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My name is Md.Munir Chowdhury. I have been working as a Deputy Secretary in the Disaster Management and Relief Division, Ministry of Food and Disaster Management of Bangladesh since April 2008. I earned a Master's in Business Administration (MBA), with a major in Finance, from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) at the University of Dhaka, and completed a second Master's in Development Administration at the University of Birmingham, England. I also have earned a Post Graduate Certificate in Public Finance from the IMF Institution in Washington DC, US, as well as a Post Graduate Certificate in Project Management for Sustainable Development from the University of Connecticut, US. My detail assignments have included the formulation, review, and execution of policies, plans, procedures, standing orders, and guidelines relating to overall disaster risk reduction and emergency response management, including relief rehabilitation and safety net programs. I also am responsible for the coordination of DRR activities with other agencies.

Bangladesh is considered to be one of the most disaster-prone country in the world. Its coastal areas are periodically hit by floods, cyclones, and storm surges, and most of the people living in those areas are highly vulnerable. Thus, better social protection measures are needed for addressing such risks. Since safety nets, especially livelihood recovery efforts, are strongly related to DRR, the government of Bangladesh needs strong institutional support for implementing different social protection programs during post-disaster recovery and reconstruction. Practical information about post-disaster activities, including short, medium, and long-term recovery programs in the Japanese context, and information about the tools, techniques, and logistics used to deal with post-disaster situations will enrich the knowledge and experience of researchers, enabling them to replicate such measures for combating disaster risk reduction in their own countries.