

## III. Vulnerability assessment

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Vulnerability assessment addressed the system's critical components; the first step is to identify and characterize prevailing hazards



Source: Macías, Ramón / February, 2000



Source: Grases, José / 1997

What should attention and vulnerability reduction efforts focus on?

Those critical components of the system that are at risk of damage as a result of an existing hazard and whose failure would have a severe impact on the quantity, quality or continuity of services in emergency and disaster situations.