



Emergency Support Function 6 – Support System

The FEMA Emergency Support Function 6 – Support System (ESF6-SS) is a coordinated nationwide database of facilities and locations that can be used to provide emergency sheltering, feeding, distributing of emergency supplies, reunification, and a number of other essential, life sustaining services that are beneficial to the welfare of a disaster survivor.

The FEMA ESF6-SS is an easy-to-use system is used to manage and store data that emergency management professionals can use for planning and operational purposes. The system has the ability to track over 30 types of facilities used for the provision of mass care/emergency assistance services as well as other supportive resources relevant to disaster relief operations.

The system also includes an enhanced GIS mapping function that enables emergency management professionals to see real time facility locations, critical infrastructure, flood plains, fault lines, and other geospatial elements.

Additionally, the system is capable of communicating with the American Red Cross National Shelter System and WebEOC, creating opportunities for data to be shared between systems and reducing the need to enter data into multiple applications. This system is available to emergency management organizations and other whole community partners who maintain an active role in the preparedness, response and recovery of communities affected by disaster. The ESF6-SS is provided free of charge and is accessible from any internet connection.

The system includes the capability to record:

- General, non-traditional, medical, and household pet shelters
- Kitchens, feeding sites
- Points of Distribution (PODs)
- Warehouses
- Warming, cooling, and respite centers
- Embarkation, debarkation, reception processing, and other evacuation sites
- Federal, state, and nongovernmental organization operations centers
- Disaster Recovery Centers

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