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ROLE OF NGOs IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY



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Abstract

Disasters are either natural, such as floods, droughts, cyclones and earthquakes, or human-made such as riots, conflicts, refugee situations, and others like fire, epidemics, industrial accidents, and environmental fallouts. Often, the difference between them is marginal. Globally, natural disasters account for nearly 80 percent of all disaster-affected people. NGOs are organizations that are nonprofit making, voluntary and independent of government, engaged in activities concerning various societal and developmental issues. The role of the NGO's during a disaster is to have quick response and to try and save as many lives as it can with the given funds. NGO's have a faster

response to situations because it does not need to clear paperwork. The findings, the people of the disaster affected area should inform the details of the disaster sufficiently ahead. Friends and relatives followed by electronic and print media were the better source of information about occurrence of disasters. The study also found that the role of the NGOs in disaster management were providing relief materials, involvement in rescue operations, arranging temporary shelters; organize health camp and developing communication facilities. NGO also provided training and education to the children.

Keyword

Disaster, Cyclones, NGOs, Epidemics etc.