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improved disaster preparedness. Essentially, what needs to be done is to ensure that new development investments do not increase disaster risk, but would contribute decreasing it.

The potential cost of a disaster in the loss of lives, livelihoods, investments and

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beforehand. At the same time if development is done in the right way, taking into account the