

The Growing Threat of Urban flooding in Pakistan: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions.

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Arguments:

- 1) weak governance
- 2) lack of accountability
- 3) Unplanned urbanization → 6. Unplanned
- 4) Irregular river flows
- 5) Corruption in urban development projects
- 6) Insufficient use of technology.
- 7) Inadequate infrastructure design
- 8) Uncoordinated institutional roles
- 9) Climate change
- 10) Poorly maintained drainage systems
- 11) Lack of early warnings
- 12) Deforestation

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Thesis Statement:

It is evident that causes such as weak governance, lack of accountability, and unplanned urbanization, along with other factors, are the growing threats to urban flooding in Pakistan, leading to severe consequences that can be addressed through pragmatic solutions.

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Introduction:

Floods are acts of God but flood losses are largely acts of man. These wise lines are uttered by ^{Gilbert F. White,} the ~~wise~~ father of floodplain management. Natural events caused by excessive rainfall, river overflow, or storm surges that inundate land and settlements are called as floods. As the quotation emphasizes that while floods may be natural, the scale of their negligence devastation is often determined by human

Are caused by

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negligence and poor management.
In the context of Pakistan, there
are many factors that are causing
~~the~~ ^a major threat to urban flooding
in Pakistan. ~~Factors~~ The existing weak
governance, lack of accountability,
inadequate infrastructure designs and
uncoordinated institutional roles

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lengthy sentences plz

are the major ~~causes~~ ^{causes} to urban
flooding. In similar way, causes
like lack of early warnings,
poorly maintained drainage systems,
and deforestation are also ~~the causes~~
resulting in urban flooding. Therefore,
it is evident that causes like
weak governance, ^{Existential threats to} insufficient use
of technology and unplanned
urbanization are the ~~existing threats~~
to urban flooding in Pakistan.

**The Growing threat of urban
flooding in Pakistan: Causes**

a) **Current weak governance:**

One of the major ^{cause of the} growing threat
of urban flooding in Pakistan
is the existing weak governance.

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weak governance contributes significantly to urban flooding in Pakistan because of the poorly maintained and clogged draining systems which cannot ~~no~~ handle even moderate rainfall.

~~It increases the intensity of flooding~~
~~in the recent~~
~~years~~
~~which~~
have ^{been} pointed out causing flooding because of the clogged drains which shows that ~~proves~~ the failures in governance.

Lack of accountability:

The second main cause of urban flooding in Pakistan is the lack of accountability by the multiple agencies. Government entities like municipal, provincial and federal are performing no role and preventing measures like drain maintenance, enforcing by laws and land use regulations resulting in the threat to growing cities. As per Development Bank Pakistan National Urban Assessment ~~report~~ 2024

Status about Lahore: losing green cover heavily in 2010-2017; aging and overburdened drainage system which proves more the lack of accountability of the government in the urban flooding in Pakistan.

The disorganized/unplanned urbanization

The disorganized and unplanned urbanization has also been the foremost cause of urban flooding in Pakistan. Due to increase in the population of the cities, government is unable to maintain the infrastructure. Natural drainage systems are removed in order to construct new buildings. The World Bank / Government PDNA quantified enormous damage from heavy rains and floods that increased losses in cities in 2022 floods. Hence it is proved that unplanned urbanization is also a threat to urban flooding in Pakistan.

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Consequences:

Urban flooding ^{the} resulting in loss of
lives:

One of the major consequence of urban flooding is the loss of lives. It often leads to drowning, collapse of weak housing, and displacement of vulnerable communities living in informal settlements.

During the Karachi urban floods of August 2010, at least 48 people lost their lives due to flooding.

Economic Damage to Infrastructure:

Urban flooding primarily leads to the economic damage to infrastructure. The flow of the water during the floods destroy the weak buildings resulting in the huge economic and property loss. The floods of 2020, Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) estimated US \$25 billion in damages to infrastructure.

Solutions:

Restoration of Natural Drains:

There are multiple solutions to the consequences of urban flooding like restoring of natural drains. Removing encroachments and rehabilitating natural drains can decrease the risk of floods. After 2020 floods, authorities stressed the urgent need to clear nalas to open blocked drainage.

Investment in urban infrastructure:

One of the ^{other} solutions to solve the issue of urban flooding is to invest in urban infrastructure.

Sewage systems can be upgraded to bear the flow of flood water.

The Pakistan floods 2022 PDNA explicitly recommends strengthening of urban infrastructure to avoid the damage and loss in the pandemic period.

Conclusion:

~~No doubt that~~

Inadequate Infrastructure, Poor governance and ~~lack~~ of accountability are threats to urban flooding in Pakistan which has multiple consequences but can be ~~managed~~

~~by implementing some pragmatic~~

~~solutions~~. Factors like uncoordinated institutional roles, the climate change, and insufficient use of technology also plays a major role in causing urban flooding.

In addition, causes such as corruption in urban development projects, poorly maintained drainage systems, and lack of early warning systems lead to urban flooding. No doubt

that it results in ~~the~~ ^{Certainly} severe consequence including damage to the infrastructure, economical loss, and loss of lives. Moreover it also disastrously effects

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the health and environmental degradation. However, mitigation is possible, and these consequences can be addressed through targeted solutions like developing infrastructure, improving drainage systems, and implementing smart urban planning.

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