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Human Security Dimensions - Food, Health, Environment

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Human Security: Concept and Agencies

- Human Security (HS) is different from Military Security.
- HS is based on:
 - ❖ Human Values - Concern for Individual safety, livelihood , food , health, educational , gender and child welfare
 - ❖ HS is concerned about Civil Society well being.
- Whereas Military security is State-centric, Threat perception from enemy State, Power politics.

Global focus on HS

- ❖ Since end of WW II.
- ❖ UN Chapter And Agencies like UNDP, UNICEF, WHO address issues of HS.
- ❖ UN Millennium Development Goals of 2000 AD address HS issues Health Security

Global Health Programmes and Agencies

- Red Cross
- WHO

NGOs:

- Doctors Without Borders
- Bill Gates Foundation

Focused Health Issues

Traditional:

- Malaria
- Small Pox
- Polio

Non-Traditional diseases: Global and Regional coverage.

- Aids
- SARS
- Swine Flu
- COVID pandemics.

Programming

- Public awareness and education
- Inter-Governmental Cooperation
- Distribution of Medical Supplies
- Burden Sharing: Financial and administrative Coordination.
- Training and Skill Development.

Food Security (FS)

FS is based on certain human values Viz;

- Freedom from Want;
- Meeting individual's Basic needs;
- Freedom from Hunger;

Fight against poverty is Global responsibly.

These are emphasised by UN Charter and Agencies like FAO.

Some Facts

- Sub Saharan Africa and among world top high food cost countries;
- 30 of Indian population Below Poverty Line;
- 76 per cent rural Indians can't afford nutritious diet.

Causes of FS

- Unequal wealth/Land distribution Famines.
- Civil wars and Conflicts.
- Climate Change and Unsustainable farm practices.
- Disasters: Earthquake; Cyclones

Agencies

Global Food Security Agencies:

- FAO;
- WFP;

Regional Food Programmes:

- SAARC Food Bank.

Environmental Security (ES)

Causes of Environmental Insecurity:

- Industrialization: Industrial Revolution of 1870 raised global temperature by 2 Degrees Celcius.
- Indiscriminate Fossil burning caused CO2 rise.
- Urbanisation,
- Human Greed and destruction
- Smuggling

Effects of Eco Imbalance

- Glacial Melting.
- Sea level rise.
- Climate Refugees
- Food shortage due to Global heat

Strategies of CC Mitigation

Global:

- UNFCCC.
- Paris Pact 2015.

National and NGO Programmes

- Swach Bharati.
- Narmada Bachao Andolan.
- Social Forestry.
- Sustainable Farm Methods

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