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**Problem Statement**

Based on the contemporary society’s rate of development, the increased demand and supply of economic investment in disaster-prone areas has been a cause for concern, particularly in disaster preparedness, mitigation, and recovery measures. In most cases, the government takes a leading role in the compensation and provision of recovery resources to the victims of disaster. Recent cases of disasters, such as Hurricane Harvey in 2017 and Michel in 2018, present an example in which the government took a central role in providing relief to the victims of the disaster following incidence. Most recently, the victims of the California Fires received significant support from the state and federal governments in restoring normalcy to their lives.

Ultimately, the government may have played such a significant role, but it would be important to consider that some of the entities affected lie within the private sector. Nonetheless, although the private sector also contributes to the recovery process, it does so out of charity and not obligation as is the case with the government. Cyber security concerns are an example of an area that is primarily in the private sector domain, but disaster preparedness in line with cyber security concerns often lie with the government. The research herein hopes to develop an ideal answer to the question based on analysis of the different parties most affected by the disasters commonly experienced in society.

**Research Question**

Whose responsibility, the government or individual entities and companies, is it to ensure adequate disaster preparedness?

**Thesis**

The government has a more significant role in contributing to disaster preparedness owing to its responsibility in ensuring the welfare of the victims affected by a particular disaster. Rather than end up with too high costs that would otherwise be avoided through proper preparation in anticipation of different forms of disaster, the government ought to take a lead role and call out for support from the private sector in disaster preparedness efforts.

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