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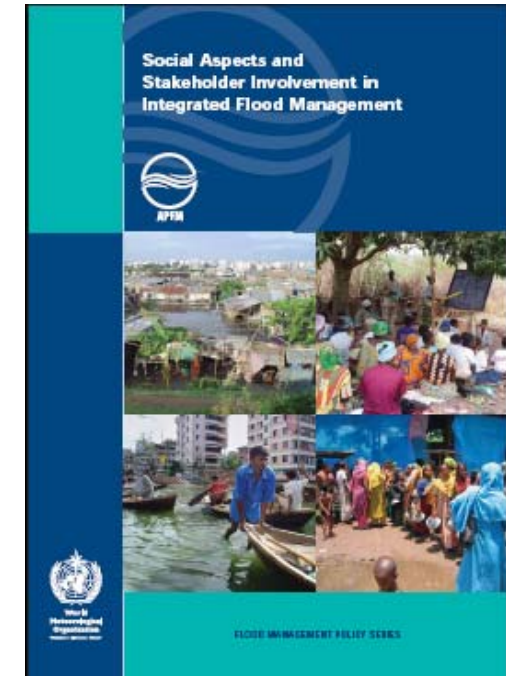


Social Aspects and Stakeholder Involvement in Integrated Flood Management

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Associated Programme on Flood Management
(APFM)**

Objective of the Paper

To help understand the importance of social aspects of and the need for stakeholder involvement in IFM and to help make society more resilient to flood risks while recognizing and deriving benefits from floods.



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Target Audience

- **Flood Managers**
- **Policy Makers**
- **River Basin Managers**
- **Disaster Management Practitioners**
- **Civil Society Organizations and NGOs**
- **National, State, District and Local Government Officials responsible for disaster management**

Enabling them to understand the full range of social issues involved in flood management and the intricacies of stakeholder participation in IFM

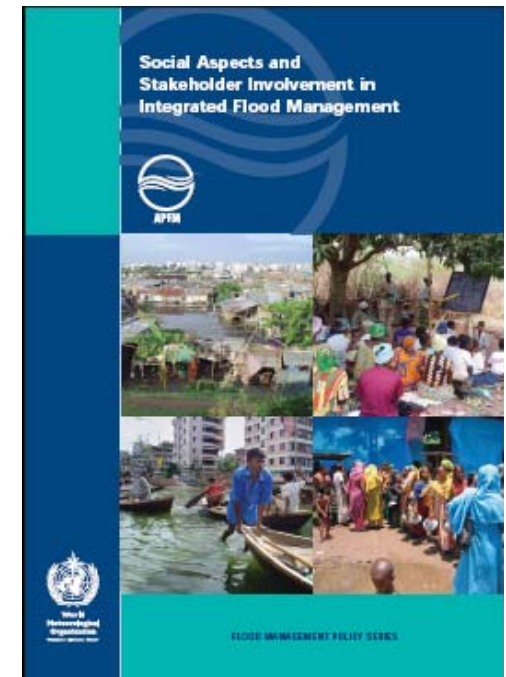
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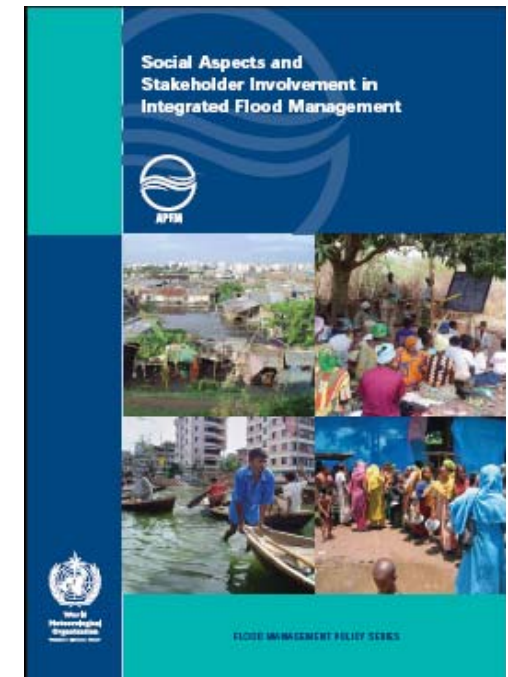
- How can the beneficial effects of floods be recognized and enhanced?
- What are the main causes of flood plain communities' increased vulnerabilities?
- What measures can be undertaken to reduce the vulnerabilities and risks of flood plain communities?
- How can various stakeholders be involved in the decision-making process from the policy planning stage to avoid likely conflicts?



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The publication addresses the following questions:

- What role can civil society play in reducing flood risks?
- Why are participatory planning and management imperative in river basin management? How can they be sustained over time?
- What difficulties can be anticipated in implementing these measures?
- What kind of mechanism and enabling environment are required to develop a successful participatory approach?



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Contents of Publication (1)

- **Chapter 1: People and Floods**
 - Nature and causes of floods
 - Positive and negative effects of floods
 - Societal and community perception of risks
 - Understanding vulnerability (contributing factors)
- **Chapter 2: Social Aspects of Flood Risk Reduction**
 - Reducing exposure (enhancing structural resilience – flood proofing, land use management, flood emergency measures)
 - Flood emergency management (preparedness, response, recovery)
 - Reducing vulnerability and enhancing resilience (livelihoods improvement, flood insurance)

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Contents of Publication (2)

- **Chapter 3: Stakeholder Involvement in IFM**
 - Stakeholder involvement in flood management (benefits, potential pitfalls, participatory mechanisms)
 - Participatory planning: responding to the challenges (stakeholder involvement in planning at different levels – regional and basin level, national, sub-national)
 - Institutional structures (role and need for stakeholder involvement in various agencies)
- **Chapter 4: Enhancing Stakeholder Involvement**
 - Opportunities
 - Challenges
 - Stakeholder capacity building (identification of needs, mechanisms for building the capacity of stakeholders)
 - Legal and institutional framework (harmonization of legal framework, conflict management strategies)

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