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4.Measures for Combating Disasters A. National Measures 1. The Legal System and Structure of DMS (a) Disaster Relief Act (b) Disaster Management System 2.Plans, Programs and Strategies • (a) Disaster Management in National Plans (b) National Action Plan (c) Natural Disaster Management Department (d) River Control Policy (e) Formulation of a Comprehensive River Law (f) Watershed Development Policy (g) National Water Resource Strategy 3. Good Practices (a) Early Warning System Introduced (b) Community Based Disaster Management Program (c) The KTM Valley Earthquake Risk Management Pgrm (d) Seismic Vulnerability Assessment of Hospitals 4. Provision of Funds 5. Agencies Involved in Disaster Management

- **B.** International Response
  - (a) Resource Management
  - (b) Capacity Building
  - (c) Information Sharing
  - (d) International Character of Disasters

5. International commitments & Nepal

- (a) Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action
- (b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR)
- (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)
- (d) Kobe Disaster Reduction Declaration
- (e) The Millennium Declaration
- (f) Hyogo Declaration

## 6. Areas of Needs & challenges (a) Resources (b) Political Commitment (c) Integrated Information System (d) Database System (e) Fire Fighting Services & Fire Codes (f) Awareness Raising Program Challenges Lack of coordination among authorities Lack of preventive measures Lack of modern early warning system Lack of reliable assessment of vulnerable areas Lack of appraisal of natural disasters in development plans Lack of adherence to the building codes Unplanned settlements even in the vulnerable areas