



Community members joining hands for disaster risk reduction

DIPECHO Projects in Nepal 2013-14

Starting date: 1 March 2013

Duration: 18 months

Total budget: 3.86 Million Euros
(approximately NPR 43.5 crores)

PROJECT 1

SAFER Nepal (Strengthening Actions for Fostering Resilience through Early Warning and Risk Sensitive Planning in Nepal)

Implementing organisations: Practical Action, Mercy Cops and Oxfam

Targeted districts: Chitwan, Nawalparasi, Tanahu, Banke, Bardiya, Kailali, Kanchanpur and Dadeldhura

Specific Objective: To enhance the capacity of communities and relevant institutions to strengthen DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) systems and structure and replicate DRR initiatives to ensure community based risk management at local level.

Total number of beneficiaries: 139000

Brief description:

The project aims to institutionalise DRR at local level by integrating and mainstreaming it into development prioritising early warning system with CBDRM (Community Based Disaster Risk Management) approach through capacity building of communities and stakeholders. The project plans to disseminate skills and knowledge on approaches and practices for planning, mainstreaming, integrating and implementing DRR for the most vulnerable communities at local level to build their capacities. The emphasis will be given for building skills and knowledge for replication so that the community themselves will be able to establish Community Based Early Warning System (CBEWS). The Disaster Management Committee (DMC) members, local government, DEOCs (District Emergency Operation Centres), NEOC (National Emergency Operation Centre), DHM (Department of Hydrology & Meteorology), local Non Government Organisations (NGOs), NRCS (Nepal Red Cross Society) will be targeted for capacity building. This will also include application of existing policy provisions and development of new policies that are required for DRR at local level.

PROJECT 2

Bringing inclusive Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction models into remote communities of Karnali, Nepal

Implementing organisation: Mission East

Targeted district: Kalikot

Specific Objective: Communities, civil society organisations and local government of Kalikot district and Karnali region are capacitated to advocate for and mainstream inclusive CBDRR (Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction) into local development initiatives.

Total number of beneficiaries: 29000

Brief description:

In coordination with other DIPECHO partners, Mission East will ensure that a mutually agreed CBDP (Community Based Disaster Preparedness) process is devised and replicated in Kalikot district based on the national DRR guidelines. The project will train three key stakeholder groups to build on existing CBDP models and enable DRR to be mainstreamed into local development initiatives. The project will capacitate representatives of marginalised groups (women, *dalits*, children, people with disability) to advocate for better inclusion in disaster risk planning at district and VDC level. The DDRC (District Disaster Relief Committee) and DDC (District Development Committee) of Kalikot, six target VDCs and their LDMC (Local Disaster Management Committee) representatives, seven district level NGOs, media including two local FM stations, and 126 community organisations will be trained on CBDRR models and its mainstreaming into local development.



PROJECT 3

VISTAR- Building resilient communities and institutions for natural disasters in Far and Mid-Western Region of Nepal

Implementing organisations: Care and Handicap International

Targeted districts: Kailali, Dadheldura, Dang and Kanchanpur

Specific Objective: To enhance the capacities and resilience of local authorities and communities vulnerable to natural hazards through effective linkages, strengthening DRR systems and structures and replication of DRR initiatives across project areas.

Total number of beneficiaries: 365000

Brief description:

The project aims at contributing towards the reduction of impact of natural disaster and building resilience of communities at risk. Firstly, the project seeks to strengthen the capacities of local authorities so that they can carry forward, replicate and mainstream DRR; secondly, build an effective cross sectoral linkages from community to national level; thirdly, strengthen the DRR systems providing a conducive environment for implementation and replication of inclusive DRR; and fourthly, enhance the capacities of the local vulnerable communities by building their resilience to natural hazards. The resilience of the communities will be increased through participatory approach ensuring participation of the most vulnerable groups in all decision making and implementation. Further, the capacities of the communities will be increased through household level preparedness and through social media. Endorsement of National Early Warning Strategy (NEWS), development of inclusive DRR mainstreaming guideline to mainstream DRR into development planning processes and early enactment of DM (Disaster Management) Act will be the key agendas for joint advocacy during the DIPECHO VII Action plan.

PROJECT 4

Enhancing the health sector crisis preparedness in the event of a high intensity earthquake in Kathmandu Valley, Nepal

Implementing organisations: World Health Organisation, Handicap International, Merlin and Oxfam

Targeted districts: Kathmandu Valley (Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur)

Specific Objective: To enhance the capacities of MOHP (Ministry of Health and Population), health facilities and catchment communities around the targeted health facilities to respond effectively to a major disaster (Earthquake).

Total number of beneficiaries: 34000

Brief description:

The project aims at contributing towards enhancement of capacities of MOHP, health facilities and surrounding communities to respond effectively to earthquake in Kathmandu Valley. The project builds upon the DIPECHO VI cycle activities, during which the project has developed the national mass casualty management strategy for health sector, trauma guidelines, national emergency referral guidelines and key documents to document best practices on health sector emergency preparedness. It aims to replicate lessons learnt and best practices from DIPECHO VI cycle and where needed scale up to other facilities and surrounding communities to increase their preparedness and response capacity to manage mass casualty incidents during major disasters. The project adapts a multi-pronged strategy; at first level the project seeks to strengthen the capacities of MOHP to carry forward the implementation of comprehensive mass casualty management systems and replication in other areas; at second level, building the capacities of health facilities including personnel's skills to respond to mass casualty incidents and at third level to strengthen the capacities of targeted catchment communities of health facilities to be better prepared and respond to disasters.





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