

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL



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PROJECT BACKGROUND

In June 2018, with the support of USAID/OFDA, IOM launched the project ‘Technical Support to the Government of Nepal to Implement the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Act 2017’.

IOM worked jointly with the seven provincial governments of Nepal to technically assist the implementation of the DRRM Act 2017. Each of the provincial governments have different levels of strengths and capacities in DRRM. The governments of Province 1, 2 and 3 have already developed their Provincial DRRM Act.

The project aims to contribute to the establishment of a National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority following the DRRM Act. The project ensures that guidelines and by-laws are endorsed for the effective implementation of National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategy, focusing on organizational and management structures.

MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS AT PROVINCES

The consultations were conducted with the presence of the Chief Minister, Minister of Internal Affairs and Law, other Cabinet Ministers, Chief Secretary, Secretaries of line ministries, heads of security forces and large number of active stakeholders working in DRRM in the provincial level.

Along with the provincial government consultations, separate consultations were also held with Members of Parliament of the Provincial Assembly, the Chief District Officer and the team of District Disaster Management Committee, the Mayors of the Municipalities’ temporary Province headquarters and with female representatives.

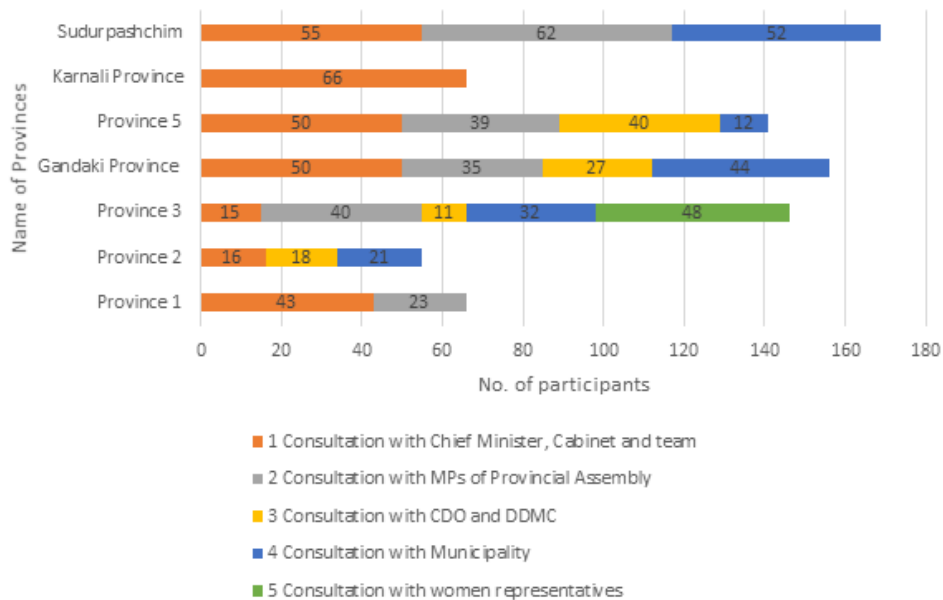
The consultations in all provinces were technically facilitated by Former Education Minister and senior disaster risk reduction and management expert in Nepal, Dr. Gangalal Tuladhar.



KEY OUTCOMES OF THE CONSULTATIONS

- Common feedback from all provinces was to speed up the process of establishing a National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority at federal level.
- The Chief Ministers of Province 5 and 2 stressed the necessity to amend legislation in Nepal to make the DRRM Act more in line with federalism. The main concern was provisioning a Provincial Council and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority. This was resolved and addressed with a special act to amend the DRRM Act and endorsement of the by-law.
- The Chief Ministers of all seven provinces expressed concern regarding limited resources that could be mobilized for DRRM. Furthermore, they were expecting support in establishing and managing adequate funding at the Provincial DRRM fund to utilize in all phases of the DRM cycle.
- Some provincial governments, including Karnali Province and Sudur Paschim Province, have requested technical assistance to develop comprehensive and context-specific DRRM legislation, plans and strategies. These will relate to natural hazards, mainstreaming DRRM into sectoral development planning, and assist in capacity building of concerned authorities of provincial governments.
- Strong coordination among the three tiers of government (federal, provincial and local) for effective DRRM was emphasized across the seven provinces. The Chief Minister of Province 2 underlined that coordination during the 2019 wind storm in Bara-Parsa was a learning moment and an opportunity for improvement.

CONSULTATIONS ON DRRM TO PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT



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