



Disasters Vulnerability & Hazard

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Disasters

• VULNERABILITY  • HAZARD

- Limited physical resources.
- Poverty.
- Bad housing.
- Lack of appropriate skills.
- Lack of education

- Earthquake
- High winds
- Drought
- War ,civil conflict
- Accidents
- Eruption



Vulnerability



- Vulnerability relates to individual's or a community's capacity to cope with a specific threats at a certain point in time .



Capacity

- Capacity is the resources of individuals, households and communities to cope with threat or resist the impact of a hazard.



The importance of Disaster Preparedness



- “While hazards are inevitable ,and the elimination of all risk is impossible ,there are many technical measures ,traditional practices and public experience that can reduce the extent or severity of disasters. Hazards and emergencies are a part of living with nature ,but human behavior can be changed.”



The importance of DP

- “ We must ,above all ,shift from a culture of reaction to a culture of prevention. Prevention is not only more humane than cure ;it is also much cheaper!!! .





- Early in the morning at 8:00 am and as usual you have given your children a lift to their schools and your wife to her workplace and then headed to your office. You have noticed an increase and abundance in the high water level on the streets around your workplace. Being a member of the Local Community Emergency Response Team, you realize that you have to communicate with the team and inquire about the situation and inform them that you are around. The Team leader asks you to be available as right now .The road is hardly clear and cut off in certain areas due to the abundance of water and silts and rocks accumulation. On the way, you have noticed you were the sole member of the team who managed to reach the pre designated assembly area.
- As Member of the committee responsible for developing the Disaster preparedness plan in your community . list down the necessary and specific actions that need to be in place to enable you better respond to the situation

