



**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

# **Standing Orders on Disaster 2019**

**Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief**

## **6.6.2 Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industries (FBCCI)**

- A) Initiate the use earthquake and flood risk maps, land use plans and other vulnerability information in establishing residential buildings, commercial and industrial structures and shopping malls;
- B) With a view to protecting business investments, undertake necessary initiatives for capacity building of this sector in the area of risk inclusive business planning;
- C) Prepare risk reduction and response plans relating to earthquakes, fires and building collapses for the fast-growing garment industries along with other industries;
- D) To deal with urban flooding, determine strategies jointly with concerned government agencies and implement accordingly;
- E) Undertake necessary steps to motivate REHAB (apex body of developers), and relevant business organizations and individuals to implement the Bangladesh National Building Code;
- F) Ensure safe storage and transportation of harmful chemicals and prepare an updated information bank (inventory with location maps) and send to relevant agencies including the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief;
- G) Formulation and implementation of risk inclusive industrial action plan;
- H) Prepare and implement Business Continuity Plans as a part of disaster risk management;
- I) Make necessary arrangements to ensure regular earthquake and fire safety drills in business organizations, marketplaces, shopping malls and industries;
- J) Develop an effective fire unit in each industry and commercial space with required facilities, skilled human resources and equipment;
- K) Collect and supply equipment that are needed to respond to various disasters including earthquakes, and if required, provide logistics support to concerned government agencies;
- L) Create and manage a disaster fund for humanitarian response and rebuilding;
- M) Undertake initiatives for launching and operating pro-poor disaster insurance products as a strategy for risk management;
- N) Launch projects to support graduates and postgraduates of disaster management educational programmes through internship placement and financing research initiatives under the Corporate Social Responsibilities of Business Organizations;
- O) Form a disaster management committee by combining representatives of central and district chambers and coordinate with the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief;

- P) Undertake different innovative activities for risk reduction in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental organizations;
- Q) Appoint a focal point at the FBCCI to coordinate with the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and inform the ministry about the appointment;

### **6.6.3 National and International Development Agencies**

National and international non-government organizations (INGOs) will work as a complementary force to government organizations for disaster risk management. These agencies play a vital role in the entire disaster risk management cycle, i.e. risk reduction, preparedness, response and recovery. As per their policies and institutional structures, the INGOs, with the help of different governmental agencies, will perform the following duties:

#### **Risk Reduction Functions**

- A) Integrating/mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in the organization's policies, strategies and priorities in the light of gender and social inclusion principles;
- B) Assist local disaster management committees technically to prepare disaster risk reduction action plans following the community risk assessment/ urban risk assessment process and in the light of gender and social inclusion;
- C) Assist disaster management committees at the national and local levels;
- D) Arrange trainings for own officials and community volunteers on risk reduction;
- E) Appoint one focal point to participate in the relevant meetings of national and local disaster management committees.

#### **Emergency Response Functions**

##### **(I) Response Preparedness Stage**

- A) Preparation of contingency plans for all non-government organizations at all levels, incorporating gender and social concerns;
- B) Appoint community volunteers and workers in disaster-prone areas and arrange training;
- C) Undertake programmes to enhance awareness and educate people on disaster preparedness issues to save lives and properties;
- D) Arrange and participate in seminars, workshops and meetings to acquire special skills on disaster risk management;
- E) Maintain communications with UN agencies, non-government organizations and divisions/departments/offices/agencies of concerned ministries involved in humanitarian assistance;