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# **Role of Community Radio in Crisis Situation** **- A Case Study of Attabad Lake**

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On January 4, 2010 a massive landslide slid the Attabad village into the river Hunza in the northern area of Pakistan near the Chinese border. The debris blocked the water flow and created a substantial barrier lake which was feared to inundate the low lying areas due to increasing water level. There was a great need to evacuate and alert the people living on the low lying areas. For this purpose, Radio Pakistan established the FM-93 Baltit Fort Hunza radio station when the lake breach threat was near its peak. Later, a study was carried out to evaluate the role of the community radio FM-93 during the Attabad Lake disaster. The Survey method was applied to obtain data. The population of the study consisted of people who were affected by the crisis of Attabad Lake and the sample size was two hundred subjects. The results of the study revealed that 45 % of the affectees strongly agreed to the supportive role of the radio station during the crisis, while 28 % agreed, 6 % disagreed, 6 % strongly disagreed, and the rest 15 % did not give their response. Therefore, it was concluded that the community radio FM-93 played a significant role in addressing the Attabad Lake crisis.