

Technical Support to Government of Nepal to Implement Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET



Donor USAID/OFDA

Implementing Agency International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Lead Partner Institutions Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA), Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) & other relevant agencies

Geographic Coverage Federal and 7 Provinces including 10 Municipalities and Gaupalika (Village Council) Level of Nepal

Target Groups Elected and Appointed officials at the Federal, Provincial, Municipal and local levels, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), Provincial Disaster Management Committee (PDMC), District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC), Local Disaster Management

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BACKGROUND

Nepal is one of the most disaster-prone countries in South Asia and frequently experiences geologic and climate change-induced hazards. Floods, droughts, earthquakes and landslides are some of the natural calamities that have resulted in the loss of lives, and damage to properties in both urban and rural settings. The 2015 earthquakes are the most catastrophic example of this vulnerability, as well as yearly flooding in the Terai belt. Nepal introduced the Natural Calamity Relief Act in 1982 which mainly focused on immediate disaster relief and was silent on other critical phases of the disaster management cycle.

A bill on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) was drafted in line with Article 113 (b) of the Constitution of Nepal and subsequently endorsed in October 2017. This new Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Act, 2017 attempts to cover the broader spectrum and holistic diversity of disaster management, including a focus on the phases as described in the disaster management cycle – prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, and replaces the Natural Calamity Relief Act of 1982.

However, this also brings an added challenge to the local bodies as they have the responsibilities over exclusive service delivery into diverse areas including Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and post-disaster recovery, community development; primary education and secondary education; health services, environmental protection; water, sanitation and solid waste management and local administration among others.

Therefore, strengthening the capacity and supporting the provincial and local governments including the disaster management committees is extremely important as DRM is a shared responsibility of all levels of the Government. There is also a need to mainstream DRM activities in the local development including local level planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation process and enhance capacity of the local government to enable them to effectively perform their tasks and in line with the DRRM Act.

With the support of USAID /OFDA, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) launched the '**Technical Support to the Government of Nepal to Implement the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act 2017**' project. The project aims to contribute to the establishment of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) following the DRRM Act 2017 by ensuring that guidelines and by-laws are endorsed for the effective implementation of NDRRMS, focusing on organizational and management structures.

PLANNED INTERVENTION

The project will achieve this objective through the provision of technical assistance to the Government of Nepal, Ministry of Home Affairs through three strategic outputs.



Municipal Governments have increased capacity for implementing DRM and post- disaster recovery.

The project will be conducting a detailed capacity and needs assessment of the selected 10 municipalities in relation to the implementation of DRRM Act 2017 and in line with the provisions of the Constitution of Nepal. Through this assessment, the project aims to generate baseline on needs and capacity gaps that will guide the consultations and technical support that IOM will be providing to the provincial as well as municipal government.

Based on the baseline assessments report containing concrete recommendations for the municipalities, the project will design tailored training modules and conduct trainings to enhance capacity of the municipalities in relation to Disaster Risk Management and post- disaster recovery.



Guidelines and by-laws relating to DRRM Act are developed with wider solicitation and consensus from concerned stakeholders.

The project will be holding a series of consultations at the federal, provincial, municipal/ rural municipal level with a multitude of stakeholders. The objectives of the consultations are to solicit feedback on the draft regulations as well as to discuss the importance of a powerful and resourced NDRRMA for effective DRM in Nepal. The consultations with the provincial governments and various other stakeholders will be held in each province. The consultations and workshops in the provincial and municipal/ rural municipal level is to guide and begin discussions in line with the DRRM Act and also include their roles in the implementation guidelines that has been drafted by MoHA.

The feedback and suggestions collected during these consultations and workshops will be reflected in the guideline and also addressed in the NDRRMA provincial committee.



Government, Civil Society, Humanitarian Actors and communities are committed to support and advocate for the implementation of the DRRM Act and NDRRMA.

To create awareness of disaster risk management and response, a televised program on disaster management will be aired to inform communities about existing government acts and policies, evacuation plans, open spaces, early response and relief and recovery. A total of fifty episodes is planned to be aired: fifteen episodes at the central level, 3 episodes each at the provincial level and two episodes each in selected municipal and rural municipal levels from all seven provinces (which include the involvement of communities and local people throughout the whole process.

The outcomes, output and activities are planned and build up in a logical way in order to ultimately support the larger objective of the project.

IOM is committed to support its Member States implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this project, IOM will work under the leadership of the Government of Nepal and closely with UN agencies, development partners and other relevant agencies to build synergies and break down silos. IOM will make an effort to promote whole- of- society approach and support the Government of Nepal to move towards risk resilient nation.

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