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What is Disaster Clinic?

Disaster Clinics are informal group sessions or conferences offering counsel or instruction in specific fields, activities and issues concerning disaster. Primarily each clinic is designed as an informal meeting with a small number of guest lecturers (i.e. disaster practitioners, specialists and academician) where a small-to-medium sized audience questions the guests on predefined disaster related topics. Disaster Clinic will create a common platform for the disaster practitioners and stakeholders to interact and share personal thoughts, views, newer ideas, experiences, etc and enhance professional capacity of the disaster practitioners. This exercise is expected to contribute greatly in disaster knowledge generation, re-generation and expansion process and help attain deep understanding of the relevant subject.

How NIRAPAD is involved with it?

Network for information response and preparedness activities on disaster, NIRAPAD is a knowledge based organisation that focuses on the field of disaster with an ambition to add value to overall Disaster Risk Management Framework. The organisation has been working in the field of disaster for a long period of time that allowed it to explore newer facts and information, which subsequently helped it attain extended understanding on Disaster. Through its various projects and research activities NIRAPAD tried to explore, identify, learn and document interesting facts and evidence, knowledge gaps, new approach, etc.

This learning process essentially assisted NIRAPAD to look at disaster and other disaster contributing factors from a different dimension, which possibly might add a little momentum to the holistic Disaster Risk Management effort. NIRAPAD wishes to share its experiences and knowledge amongst the practitioners and stakeholders through some topic oriented inter-active lecture sessions named as Disaster Clinic.

What is the objective of the Clinic?

The objective of Disaster Clinics is to contribute generation, re-generation and expansion process of disaster related knowledge creating a common platform for the disaster practitioners and stakeholders and academicians to interact and share personal thoughts, views, newer ideas, experiences, etc. as well as enhance professional capacity of the disaster practitioners.

What is the process of conducting Disaster clinic?

Disaster clinics are essentially designed as informal group sessions or conferences where a small number of lecturers will discuss on predefined topic and later answer relevant questions from a small-to-medium sized audience. The discussion topics for the Disaster Clinics are selected through a collaborative approach where relevant practitioners, stakeholders and organisations may voluntarily propose any disaster related issues that they feel worth discussing. The Disaster Clinic conduction process encourages organisations and individuals to collaborate with it. Relevant organisations and individuals can facilitate and collaborate with the conduction process by providing any support and/or assistance (i.e. information, knowledge, resource persons, logistic support, moral support etc.). These clinics will be conducted mostly in English but if required Bengali may occasionally be used for better understanding of the participants. All relevant reading materials and documents will be electronically transferred to all the participants. Given with adequate available resources, time and resource persons NIRAPAD wishes to organise at least one Disaster Clinic each month.

Who are the stakeholders and participants?

Practitioners and stakeholder belonging to the field or disaster are the initial target participants. However students, researchers, media personals can also participate in the clinic. People intend to participate in the Disaster Clinic can contact at-

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What are the topics & discussions?

Initially six topics had been selected for the forthcoming Clinics-

- Disaster and vulnerability through peoples perspective
- Climate change and disaster risk
- Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction
- Transformation of management system and National Disaster risk reduction model
- Accountability in Humanitarian Interventions
- Women leadership in Disaster Risk Management

What is the process of documentation and sharing?

Each Disaster Clinic will be well documented. Effective and capable resources persons will be engaged in the documentation process for taking notes and photographs. A final report on each clinic will be generated and circulated by NIRAPAD.