

# **Disaster Management Practices and Community Participation: Role of Social Work in the Context of Bangladesh**

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## **Abstract**

Bangladesh is one of the most vulnerable countries to natural disaster in the world. Although it is not possible to prevent the incidence of natural disasters but the extent of damages caused by disasters could be minimized by taking appropriate measures in advance. Therefore, the Government of Bangladesh has adopted disaster management plans and programs with especial emphasis on community participation. To understand the disaster management practices and nature of community participation a study has been conducted in a flood-prone village of Sirajganj district and the findings have been presented in this paper. The findings show that government agencies and non-governmental organizations play significant role in managing disasters through adopting structural and non-structural measures. The findings also show that people of the study area have active participation in disaster management process with some limitations. Finally the paper concluded with some recommendations to strengthen the disaster management process.

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