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As part of efforts for disaster preparedness, the Vice President laid down 10-point guidelines for disaster preparedness in regions and states at a meeting of the committee yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw. He urged the region and state governments to find out key tasks for disaster preparedness and to carry out the tasks in cooperation with the ministries concerned. The guidelines also include collecting resources including human, monetary and technical forces, conducting rehearsal, systematic spending of finance, sharing data and information, raising knowledge of disaster and promoting the capacity Village Disaster management Committee (VDMC) is formed in each of the village and it is responsible for initiating disaster preparedness activities. It consists of local elected representatives, grass root level government functionaries, NGOs, CBOs, youth clubs and members from the Mahila samities. Senior citizens too are a part of the committee. The head of the VDMC takes a lead in mobilizing the community for the preparation of the Disaster Management Plan.

3. Outlining the profile of the community. It involves outlining data pertaining to the following namely:Population — Local resources

Accordingly, the Disaster Preparedness Investment Programme, encompassing capacity building of community based disaster management committees and emergency response teams, construction of emergency shelters, and stockpiling emergency items, is to be implemented in a span of five years, 2015-2020. This programme is to be leveraged by substantially large nationwide investments by PPAF in community managed infrastructure, health, education, and livelihood enhancement. These investments are inter alia aimed at an across the board disaster risk reduction, and development of disaster resilient communities... Conduct Disaster Preparedness Activities. Prepare Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) Training materials. Form a Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC). Conduct training CMDRR training program among VDMC members. Purchase and preserve disaster preparedness materials. I am a member of Mathurapur Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC). We learned that disaster preparedness can reduce loss and damage from disaster. Our responsibilities are clearly defined in the committee. In the past, we didn’t have any disaster preparedness knowledge and we had to suffer a lot. After every disaster, it is impossible for us to repair our houses with our small earning. We were helpless. At the village level, the Village Disaster Management Committee headed by the Sar panch/ Village Headman is responsible for preparing the Village Disaster Management Plans and also coordinating with various agencies for providing training to the Disaster Management Teams. The members should see to it that mock drills are carried out by the villagers at regular intervals by the villagers for various hazards. It is accepted that the Government alone cannot take on the entire responsibility of Disaster Management. vdmc refers to village disaster management committee. What is the full form of VDC? Village development committee. villagers in preparing the Village Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan. The students can be