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PLANS  
FOR  
DISASTER MANAGEMENT & PREPAREDNESS***

**LOOKING BEYOND DISASTER:  
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*Farid's Light for Life (FLFL) Rescue Model*

**ABSTRACT** : Farid's Light for Life (FLFL) Rescue Model was developed with the objective to facilitate rescue workers to save lives in those areas which are hit by disasters, and roads network and electricity or power infrastructure destroys or there is inaccessibility to far flung areas for heavy machinery to carry out rescue operations i.e. cranes, lifters etc. The Government of New Zealand along with partner organizations and UNESCO called for global response, innovative models & ideas, rescue mechanisms, research & project designs, and action plans for disaster management & preparedness. These project & research designs, ideas and action plans were called-in in order to be tested and adopted to deal with natural disasters, such as, the earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand in 2011, and to mitigate its impact. FLFL Rescue Model was one of those action plans which were selected after global response poured in, and thoroughly scrutinized by experts. The first UNESCO Youth Forum: Looking Beyond Disaster, was held in December 2011 in Christchurch, New Zealand, with 100 participants from around the world. Youth developed 25 action plans to rebuild communities from disasters. These action plans were selected based on their potential for implementation (NZNC UNESCO 2011).

The FLFL model was inspired from rescue operations held in Pakistan after massive earthquake hit this region on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2005. The earthquake was a major earthquake centred in Pakistan's administered Kashmir known as Azad Kashmir, near the city of Muzaffarabad, affecting Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. It occurred at 08:52:37 Pakistan Standard Time (03:52:37 GMT) on 8th October, 2005. The magnitude of the earthquake was recorded as 7.6 making it similar in size to the one that hit San Francisco in 1906. Other massive earthquakes with nearly same magnitude were recorded in 1935 in Quetta, Pakistan; in 2001 in Gujarat, India; and in 2009 in Sumatra, Indonesia (ERRA 2005).

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