

# Country Presentation on DRR

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### COUNTRY OVERVIEW

- Officially called the **Islamic Republic of Pakistan**: bordered by India - east, Afghanistan - west, Iran - southwest and China - far northeast.
- 190 million population: 6<sup>th</sup> most populous country in the world.
- Federal Parliamentary Republic; 4 provinces, 1 federal capital territory, 2 autonomous and disputed territories, and group of federally administered tribal areas.
- 75 cities (10 major); three-tier local government system: districts, tehsils, union councils

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## EXPERIENCE OF DISASTERS

Type of Disaster	Year	Details
Floods	2010	Worst flood in history; affected 84 districts across country; 18 million people affected
	2011-13	
	1950	Caused by monsoon rain in Punjab; 900,000 homeless; 100,000 homes destroyed; 3,000 killed
Earthquakes	2015	7.5 magnitude that struck major cities; KP province worst hit; 93,951 houses damaged, 1500+ people injured, 232 killed

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Type of Disaster	Year	Details
Earthquakes	2013	In Balochistan; 300,000 people affected, 825 killed
	2008	In Balochistan
	2005	7.6 magnitude across country; Kashmir region worst hit; 73,000 killed, more than 3.3 million people left homeless
	1974	6.2 magnitude; hit Kohistan and surrounding areas including northern Pakistan; 97,000 people affected, 17,000 injured, approx. 5,300 killed

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Earthquakes	1945	7.8 magnitude in southwest Balochistan and led to 40-foot tsunami; over 4,000 killed, massive damage to properties
	1935	7.7 magnitude that virtually leveled the city of Quetta in Balochistan; 60,000 people killed
Drought	2000	Lasted over 10 months; Nushki Town worst affected; 1.2 million people affected, over 100 died, millions of animals perished

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Type of Disaster	Year	Details
Cyclones	2007	Cyclone Yemyin that triggered flash floods in coastal areas; 1.5 million people affected of which 350,000 displaced, 380 killed, more than 2 million livestock perished
	1970	Bhola tropical cyclone; deadliest cyclone ever recorded; up to 500,000 killed

## CHALLENGES IN REALISING DRR

- Technological challenges and availability of information in predicting occurrence of natural disasters.
- Lack of attention and ownership from Government, policy makers, academia and grass-root level influential figures.
- Limited appreciation of the scope for enhanced resilience.
- Disasters continued to be perceived primarily as intermittent, external shocks, largely beyond the control of policy-makers.
- Lack of coordination between various DRR actors.
- Funding constraints.

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## POTENTIAL AREAS FOR COLLABORATION

- Support move from disaster response to disaster prevention (EWS, multi hazard risk and vulnerability assessments).
- Mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into development.
- Infrastructure development (Building Codes).
- Support to implementation of regulations and enforcement mechanisms.
- Incentivizing voluntary standards through private insurance, finance and monitoring/reporting organizations.
- Transparent monitoring and reporting on resilience.

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