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Since Nepal is a landlocked mountainous country with plain area in the south, floods and landslides occur frequently during monsoon season. Lack of resources, consciousness and manpower has made the disaster situation aggravating. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) has been striving for its best to pre and post disaster activities mandated by the Natural Disaster Relief Act (NDRA), 1982. I had been working for the ministry, and currently belong to District Disaster Relief Committee, Rukum, as its Chairman.



In Nepal, there are various kinds of natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, fires, epidemics, cold and hot waves. Besides these natural disasters, the NDRA encompasses industrial, explosive and poisonous matter accidents, too.

To cope with these possible disasters, Nepal has included Disaster Management aspect in its National Plan. In addition, NDRA, National Action Plan, River Control Policy, Watershed Development Policy has also been put into practice. Immediate tasks which I consider necessary are formulation of appropriate land conservation policy, advanced weather forecasting technology, and communication system.

I have joined ADRC as a visiting researcher since late January. While my stay by June, I would like to acquire knowledge of Japanese disaster management system and bring it back to my country with permissible modifications. I also intend to add a new dimension to the disaster management in Nepal, focusing on relevant topic of disaster mitigation.