



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Promoting Action for Disaster Risk Governance and Working to Achieve Preparedness for Risk Reduction through Technical Assistance in Nepal (PARIWARTAN)



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), Ministry of Forest and Environment (MoFE) and National Planning Commission
Geographic Coverage	Federal, Provincial and Local Government including 753 Urban/Rural Municipalities 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), and Local Disaster Management Committee
Duration	15 August 2019 to 14 February 2022
Budget	USD 2,302,622

BACKGROUND

In 2015 the Government of Nepal (GoN) restructured into three tiers: federal, provincial and local. There are today 7 provinces and 753 municipalities. Strengthening the capacity and supporting the provincial and local governments (PG/LG) including the disaster management committees is highly important as Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) is a shared responsibility of all tiers of the Government. LGs have started to formulate laws to support the implementation of the DRRM Act 2017. The GoN also introduced the Disaster Risk Reduction National Strategic Plan of Action 2018 – 2030 based on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 - 2030. Through the OFDA project phase I, IOM supported the Government in taking forward the Sendai Framework priority areas by contributing to the indicators of the Plan of Action. IOM aims to continue this effort and support the Government in achieving its DRM strategies together with the Sustainable

Development Goals 2030 Agenda.

Building upon the learnings and foundations established by phase I, OFDA supported IOM with phase II 'Promoting Action for Disaster Risk Governance and Working to Achieve Preparedness for Risk Reduction through Technical Assistance in Nepal (PARIWARTAN)' project which will be implemented over the next two years. The project aims to assist GoN to enhance the DRM governance at federal, provincial and local levels. In order to achieve this, the project will support in strengthening the legal framework of both the provincial and local levels taking into account the roles and responsibilities of the federal, provincial as well as local governments for effective and efficient disaster prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery activities.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the project is to contribute to improved federal, provincial and municipal DRRM legislative regulatory framework that facilitates timely and comprehensive Disaster Management with strengthened capacity to develop resilient community.

PLANNED INTERVENTIONS:

To achieve the objective as described above, the project focuses on four outcomes:

Outcome 1: NDRRMAs' system and processes are more accountable, effective and efficient in line with National Policies, Priorities and Plans. IOM will provide technical support for the establishment of a National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) with a senior DRRM expert. The DRRM expert will also, as an advisor, bridge the gap between the NDRRMA and the Provinces in order to strengthen the DRRM Act 2017. There will be knowledge and capacity building through DRRM trainings and conducting a training needs assessment (TNA) for NDRRMA in collaboration with MoHA to identify knowledge gaps regarding DRR, emergency response, preparedness and recovery. The TNA findings will lay the foundation for a DRRM training module which will be developed with MoFAGA. The project will also support knowledge and information management at NDRRMA in terms of curating relevant information and making it accessible to the public.

Outcome 2: Provincial level DRRM Acts enable coordinated response capacity with inclusive response towards DRRM. The project will organize trainings and workshops for newly elected DRRM officials at provincial level based on the knowledge gaps that were identified in the project's phase I. A series of consultations will be conducted with different stakeholders to solicit feedback for the implementation of the DRRM Act 2017 at provincial level. The project envisions a Technical Working Group (TWG) which would work closely with IOM and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (MoIAL) in drafting and revising acts, policies and strategies. Moreover, seven provincial level simulation exercises will be held, targeting local level DRRM officials in order to test and enhance the knowledge and skills on DRRM.

To mainstream DRM into provincial plans and policies, Provincial Planning Commissions (PPC) will be technically supported and a series of strategic consultative meetings will be held with the Members of Parliament (MPs) of Provincial Assembly as well as the PDMC members and MoIAL staff. In addition, separate orientation workshops with women representative's and leaders of the provinces will be organized to highlight their role and responsibilities in strengthening emergency preparedness, response and recovery while taking into consideration the issue of gender into each phase of the cycle. Also, media sensitization workshop in all seven provinces will be conducted for major media houses.

Outcome 3: 753 Local Governments have localized DRRM Law, policies and strategic action plan in place with strengthened capacity for implementing DRRM and post disaster recovery. Lessons learnt as identified in the needs and capacity assessment conducted in phase I will be incorporated into the DRM training module for LGs developed in conjunction with MoFAGA. There will be Training of Trainers (ToT) conducted at local level of DRR focal persons. This will enhance the local DRRM capacity and support the drafting/revision of local DRRM Acts and/or Strategic Action Plans. The trained DRR focal persons will form a monitoring committee in each district to ensure the development and revision of policy, guidelines and strategies. Finally, local trainings will be conducted in the remaining 739 municipalities that were not covered by phase I of the project.

Outcome 4: Federal, Provincial and Local Level Government are committed to support and advocate for the effective implementation of the DRRM Act and NDRRMA through community engagement programs: The media advocacy through TV program 'Talk of the Town' has been very effective in order to create both targeted and mass awareness amongst the law makers and local people through phase I project. It was successful in reaching out to different high-risk provinces, districts and municipalities and raise awareness with regards to their role and responsibilities for the effective implementation of DRRM Act 2017. This phase II of the project will continue the media advocacy through the broadcasting of another 52 episodes of 'Talk of the Town' over the course of one year, covering the federal, provincial and local levels.

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