



## *Farhad Banizaman Lari*

Farhad B. Lari always been passionate about solving problems and making a positive impact, especially in disaster risk management and community safety. With two Master's degrees in Disaster Risk Management and River Engineering, he's worked on projects that protect infrastructure and enhance public safety both in Canada and back home in Iran. Farhad's journey into disaster risk and emergency management has deep roots. Before his birth, my family was impacted by a devastating earthquake, leading to their relocation.

Before moving to Canada, he played a key role in disaster risk management initiatives in Iran, including designing emergency water supply plans for population centers at high risk of earthquakes and floods. These projects focused on ensuring communities had access to critical resources during disasters. Farhad also developed emergency plans for water infrastructures, created flood action plans, and implemented public safety strategies for urban and rural areas. Additionally, he has contributed to the field through publication sand conference presentations, sharing insights on various aspects of disaster risk management.

Farhad's work back home with the Red Crescent Society of Iran allowed me to train communities and raise awareness about disaster preparedness, which remains close to his heart.

Currently, Farhad is the Emergency Management Coordinator – Dam Safety at the Water Security Agency, where he focuses on ensuring public safety and managing critical infrastructure. In addition to his professional work, I've remained active in volunteering. Farhad is an Emergency Education Team Member with North Shore Emergency Management (NSEM), assisting in planning and delivering public workshops and seminars on emergency preparedness. With the Canadian Red Cross, he served as a Human Resources Assistant, managing recruitment processes, interviews, and on boarding volunteers. He is also a proud member of the editorial team at the Canadian Journal of Emergency Management (CJEM), where he can help shape discussions in the field of emergency management.

For Farhad,, it's all about using his knowledge and skills to make meaningful difference—whether that's through innovative problem-solving, collaborating with others, or empowering communities to be better prepared for the unexpected.