

Disaster Management In Pakistan:

Challenges And Way Forward

Outline:

1) Introduction

Thesis Statement: Disaster management is the set of organized and well planned activities for mitigating the adverse impacts of disasters. Certainly, there are challenges for implementing disaster-management strategies. But through implementing proactive policy measures, disaster management challenges can be overcome.

2) Hurdles and solutions for disaster management in Pakistan

3) What are the causes of recurring disasters in Pakistan?

- a) Sensitive geographical location having glaciers and lower seporian state
- b) Enhanced climatic vulnerability and unpredictable changes in weather patterns
- c) Unaddressed disaster losses from international community for mitigating the losses
- e) Mining and drilling activities provides a trigger for disasters like earthquake

4) What are the challenges for implementing disaster management strategies in Pakistan?

- a) Lack of Institutional reforms with changing circumstances and disaster management
- b) Lack of proactive policy measures leading to exacerbating the disaster crisis
- c) Lagging consensus among political parties resulting from internal conflicts causing political instability
- d) Institutional incapacities in terms of lack of funds and resources both monetarily and human resources
- e) Unwillingness of people to participate and play role in disaster management
- f) Technological backwardness to properly address disaster vulnerabilities on time
- g) Lack of access to health facilities in remote areas resulting more fatalities during disasters

5) What strategies can be implemented for better disaster management:

- a) Developing consensus between local and federal govt for proactive and effective policy making
- b) Allocation of more funds to disaster management authorities for efficient performance

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- c) Incorporation of technologies like remote sensing and GIS for better disaster management
- d) Spread of awareness about the after effects of disasters especially in backward areas
- 6) Conclusion