

Natural Disaster, Internal Displaced People and Media Coverage in Nepal

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Nepal, geographically located at Himalayan mountain regions and within territory of Monsoon climate, which caused high prone natural disasters regularly. Nepal ranks as the 10th most affected country in the world according to the Climate Risk Index. Approximately 80 percent of Nepal's population is at risk from natural and climate-induced hazards. Similarly, Nepal ranks 4th on climate change induced disaster, 11th ranks on earth quack disaster and 30th rank on flood and land slide disaster in the world. Landslide, Floods, Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs), and Earthquake, Forest Fire, Drought and Avalanche are the most repeated disasters in Nepal.

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Nepal faces a significant risk of natural disasters due to its geographical location and diverse topography. The combination of being situated in the Himalayan mountain regions and experiencing a monsoon climate makes the country susceptible to various hazards. Nepal ranks as the 10th most affected country in the world according to the Climate Risk Index. Approximately 80 percent of Nepal's population is at risk from natural and climate-induced hazards. Similarly, Nepal ranks 4th on climate change induced disaster, 11th ranks on earth quack disaster and 30th rank on flood and land slide disaster in the world. Landslide, Floods, Gacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs), and Earthquake, Forest Fire, Drought and Avalanche are the most repeated disasters in Nepal.

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