

Disaster Management is a process of effectively preparing for & responding to disasters. It involves strategically organising resources to lessen the harm that disasters cause. It also involves a systematic approach to managing the responsibilities of disaster prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Types of Disaster Management

1. **Natural disasters:** These disasters includes floods, hurricanes, earthquakes & volcano eruptions that can have immediate impacts causing further death & suffering from floods causing landslides, earthquakes resulting in fires.
2. **Environmental emergencies:** These emergencies include technological or industrial accidents, usually involving hazardous materials, & occur where these materials are produced, used or transported. Large forest fires are included in this definition bcz. they tend to be caused by humans.
3. **Complex emergencies:** These emergencies involve a break-down of authority, looting & attacks on strategic installations. Complex emergencies include conflict situations & war.
4. **Pandemic emergencies:** These emergencies involve a sudden onset of a contagious disease that affects health but also disrupts services & business, bringing economic & social costs.

Disaster Prevention

"The outright avoidance of adverse impacts of hazards & related disasters."

Disaster Prevention is the concept of engaging in activities which intend to prevent & avoid potential adverse impacts through action taken in advance, activities designed to provide protection from the occurrence of disasters.

When disasters strike, there is always a huge amount of goodwill from rehabilitation professionals around the world who wish to use their skills to support those affected.

Disaster Management can be defined as the organisation & management of resources & responsibilities for dealing with all humanitarian aspects of emergencies, in particular, preparedness, response & recovery in order to decrease the impact of disasters.

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