## Community Based Disaster Management

**Course Description**

In social work research, disasters are seen as a type of collective stress situation in which many individuals fail to have their needs met through societal processes. Hence the course will offer methods where communities can work together in a situation of disaster to manage their issues and stresses**.**

**Course Objectives**

Main objective of the course is to introduce students with the concept, nature and diversities of the disaster. It will also acquaint students with different impacts of disaster on human society; propose possible solutions to stop or minimize the disaster’s occurrence.

**Learning Outcomes**

* The students will have better understanding of the concepts related to disaster and its management
* The course will equip students with various skills and methods to mitigate and manage disaster at the community level

**Teaching Method**

This course will be based on interactive discussions; student centered learning activities and research projects. The preferred teaching approach will be ‘active learning’ in which students solve problems, answer questions, formulate questions of their own, brainstorm, discuss, explain and debate. Co-operative learning will be encouraged through group discussions, assignments and projects. Periodical assessments and evaluation through class participation, quizzes, assigned tasks, research project, Mid Term and End Term examinations will be a part of this course.

**Course Content**

1. Definition, meaning and explanation of Disaster and Disaster Management
2. Types of Natural Disaster
3. Types of Man-made Disaster
4. Terminologies related to Disaster:
5. Hazard
6. Risk
7. Vulnerability
8. Capacity
9. Resilience
10. Effects of Disasters
11. Disaster Management Cycle
12. Preparedness
13. Response
14. Reconstruction
15. Recovery
16. Mitigation
17. Disasters in Pakistan
18. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authorities in Pakistan
19. Role of community in disaster risk reduction
20. Role of professional social worker in pre and post-disaster situations
21. Guest speaker session on disaster mitigation and management

**Suggested Readings**

Alexander, D. (2000). Confronting Catastrophe: New Perspectives on Natural Disaster. New York: Oxford University Press.

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