

Flood Response Module for Teachers (Based on NDMA & Best Practices)

Introduction & Rationale

Floods can be slow or rapid in onset and pose risks to life, infrastructure, and continuity of education. Preparedness in schools reduces risk and aids rapid, coordinated response. This module draws on NDMA flood guidelines and international sources to provide teacher-focused actions for preparedness, response, and recovery.

Before a Flood (Preparedness)

- Know the local flood risk and school's flood contingency plan. - Keep emergency contact lists, student records, and essential medicines in waterproof containers. - Identify safe higher ground or evacuation points and plan routes. - Prepare 'go-bags' for each classroom (water, basic first aid, torch, whistle, emergency contact list). - Ensure electrical equipment is elevated and hazardous materials secured.

During a Flood (Response)

- Follow official warnings and evacuation orders from school authorities. - Move students to pre-designated higher ground/assembly points calmly. - Avoid walking or driving through floodwaters; six inches of moving water can knock a person down. - Keep students together; perform roll call and account for all children. - If trapped, move to the highest point available and signal for help.

After a Flood (Recovery & Safety Check)

- Do not re-enter buildings until inspected for structural safety and contamination. - Check for injuries and administer first aid; watch for hypothermia. - Avoid floodwater which may be contaminated; ensure drinking water safety. - Participate in psychosocial support for students and help document damages for recovery support.

Teacher Responsibilities

- Lead evacuation to safe zones, maintain attendance records, and coordinate with school emergency teams. - Communicate with guardians and authorities regarding student status. - Help protect critical school records and essential supplies.

Drills & Preparedness Exercises

- Conduct flood-specific drills that include routes to higher ground and simulated communication scenarios. - Coordinate with local disaster management authorities for community-level response plans. - Review and restock waterproof emergency supplies annually.

Do's & Don'ts

- Do follow official instructions, keep records safe in waterproof containers, and teach students about flood hazards. - Don't allow students to play in floodwaters, and don't attempt to drive through submerged roads.

References & Credibility

This module references NDMA flood guidance and international best practices on flood preparedness and school safety. Local municipal disaster plans and school-specific procedures should be followed for precise actions.