

Disaster Management in Pakistan: Challenges and Way Forward

Outline:

1. Introduction
2. Disaster Management in Pakistan
3. Nature and context of Disasters in Pakistan
 - a. Increasing Intensity of Natural Disasters in Pakistan
 - b. Man-made disasters due to neglect and weak safety standards
4. Challenges in Disaster Management in Pakistan
 - a. Lack of funding and Resources
 - b. Severe shortfall of Early Warning systems
 - c. Poor weather forecasting capability due to limited infrastructure
 - d. Gendered Blind Policy Making in Disaster Management
 - e. Poor-land use planning and Settlements in high risk zones
5. Consequences of Poor Disaster Management
 - a. Loss of life increases
 - b. Livelihoods are destroyed
 - c. Economic losses multiply
 - d. Increases the plight of women and make them vulnerable

e. Infrastructure in the high risk zones damages severely

6. Way Forward: Recommendation to make Disaster Management Effective

- a. Increase the funding and Resources for adaptation efforts
- b. Shift from Reactive to Proactive Approach by investing in Early warning systems
- c. Enhance the weather forecasting capability and invest in Infrastructure to prepare for a likely disaster
- d. Include women in Policy Planning to adopt Gender responsive strategies
- e. Build Resilient Infrastructure and Proper Urban planning to curb the encroachment in high risk areas.

7. Conclusion