

Comparative analysis of the National Disaster Management plan of Pakistan in the regional context

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The geopolitical location of South Asian nations has exposed people of these countries to a variety of natural and man-induced disasters, like earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, etc. To face the threats associated with these disasters, there is a need to develop proactive collaborative disaster management plans at national and regional levels. Pakistan has recently developed a National Disaster Management Plan, which provides a framework for managing disaster-related issues at gross root levels. However, the plan still requires implementation in true spirit. In this paper, the National Disaster Management Plan has been reviewed and compared with the Disaster and Emergency plans of other South Asian countries, like India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The comparative analysis shows that Pakistan needs to develop a collaborative network with other South Asia countries for effective implementation of the disaster management plan.