

## Access and Functional Needs Challenges in Disaster Response



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# Recovery Timelines

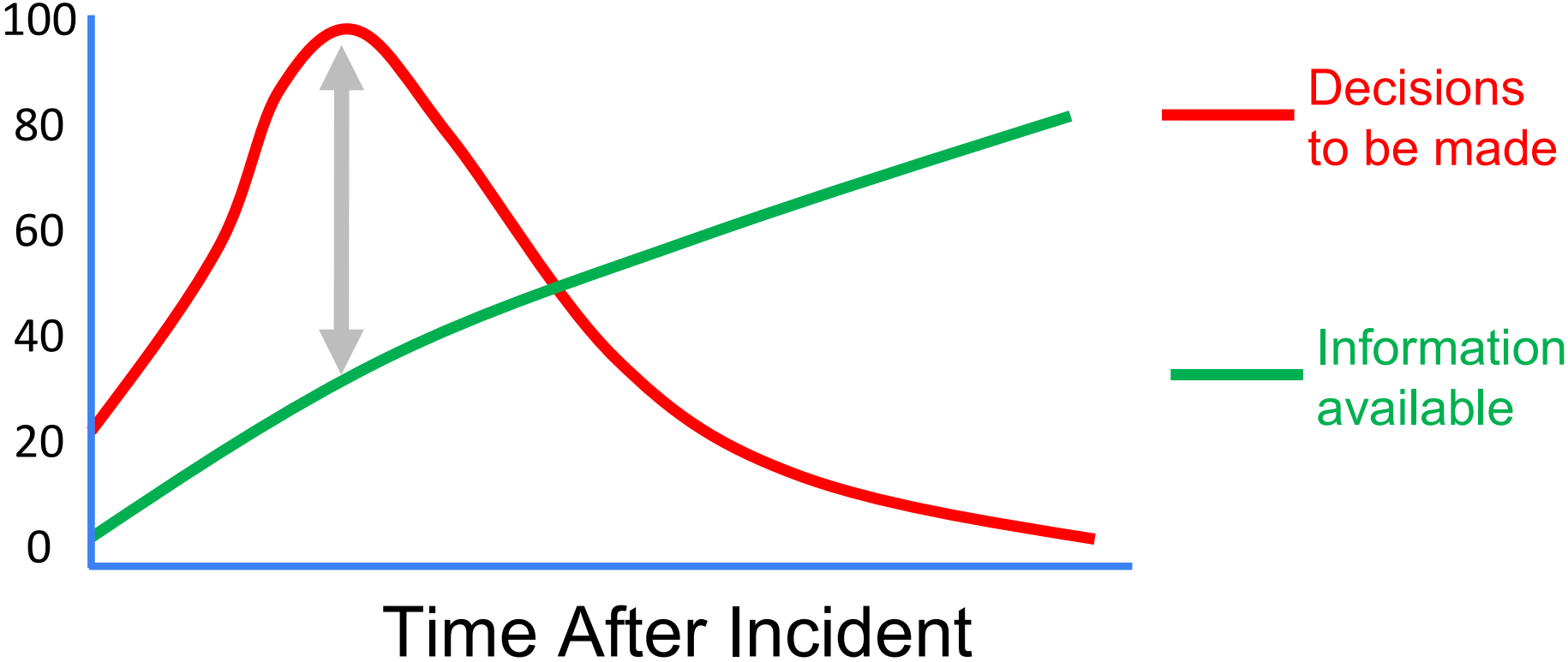


**Short-Term (days)**

**Intermediate (weeks to months)**

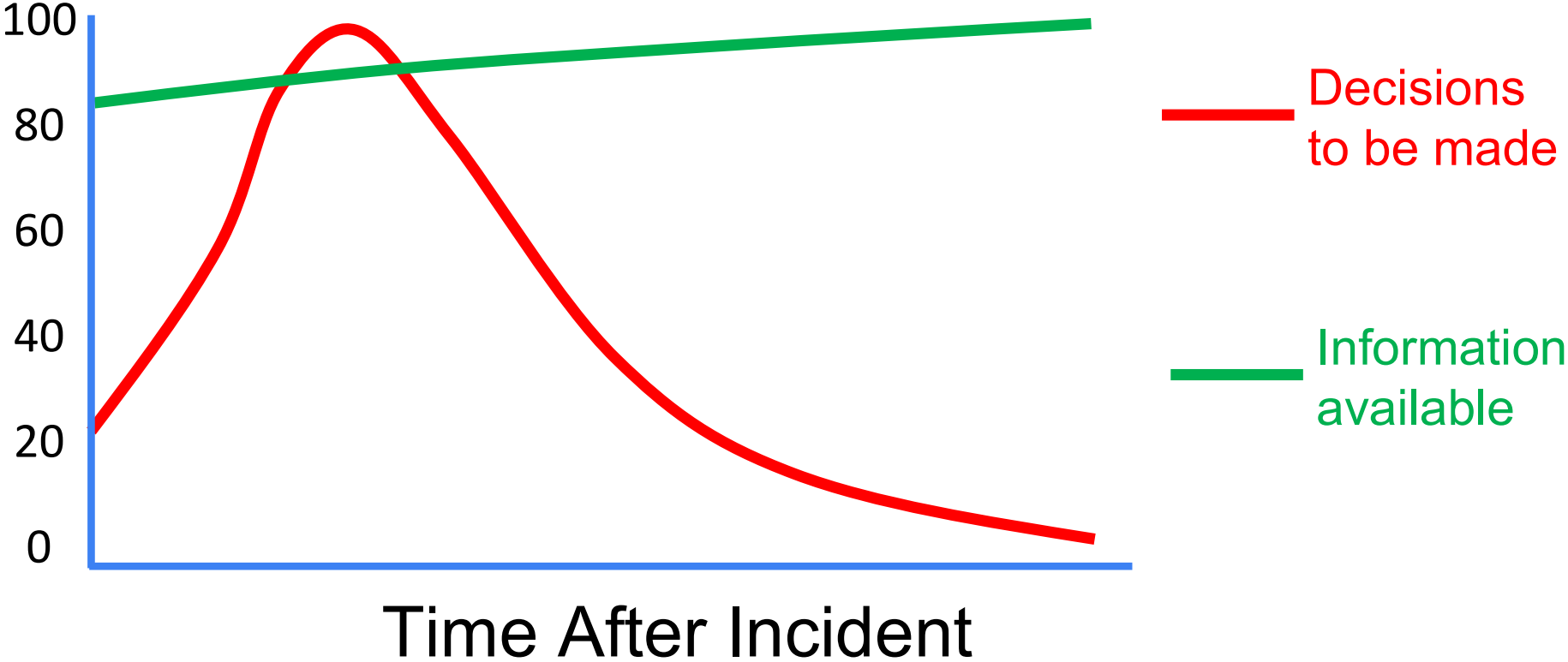
**Long-Term (months to years)**

# Typical Incident Development With Minimal or No Preplanning

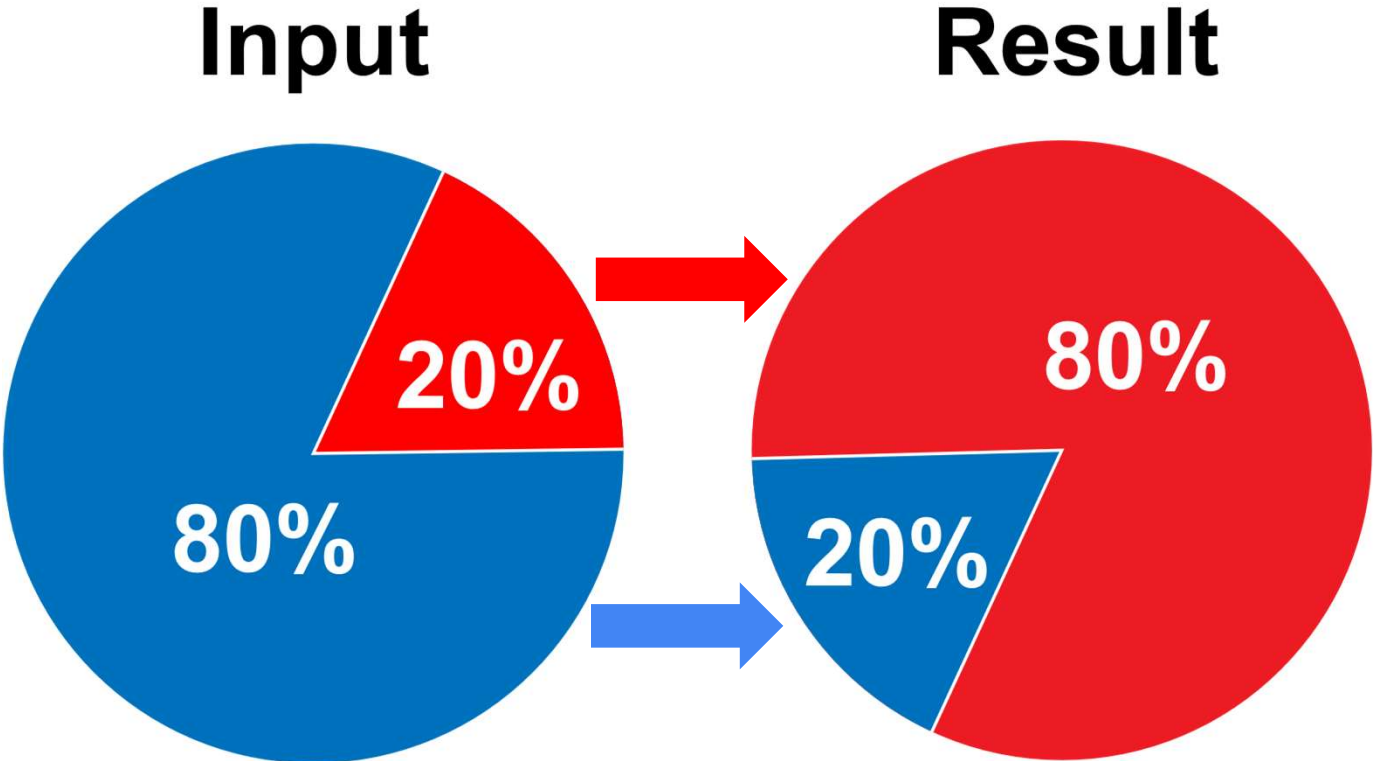




# Potential Incident Development With Proper Planning



**80/20 Rule (The Pareto Principle)**



# NEVADA: CONDITIONS

There are 17 counties in Nevada, with 15 of those counties being designated as rural or frontier. 711,436 adults in Nevada have a disability. According to the Centers for Disease Control this is equal to 28% or 1 in 4.

17  COUNTIES

15  Rural and Frontier Counties

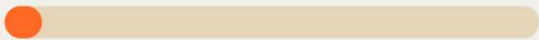
28%  
of adults in Nevada have  
