

Disaster Vulnerability.

Vulnerability is defined as the degree of probable loss. This defines the prevailing conditions, which adversely affect people's capability to prepare for, prevent, and respond to hazardous events. We can have Physical/Material Vulnerability e.g. Poor Housing, Community Located in Floodplain or proximity to Volcano.

Capacity

This is a combination of all the strengths and resources available within a community, society or organization which can, and should be mobilized to reduce the level of risk, or the effects of a disaster

Early warning

This is the provision of timely and effective information, through identified institutions, that allows individuals exposed to a hazard to take action to avoid or reduce their risk and prepare for effective response.

Prevention

Activities to provide outright avoidance of the adverse impact of hazards

and means to minimize related environmental, technological and biological disasters.

Mitigation

Structural and non-structural measures undertaken to limit the adverse impact of natural hazards, environmental degradation and technological hazards.

Disaster Preparedness

Encompasses the body of policy and administrative decisions and operational activities which pertain to the various stages of a disaster at different levels. These are pre-disaster activities designed to increase the level of readiness or improve operational capabilities for responding to an emergency

Community Resilience

This is the ability of the community exposed to hazards to adapt in order to reach an acceptable level of functioning

A threat

This is a source of danger

Impact

Specific effects of hazards or disasters also referred to as consequences or outcome

Response

Actions taken immediately before, during or directly after a disaster to reduce impacts and improve recovery.

Preparedness plan

This is a set of activities and measures that are put in place before an emergency or disaster occurs to reduce the chances of its occurrence and when it occurs they are implemented to reduce the damage that is caused by the disaster and enable the affected community to quickly recover to its state of normalcy.