

Disaster Management in Pakistan: Challenges and Way Forward

Outline:

1. Introduction

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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

Slow recovery and reconstruction

Long-term

displacement of people

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

Strong Emergency Response Teams

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.

Improved Land-Use Planning

Use of Modern Technology

Enhanced Water & Flood

Management

Adequate Funding & Resources

7. Conclusion