Key Term	Definition
Hazard	A natural event that poses a serious threat to human life, property, and the environment.
Disaster	A major natural hazard that strikes a vulnerable population that cannot cope using its own resources.
Multiple Hazard zone	A geographical area that is vulnerable to more than one type of natural hazard at any given time.
Vulnerability	Refers to the potential for people, communities, or systems to be harmed, damaged, or suffer loss when exposed to a natural or man-made hazard
Governance	Refers to the processes by which a country is run
Storm Surge	A temporary, rapid rise in sea level along a coastline that occurs during a storm
Prediction	To forecast when and where tectonic hazards or weather events might strike.
Prevention	Refers to the actions, strategies, and measures taken to stop a natural hazard from occurring, or to completely avoid its impact on people and property.
Preparation	The prearranged measures and actions taken in advance to reduce the potential loss of life and property damage caused by natural hazards.