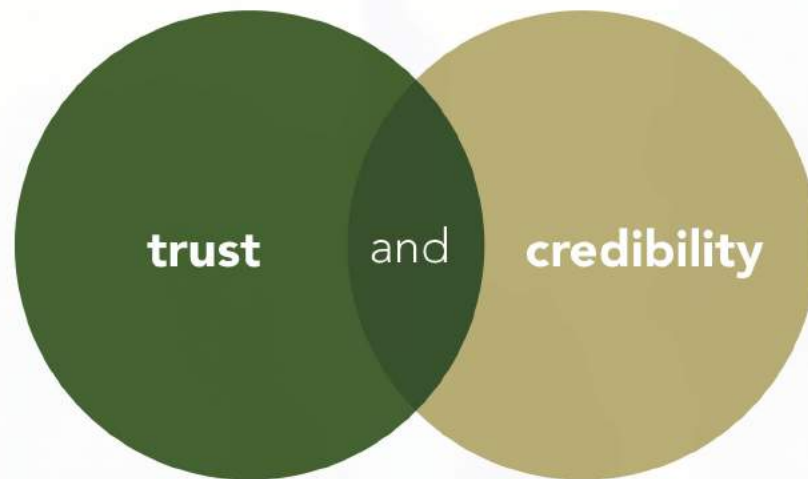
- analysis
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When **timely** and **transparent**, **information** contribute to good political communication that promote:



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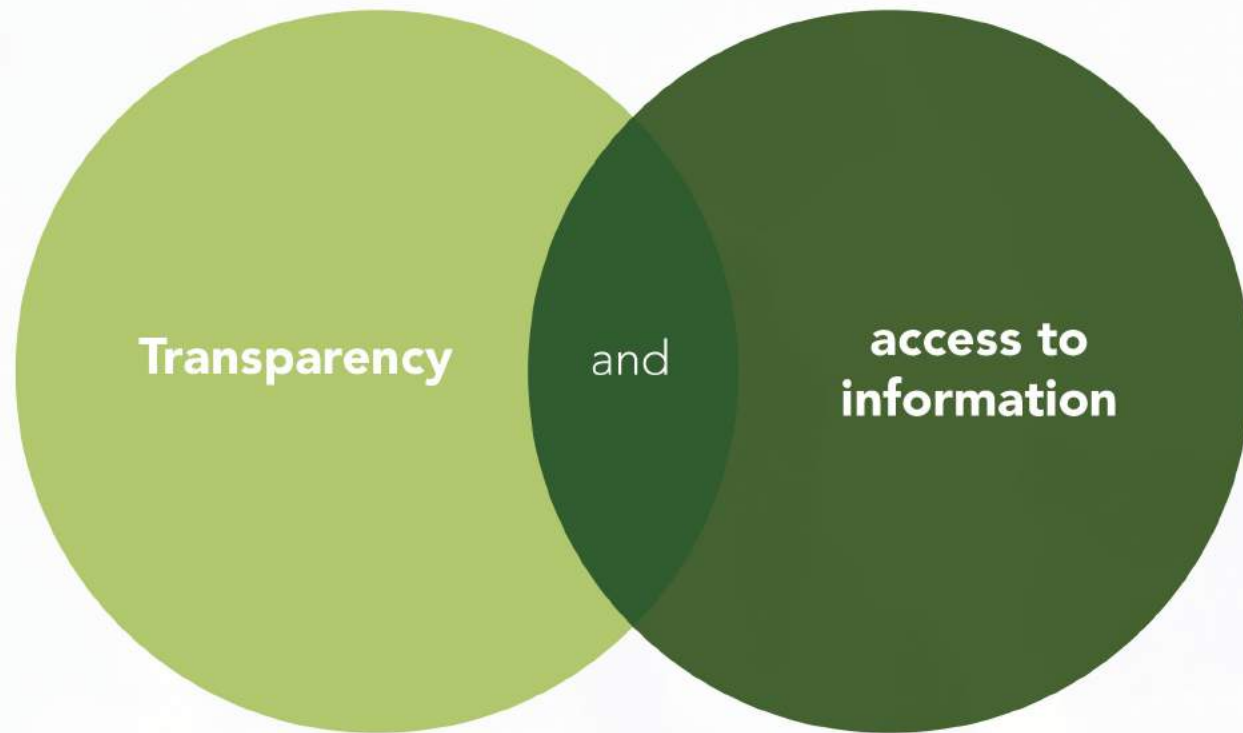
It also leads to



**Specific multistakeholder recommendations**

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reduce the **impact of disasters** and **emergencies** alongside improving the quality of life of the people affected, for when **transparency** is strengthened, new technologies are harnessed, and prevention plans are developed, countries will be better positioned to respond to **emergencies** .

Therefore, information related to humanitarian or security matters should be made available to the public.

# Proactive Disclosure of Information

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**Access-to-Information laws** requires governments to provide **information** not only upon request, but also proactively by:

disclosing

disseminating

publishing information

as widely as possible to achieve greater transparency and openness in government.

**Proactive disclosures** grant much easier **access to information** than the information that is demanded through formal administrative requests.

**Proactive disclosure** proves the commitment of public administrations and thus, the government, to the openness, transparency, and accountability which can contribute to rebuilding trust and confidence between citizens and the state.



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The **information** must be **accurate** and **available** at no cost, meaning that the use of online platforms can be of great importance. The **information groups** that should be **proactively disclosed** are:

