

**BA 6th SEMISTER
SOCIAL WORK
GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE)**

SW620G: SOCIAL WORK: SOCIAL WORK _ RESPONSE TO DISASTERS

Total Credits: 4 (Theory) + 2 (Tutorials)

Objectives/ Expected Learning Outcomes:

1. Understand the role and function of legal system and relevant legislation in protecting social justice and human rights.
2. Develop insight into social legislations and Human rights in dealing with different vulnerable groups.
3. Understand the context of Human Rights and the emergence of rights based perspective in Social Work practice.

COURSE CONTENTS: (THEORY: 4 CREDITS)

Unit-1: Basic Concepts (15 Hours)

- Hazard, Vulnerability, Risk and Disaster
- Distinction Between Hazard, Vulnerability, Risk and Disaster
- Types of Disasters- Manmade and Natural
- Key Vulnerable Groups in Disasters- Children, Elderly and Women

Unit 2: Nature, Classification and Aggravating Factors of Disasters (15 Hours)

- Approaches of Disaster Studies- Geographical, Social Work and Epidemiological and Technical
- Classification of Disaster: Minor and Major (Natural), Minor and Major (Manmade) Policy Disaster
- Aggravating Factors of Disasters- Poverty, Population, Urbanization, Environmental Degradation and Lack of Awareness, Civil Strife and War

Unit-3: Managing Disasters (15 Hours)

- Disaster Management Cycle- Relief, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, Development, Recovery, Mitigation, Preparedness
- Emergency Management- Pre-disaster (Prevention and Preparedness) Post-disaster (Response and recovery)
- Safety Tips for Key Disasters- Flood, Avalanche,
- Basic Skills needed to respond disasters

Unit 4: Social Work Intervention in Disaster Situation (15 Hours)

- Social work intervention: Contingency planning & fund raising, mobilization & management of human resources,
- Relief material procurement, crisis management, rapid health assessment & emergency health management; livelihood security
- Community based disaster preparedness (CBOP) and management (CBDM)
- Post-disaster trauma care and counselling including grief counselling

TUTORIALS {2 Credits: 30 Hours}

Tutorials with duration of 30 Hours shall be based on the assignments given to learners relevant to the course. Book review, Discussion on select readings, screening of documentaries and other feasible activities that the tutor deems relevant for the course.

READINGS

1. Abarquez, I. & Murshed, Z. (2004). *Community-Based Disaster Risk Management: Field Practitioners' Handbook*. New Delhi: Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre.
2. Blaikie, P., Cannon, T., Davis, I., & Wisner, B. (2004). *At Risk: Natural Hazards, People's Vulnerability and Disaster*. London: Routledge.
3. Maskrey, A. (1989). *Disaster Mitigation: A Community Based Approach*. Oxford: Oxfarm.
4. Miller J. L. (2012). *Psycho-Social Capacity Building in Response to Disasters*. New York: Columbia University Press.