

Disasters and Vulnerability in South Asia: Programme of Work for Duryog Nivaran

This document outlines a programme of work based on an alternative perspective on disaster and vulnerability in South Asia. This perspective is derived from the experiences of organisations working in development in disaster prone areas of the South Asian sub-continent.



The programme focuses on disruption in society induced or exacerbated by disasters such as earthquakes, floods, conflicts and famine. These disasters devastate society and economy in many ways. They result in large-scale loss of life and injury; destruction of property, infrastructure, businesses and livelihoods; displacement of people; and disruption of health and education services.

The aim of this programme of work is to develop policy options which address these disasters from an overall perspective of vulnerability of disadvantaged sections of society, and to encourage governments, donors and NGOs to adopt these options. This intended to increase the effectiveness of disaster mitigation programmes throughout South Asia.