a disability.

# 70%



of Deaf people who were evacuated reported living in unsanitary conditions a month after the disaster.

# 7%



however, for individuals who are not Deaf, only 7% faced unsanitary conditions.

# 74%



of evacuees who use a wheelchair reported experiencing a lack of food one month after a disaster.

# 9%



but for those able to walk, this figure stands at only 9%.

# 21%



of adults who are Blind were forced to leave their homes.

# 59%



of Deaf evacuees reported that they never went back home; more than four times the rate for people who are not Deaf.



# CMIST EXPLAINED

Communication

Independence

Transportation



Maintaining  
Health

Support &  
Safety

Nevada AFN  
Strategic Plan:



## Considerations for Planning

## CMIST Examples

- Centers for Independent Living, Agencies on Aging, Cultural Community Liaisons
- Languages spoken in the community and by tourists
- Resources to transport non-ambulatory community members
- MOUs/MOAs with school districts and other accessible transportation resources
- Impact of environmental hazards on more at risk individuals with AFN
- Invite people with lived experience/service animals to and participate in exercises
- Decontamination best practices for mobility devices, service animals, etc.
- Reunification Center trained in psychological first aid (or similar training).
- Family Assistance and Reunification Centers accessible and ADA compliant
- Adequate equipment to provide assistance to people with AFN
- MOU/MOA for distributing durable medical equipment, culturally appropriate food, resources for accessible shelters, etc.
- Accessible shelter locations with accessible beds, showers, bathrooms facilities



# Thank you!

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