

Lecture-03: Disaster and National Development

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Topics to be Covered by this Presentation

- Disaster and National Image
- Impact on National Development
- Immediate Impact on Development
- Long-term Impact on Development
- Disaster Management Policy
- Development and DM Policy
- DM Bodies in Bangladesh

DISASTER AND NATIONAL IMAGE

- Disasters may damage the image of a country and its standing in the eyes of the international community
- Donors have aided developing countries to overcome disasters. When such aid cannot be utilized effectively, the recipient country earns a bad name even if there are valid reasons for under-utilization
- If the disaster-stricken country is ill-prepared and is tardy in intimating donors about the nature of assistance required, misunderstandings may arise.
- Recipient nations may feel they are being forced to make hasty decisions leading to misunderstanding, and they may appear to be incompetent in the eyes of the donors.

DISASTER AND NATIONAL IMAGE

- Such events not only tarnish image but have repercussions on national development
- Donors may become reluctant to offer aid
- Internally, the government may come under intense political pressure and scrutiny and instability may follow



IMPACT ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Immediate Effects on Contemporary Development
- Long-term Effects on Long-term Development



IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT

- Disasters may affect crops, livestock, fertility, transport capability, commercial offices, workers and staff
- Production and distribution would be hampered
- A single disaster may wipe out much of the GDP



LONG-TERM IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT

- Loss of export markets
- Lost Resources need to be renewed/rehabilitated
 - Communications infrastructure
 - Power supplies
 - Housing
 - Water supplies
 - Health and community facilities
- Sequence of planning and implementation of national development may be upset
 - Current plan may be disrupted
 - Forecasts of development program may become difficult
 - Next plan may become difficult to formulate
 - Resources are diverted from development programs

LONG-TERM IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT

- Donors may divert funds from development assistance programs
- Long-term unsuitability of land areas and production facilities.
- Enforced relocation of communities
- Impact of disaster may setback much of the growth/development attained over years



DISASTER MANAGEMENT POLICY

- There must be a well-thought link between **development and disaster management policy**
- Two important points
 - Most government departments have a connection with disaster management
 - Departments involved in development have no role in day-to-day disaster management activities

○ Prerequisites

- Clear recognition by government of repercussions of disasters
- Clearly defined disaster management policy
- Clear allocation of disaster management responsibility at Ministerial level
- Maintenance of effective DM capability
- A national disaster management office

○ National Disaster Management Council

- Chaired by the Prime Minister
- Ministers and Secretaries of Mo Agriculture, WR, Finance, LGRDC, Communication, HFW, Food, Home, DMR, River Transport etc.
- Chiefs of armed forces
- Secretary of Cabinet Division, Member-Secretary

- Inter-Ministerial Disaster Management Coordination Committee
 - Chaired by Minister of DMR
 - Secretaries of Cabinet Division, Mo Agriculture, WR, Finance, LGRDC, Communication, HFW, Food, Home, DMR, River Transport etc.
 - DGs NGO Bureau, DMB, DRR, BDRC

- National Disaster Management Advisory Committee
 - Chaired by an expert
 - MPs, representatives from government institutions, universities, NGOs, Donor Agencies, experts, BDRC Chairman, FBCCI President, IEB President, Insurance Company Association President, Krishi and Grameen Bank, DG DRR, DG DMB (Member-Secretary)

DM BODIES IN BANGLADESH

- Union Disaster Management Committee
- Upazila Disaster Management Committee
- District Disaster Management Committee

WHAT WE HAVE COVERED TODAY

- Disaster and National Image
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WHAT WE LEARNT

- Understanding of the disaster impact on national development of a country and its associated issues.

Thanking YOU



Questions?

What Next?

Lecture 4: Disasters of Bangladesh

Sample Questions

1. “Disaster damages not only the image of a country like Bangladesh and its stance in the eyes of the international community but have repercussions on national development” – Explain with proper example.
2. Write down the rationalities about having a well-thought link between development and disaster management policy.
3. “Planning and implementation of an existing development plan may be disrupted by disaster and may have impacts on national development” – Briefly Explain.
4. “Departments/organizations involved in development have no role in day-to-day disaster management activities” - Explain with necessary example.
5. Disaster and National Image are inherently interrelated to each other.
6. Briefly narrate the immediate and long term impacts of disasters on national development,
7. Write down the perquisites of disaster management policy for national development.