



NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN 2019



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DEDICATION

This document is dedicated to “the people of Pakistan especially those who lost their lives in disasters and to the brave people of Pakistan who are playing their part for a Safer, Prosperous and Resilient Pakistan”.



MESSAGE BY THE HONORABLE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN



Calamities have always posed formidable challenges to mankind. The pursuit to neutralize the threat led to evolution of practices, varying in content but common in outlook wherein total reliance was placed on '**Response**'. The structural imbalance of such a posture became amply evident during Earthquake-2005. To redress the weaknesses, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was created through National Disaster Management Ordinance 2007 later NDM Act - 2010.

I am glad that in its capacity, **NDMA has developed elaborate Plans covering the myriad potential NATURAL as well as INDUCED Disasters**. In this context, the National Disaster Response Plan (**NDRP-2019**) has addressed relevant aspects of potential hazards, vulnerability analysis, available/ projected resource inventories, roles and responsibilities of stakeholders, identification of shortcomings and most importantly expounded cost-effective counter measures.

I am pleased to present to the people of Pakistan the National Disaster Response Plan-2019 which will enhance the capacities of country's Disaster Management Bodies to manage disasters using a comprehensive National Approach. I am confident that the document will contribute towards clearing concepts, building networks, harmonizing initiatives and energizing stakeholders.

I wish, the guidelines set forth by the NDRP-2019 are followed by all concerned to save human lives and property. NDMA, on its part, must bring about any changes warranted by experience to make the NDRP a truly living document.

I am also confident that with materialization of such ventures, the coming times will witness attainment of goals for better management of hazards/ disaster and will make Pakistan Disaster Resilient.

“Pakistan Paindabad”

Imran Khan
Prime Minister
The Islamic Republic of Pakistan





MESSAGE BY THE CHAIRMAN NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY



Pakistan has a **diverse landscape** from snowcapped & rugged mountains, riverine plains, vast deserts and extended coastal area **exposing Pakistan to** all types of **Natural Hazards** i.e **Geological, Hydro-Meteorological, as well as Human Induced ones**. Since inception, Pakistan has faced/ handled devastating disasters; however, over the period of time Disaster Management Bodies/ System (Civil Defense, Emergency Relief Cell, Federal Flood Commission, National Crisis Management Cell, NDMA and PDMAs) have gone mature and are contributing towards making a disaster resilient Pakistan. **Today, I am confident that Disaster Management Bodies of Pakistan are in the process of becoming capable and ready to handle all types of disasters at short notice with minimum losses to human life.**

The functioning of National Disaster Management Commission (NDMC) under stewardship of the Prime Minister and its executive organ i.e. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), ushered in an across the board transformation of the national perspective on the subject. While disasters are beyond our control, **our capacity** to minimize risks, prevent losses, prepare, respond and recover **has been improved significantly**. We have considerably enhanced our technical compatibilities in forecasting and closely monitoring predictable hazards. A planned re-orientation of all stakeholders heralded the much-needed evolution of legal frameworks, administrative arrangements, organizational structures and financial outlays to achieve desired Disaster Risk Management goals.

NDMA has revised/ formulated National Disaster Response Plan (NDRP-2019) after extensive cross-sectoral consultations which seeks to upgrade the country's ability to cope with all conceivable disasters. To achieve this purpose, complete range of disaster management activities from **Preparedness to Response** have been addressed. The formulation outlines a framework for emergency response at different levels of the government structure; identifies roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders and lays down coordination mechanism for activities involving the United Nations, INGOs / NGOs, Civil Society Organizations, Public & Private Sectors and Media to harness the full national potential for efficient disaster management.



The efficacy of any response being dependent on its currency, the NDRP needs to be kept relevant through regular updation. Towards this end, NDMA will welcome suggestions/ recommendations for improvement.

I wish success to all engaged in Disaster Response initiatives.

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