

Has disaster Management Mechanism

Failed in Pakistan

Outline

1- Introduction

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2- The role of NDMA in Pakistan

3- Overview of 2022 floods : failures of NDMA

- Intractable political and economic crisis
- Worsening humanitarian crisis
- Exacerbating infrastructure losses
- Flood insecurity and water scarcity
- Death of medical and sanitary supplies

4- Reasons behind the damages and poor performance of NDMA

- Natural vulnerability of Pakistan vis-a-vis climate change
- Disconnect between NDMA/PDMA & meteorological department
- Poor governance and weak political will
- Lack of financial resources
- Illegal and uncontrolled constructions

5- Suggestions to improve the functioning of NDMA

- Hazard and risk assessment
- Effective communication and preparedness
- Promoting disaster-risk planning
- Effective community and local level risk reduction programming
- Capacity building for post disaster recovery

6- Conclusion

If you don't learn from lessons of others, you become lesson to other people (Imam Ghazali)

These lines by Imam Ghazali can be applied to the situation of Pakistan. Pakistan has witnessed a number of natural disasters since its inception, yet it has not learn anything from these disasters. After 75 years, Pakistan is still unable to manage its disaster effectively. The NDMA was made, after the terrible earthquake of 2005, in order to deal and combat with the whole spectrum of disasters. However the recent floods have raised several questions regarding NDMA's functioning. Pakistan has suffered huge political, economical and humanitarian losses due to malfunctioning of disaster management institutions. Moreover, due to poor planning and ^{non-}preparedness millions of people have faced food and water shortages. These are several reasons like climate change, poor governance and weak political will that had affected the functioning of NDMA. Moreover, due to lack of financial resources the response and rehabilitation ^{step} was not quick and effective. However, these steps can be improved through proper assessment of risks. Likewise, through integrative planning, communication and preparedness the risks of disasters in future can be mitigated. Furthermore, by raising awareness among community and capacity building of institutions these

disasters can be managed effectively. In a nutshell, Pakistan has witnessed devastating floods and landslides due to the unprecedented rains. The National Disaster Management Authority has badly failed in performing its tasks, due to which millions of people got homeless and thousands have lost their lives. However, through proper planning and adequate measures the risks of disasters in future can be mitigated.