

Assessment of Women's Vulnerability in Natural Disasters: An Investigation into the Coastline Area of Bangladesh

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Abstract

The present study was conducted to identify women's vulnerability, disaster preparedness, disaster loss, and adaptability to disasters. They experienced high risk in disasters in terms of mortality, water, health, sanitation facilities, insecure livelihood and deprivation from relief materials. They were victims of sufferings and mostly enjoyed limited scope of participation in response or management activities. To recover the loss of disaster, women cope with several adaptation strategies like homestead gardening, seasonal vegetables cultivation, alternative farming, tree plantation, engaging in cash for work programmes and livestock rearing. Study strongly advocates for building comprehensive adaptation strategies that are helpful for community resilience and reducing women vulnerability.

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