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Community-based disaster preparedness to support vulnerable people

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Natural disasters and vulnerable people in Vietnam

- Vietnam is prone to natural disasters
- Some main natural disasters:
 - River flood, flash flood
 - Drought
 - Hurričane/typhoon/storm, tropical depression
 - Landslide
 - Salinity intrusionSea level rising

 - Earthquake
- About 80% of VN population may be affected by natural disasters
- Annual impacts in the past 5 years:
 - About 200 people died and thousands injured
 - About 300 thousand houses damaged or destroyed
 - About 2 million of people faced food shortage in short term
 - 1-2% GDP loss
- Vulnerable people: impacted people, especially the elderly, PWD, children, pregnant women, IDP (internally displaced persons)

Preparedness to support vulnerable people

1. Improve awareness, knowledge and skills by means of training, propaganda, practices,... in the communities







2. Preparedness on first aid and medical care at home and in the communities









3. Weather forecasting information and warning/alert system by TV, radio, telephone/message, loudspeakers, oral message, internet, bells/gong, fire...







4. Evacuation before disasters and set up evacuation points







5. Water and food reserve for people and livestock









6. Safety shelter to protect people, housing, properties and livestock...







7. Creation of task forces at communities, specially rescue teams

and distribution of relief goods







8. Hygiene and disease prevention





and recovery from disaster



Comments

- Community-based preparedness is very important for disasters prevention and mitigation
- The diversity of natural disasters and quick changes in the context of climate change make it difficult to correctly forecast and create difficulties to community-based disaster preparedness
- Community cohesion/links is an especially important role in supporting preparedness, planning,..
- Restricted community capacity (reserves, human resource, knowledge, skills...) leads to preparedness and implementation's limitations