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I am Nasurullah Brohi from Pakistan. I am presently working as an Assistant Director for the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Climate Change. I hold a M. Phil (Research Degree) in Social Sciences; a Master's degree in International Relations, and an undergraduate degree in Political Science. I am familiar with various aspects of disaster management through various Wings & Directorates of the NDMA including disaster risk reduction, prevention, preparedness, operations, mitigation activities, and coordination. I have been assisting with the organizational aspects of disaster planning and implementation, and this affords me the opportunity to have input on national policy formulation and to engage in such activities as relief operations, coordination, and relief assistance during emergencies.

Pakistan experiences several climatic variations since its topography ranges from coastal beaches to sandy deserts, plateaus, plains, mountains, and snow-covered peaks. The country is among the most vulnerable nations to climatic changes including earthquakes, floods, GLOFs, landslides, cyclones, drought, and heat waves. One of the most destructive earthquakes ever to strike Pakistan, which occurred in 2005, provided the impetus for the nation to strive for more effective mechanisms of disaster management. Subsequently, the government of Pakistan promulgated the National Disaster Management Ordinance in 2007 as a means to develop a more robust disaster management system. Therefore, the efforts of the NDMA ultimately resulted in the comprehensive National Disaster Management (NDM) Act 2010. Under this Act, the NDMA serves as the body responsible for implementing, coordinating and monitoring disaster management, in addition to preparing national plans for approval by the National Commission headed by the Prime Minister and comprising members including the leader of the opposition, chief ministers of four provinces, Gilgit Baltistan, Prime Minister of AJK, federal ministers and members of civil society.

I have been conducting research on Community-Based Early Warning Systems in Pakistan as an empirical assessment intended to provide a comparative analysis of practices in Pakistan and Japan. Technically speaking, Japan has sound DM mechanisms as well as a particular focus on disaster education, making it a role model for disaster-prone countries like Pakistan. In the meantime, ADRC provides

professional education through disaster management research, and helps many nations to avoid losses of life and resources during both natural and manmade disasters.

I am thankful to the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), the government of Japan, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), and the government of Pakistan for the opportunity to research disaster management issues that will be tremendously helpful in helping develop my professional expertise in disaster resilience in Pakistan.