

ABSTRACT

To formulate the Disaster Management Pan of a 350 bedded Super Specialty Hospital

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A “disaster” is defined as “any occurrence that causes damage, ecological disruption, loss of human life or deterioration of health and health services on a scale sufficient to warrant an extraordinary response from outside the affected community or area. Because of the heavy demand placed on their services at the time of a disaster, hospitals need to be prepared to handle such an unusual workload. Chaos cannot be prevented during the first minutes of major accident or disaster. But it has to be the aim of ever disaster plan to keep this time as short as possible.

An appropriate and effective organization in the disaster area should result in

- The survival and recuperation of as many patients as possible
- A proportional distribution of patients to several hospitals

The aim of the project is :

To formulate the Disaster Management Pan of a 350 bedded Super Specialty Hospital to fulfill the following:

- a. **Preparedness (365 x 24 x 7) to manage a Disaster** situation by temporarily enhancing operational capacity
- b. Identify responsibilities of individuals and departments in the event of a disaster situation.
- c. Identify Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's) for emergency activities and responses.

The study is a qualitative approach. Focused group discussions and interviews were organized among the members of EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE of Asian Institute of Medical Sciences.

- **Primary Data** – Focused group discussion(Emergency Preparedness Committee meetings), Facility Management Rounds

- **Secondary Data** – Hospital records (Hospital Master plan, Manpower status, and Equipment & Inventory status)

The key for any successful mastering of a crisis is to be well prepared. All potential problems have to be carefully analyzed and respective precautions have to be taken. Some investments may be expensive but are most likely well worth it.

Emotional denial of mass accidents and disasters results in an act of negligence. Only an illusionist believes that he will be able to manage major accidents and disasters without systematic planning by simply concentrating on existing resources. No one should rely too much or exclusively on high-tech facilities in extraordinary situations. Major accidents and disasters can only be mastered and controlled by intelligent planning.