

National Commission for Disaster Management



The institutional arrangements proposed for Afghanistan, include a National Commission for Emergency and Disaster Management (referred to as National Commission hereafter) consisting of relevant ministries tasked to intervene in disaster situations by utilizing their existing structures and resources in a coordination fashion, an Executive Committee consisting of lead ministries, and Management office.

The national Commission is a full national multicultural commission involved in setting policy direction for risk and vulnerability reduction with active participation of socio – economic, environmental, and governance sectors before and after disaster. Key line ministries of the Commission will have technical units established to prepare for and respond to disaster, and will undertake their capacity building. The Vice-President is its Vice – chair. All Cabinet members are members of the National commission.

The functions of the National Commission are as follows:

- Identification and setting of strategic directions/measures for disaster reduction
- Approval of National financed preparedness plans, response, and reconstruction plans
- National Emergency Coordination (including emergency operations, response and international appeals)
- Declaration of state of Disaster or Emergency
- Development of National policies and contingency plans
- Management of funds provided for disaster relief purposes
- Mobilization of International Assistance in times of Major Emergency