## \* · IWRM, ANTICIPATORY ° ACTION, AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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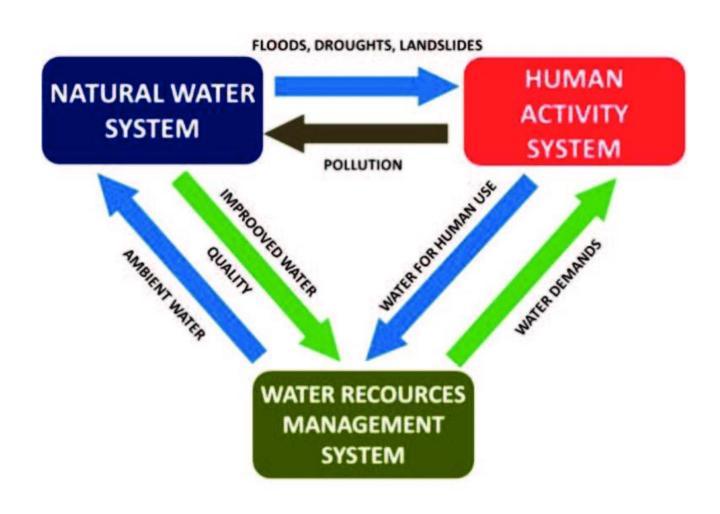
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### Why IWRM for Disaster Risk Reduction

Disaster risk reduction is a critical policy objective that competes with other development priorities and cuts across multiple sectors, requiring coordination, management, and resources.

Integrated Water Resource
Management is a process of strategic
coordination and management of
water resources designed to
maximize the returns from good water
management for economic and social
welfare.

#### The role of disaster in IWRM



#### Disasters and Preparedness

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Disasters are largely determined by how a society manages its environment, <u>how prepared it is to face adversity</u> and what resources are available for recovery from the hazard.

DRR refers to the development and application of policies, strategies, and practices that recognize and minimise vulnerabilities or underlying causal factors of disasters.

# Integrated Disaster Manageme nt

Integrated Disaster Management requires adopting a river basin approach to planning through multidisciplinary inputs in order to reduce disaster vulnerability and risks and preserve ecosystems + also strengthen the adaptive capacity to climate variability and change.

However, in order to do so, we need to anticipate vulnerabilities, risk, and plan for coordinated efforts to reduce disaster impacts. In IWRM that might be better flood plain management, strengthening eco-system services, adapting agricultural approaches to water management and so on. But the most critical component is anticipating risks and needs.

