



# **PARTICIPATORY DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT**

**LINK BETWEEN**

**LOCAL COMMUNITY**

**NGOS**

**VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS**

**AND**

**DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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The Local Communities, NGOs, and Voluntary Organisations, who consider themselves to be grounded and realistic, typically considered disaster management as distributing cash, clothes, providing medical assistance, water purification, etc. Most importantly, they tended to relax until another disaster struck. They hardly did anything between two disasters to reduce the impact, mitigate suffering, reduce the vulnerability and susceptibility of the people.

Post disaster, the alacrity with which these organisations turn out in large numbers is heartening ...



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## The Disaster Management Plan is clear about enlisting support of such organisations;

“The non-governmental organisations and voluntary agencies play an important role in disaster management and provide a strong band of committed volunteers with experience in managing the disasters. Their strength lies in the choice of their manpower, the informality in operations and flexibility in procedures. These organisations enjoy a fair degree of autonomy and hence can respond to changing needs immediately. ”

Harnessing their services in a planned & concerted manner still needs to be streamlined...



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The Link between these organisations and the DDMA needs to be organised with clarity of role played by each of them.

## Identifying (IRS)

- ❖ Citizens Participation
- ❖ Norms of Representation
- ❖ Umbrella Organizations
- ❖ Local Representative Organizations such as:

Residents' Associations, Mohalla Committees, Welfare Bodies, Festival Mandals, Sports/Treking /Hiking Clubs etc.

This will be purely Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP)

Need to AVOID inter-intra-party / ethnic / socio-religious conflicts

Remember the word is COMMUNITY...



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## ROLES:

- Identify and Clearly Demarcate Roles
- No overlapping as far as possible
- Permanency of Activities, Goals & Targets...
  - Formation of Local Disaster Management Committees
  - Periodical Meetings
  - Regular Interaction with representative groups
  - Sharing of Informations & updating

**Broadly the assistance from NGOs, Voluntary Organisations & Local Community will be divided into three parts...**



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## 1. BEFORE DISASTER

Prevention & Mitigation:

Help & Assistance in:

- ❖ Conducting Survey
- ❖ Enumerating Past Experiences
- ❖ Identifying Strengths & Weaknesses
- ❖ Identifying Vulnerabilities
- ❖ Training & Preparedness
- ❖ Early Warning where possible:
- ❖ Identifying and earmarking Temporary Shelters
- ❖ Information dissemination



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## 2. DURING DISASTER

Response & Relief  
As First Responders:

- Search & Rescue
  - First Aid
  - Disposal of the Dead
  - Traffic Management
  - Rumour Control
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## 3. AFTER DISASTER

Recovery & Rehabilitation

Assistance in:

- Shelter and Camp Management
- Management of Information Centers
- Damage Assessment
- Co-ordination of Humanitarian Assistance
- Equitable Distribution of Relief Supplies
- Management of Transit Camps



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## GENERALLY THESE LINKS CAN BE ...

- TO PROMOTE AN INFORMED , ALERT AND SELF-RELIANT COMMUNITY.
- TO ENHANCE PEOPLES PERCEPTION OF THE RISK.
- TO ASSIST IN RISKS ASSESSMENT & VULNERABILITY STUDIES.
- TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT IN EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF DISASTER.



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**A DISASTER RESPONSE  
AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
WILL BE SUCCESSFUL...**

**ONLY BY EFFECTIVE MOBILISATION AND  
PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Thank you for your valuable time  
Ladies & Gentlemen**