

National Disaster Management Advisory Committee

Chairman: A person experienced in disaster management/specialist in this field nominated by the Prime Minister.

Members: Members of Parliament (8) elected from disaster-prone areas; experienced persons from government agencies, university, NGOs, donor organisations and other agencies in the field of water resources, meteorology, seismographic engineering, physical infrastructure planning, social anthropology, education, disaster management (total 30 members); Chairman, Red Crescent Society; President, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries; President, Institute of Engineers; Chairman, Insurance Company Association; Chairman, Krishi Bank; Chairman Grameen Bank; Director General, Department of Relief and Rehabilitation; and Local Representative for the Armed Forces' Division.

Member-Secretary: Director General, Disaster Management Bureau.

Meetings: Twice a year, the Chairman may call additional meetings, if needed.

Sub-committees: Sub committees may be formed for cyclone warning, flood forecasts, earthquake risks, and participation by the people. Experts may be coopted on to the respective sub committees after formation and selection of the Chairman.

General responsibilities

- (a) Advise the National Disaster Management Council, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, and the Disaster Management Bureau on technical management and socioeconomic aspects of disaster prevention/mitigation, preparedness, emergency response, and development (rehabilitation and reconstruction).
- (b) Alert Committee members about the risk of disaster and mitigation possibilities and encourage them to become involved workshops, training, and research.
- (c) Create a forum for discussion by experts on the risk of disaster, opening opportunities for cooperation in solving problems related to disaster management.
- (d) Recommend release of funds for special projects and also to introduce special emergency methods or empowerment, if needed.
- (e) Recommend solutions to problems identified by the Disaster Management Bureau or any other agency/person.
- (f) Propose long-term rehabilitation plans.
- (g) Hold post-mortems or prepare final evaluations of programmes undertaken to cope with disasters and submit a report with recommendations to the National Disaster Management Council.