

**HFA Implementation Review – Simplified Version
for ACDR2010**

Country:	Nepal
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1 Priority for action 1:

Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation

1-1. National policy and legal framework for disaster risk reduction exists with decentralised responsibilities and capacities at all levels

	Name	Area (please select)	Year of Enforcement
National laws for disaster risk reduction	Natural Calamity Act, 1982	Response/ Recovery	1982
National policy for disaster risk reduction	National Strategy on Disaster Risk Reduction	Response/ Recovery/ Mitigation/ Preparedness	2009

[Comments (if any)]

Recently approved NSDRM (11th October 2009) has envisaged to promote the implementation on HFA 2005

1-2. Dedicated and adequate resources are available to implement disaster risk reduction activities at all administrative levels

	Amount (currency, year)	Main Purpose (please select)
Funds allocation for disaster risk reduction	Allocated Sector wise annually	Response/ Recovery/ Mitigation/ Preparedness
	Name	Number of Staff
Department for disaster risk reduction at national Level (Please attach an organization chart)	Ministry of Home Affairs, Dept. of Water Induced Disaster Prevention	3759 249

[Comments (if any)]

1-3. Community participation and decentralization are ensured through the delegation of authority and resources to local levels

	System (Policy, Organization, Network, etc.)	Main Purpose (please select)
System to ensure community participation in disaster risk reduction	Self Governance Act, Village Development Committee Metropolitan Committee District Development Committee	Response/ Recovery/ Mitigation/ Preparedness

[Comments (if any)]

1-4. A national multi-sectoral platform for disaster risk reduction is functioning

	Name	Main Purpose (please select)	Year of Establishment
Multi-sectoral platform for disaster risk reduction (Please attach an organization chart)	National Platform	Response/ Recovery/ Mitigation/ Preparedness	2009

[Comments (if any)]

Being established recently it is initiating some activities related on DRR. A committee of 13 members is formed under the chairmanship of Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

2 Priority for action 2:

Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning

2-1. National and local risk assessments based on hazard data and vulnerability information are available and include risk assessments for key sectors

	Activities	Type of disasters	Year of Completion
Development of hazard maps	Risk Assessment and Hazard Mapping	Earthquake	on going
Risk assessment	Multi Hazard Risk Assessment	Hydrometeorological	on going

[Comments (if any)]

2-2. Systems are in place to monitor, archive and disseminate data on key hazards and vulnerabilities

	Name	Type of disasters
Disaster monitoring system	Ministry of Home Affairs	
Disaster Information system (archive & dissemination of data)	Ministry of Home Affairs	

[Comments (if any)]

Sectoral ministries are responsible on monitoring and MoHA is responsible for information system. Central Natural Disaster Committee, as the apex body of DRM is mandated for 2-2 and fully responsible.

2-3. Early warning systems are in place for all major hazards, with outreach to communities

	Description	Type of disasters
Disaster warning system (information flow)	In some places EWS is placed but very few.	Flash flood
Early warning and evacuation system	Evacuation is done as and when needed. DDRC manage it during disaster	

[Comments (if any)]

Cader of skilled personnel of Nepal Army, Nepal Police, Nepal Armed Police and District chapter of Nepal Red Cross Society are mobilized in case of emergency.

2-4. National and local risk assessments take account of regional / trans-boundary risks, with a view to regional cooperation on risk reduction.

	Description	Type of disasters
Regional (trans-boundary) information sharing system for disaster monitoring and early warning	SAARC Disaster Mgt. Center is initiating in this aspect	Hydrometeorological

[Comments (if any)]

A draft agreement is prepared by the SDMC with the consultation of Expert Group meetings. It is yet to be finalized.

3 Priority for action 3:

Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels

3-1. Relevant information on disasters is available and accessible at all levels, to all stakeholders (through networks, development of information sharing systems etc)

	System, Activities	Type of disasters
Public awareness on disasters and disaster risks	Initiated by the government /Non government organization involved on DRR.	Hydrometeorological, Geological (Earthquake)

[Comments (if any)]

After the WCDR II the level of public awareness on disaster risks is increasing in all sectors. The paradigms have been shifted from reactive to proactive and measures are also taken accordingly.

3-2. School curricula, education material and relevant trainings include disaster risk reduction and recovery concepts and practices

Items	
School curricula include disaster risk reduction concepts	Yes
Educational materials for learning/teaching disaster risk reduction	For formal education/ For informal education/ No Initiation is taken
Training program for learning disaster risk reduction	Yes

[Comments (if any)]

Some universities have started to arrange their curricula including DRR concepts, basically in the sector of engineering and research.

3-3. Research methods and tools for multi-risk assessments and cost benefit analysis are developed and strengthened

	Description
Development of research methods and tools for multi-risk assessment	Initiated by the Govt. sector with the support of the UN Agencies and various international organizations.

[Comments (if any)]

With the support of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center a project is started for the multi hazard risk assessment.

3-4. Country-wide public awareness strategy exists to stimulate a culture of disaster resilience, with outreach to urban and rural communities

	Name	Year
Country-wide public awareness strategy	After the approval of NSDRM it is expected that it would work as the road map in this sector	2009

[Comments (if any)]

National Strategy for Disaster Risk Mgt. is felt as a road map to achieve the identified national priorities in view of the areas outlined in the HFA. For materializing the overall activities there is still urgency of the enactment of revisited 'Disaster Act' which is prepared making compatible with the NSDRM.

4 Priority for action 4:*Reduce the underlying risk factors*

4-1. Disaster risk reduction is an integral objective of environment related policies and plans, including for land use natural resource management and adaptation to climate change.

Environmental related policies include disaster risk reduction concepts	Yes
National land use planning include disaster risk reduction concepts	Yes

[Comments (if any)]

Initiation is taken.

4-2. Social development policies and plans are being implemented to reduce the vulnerability of populations most at risk

Social development policies include disaster risk reduction concepts	Not yet
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[Comments (if any)]

Nepal is transformed into Democratic Republic. Stakeholders are strongly advocating to incorporate such policies in the new constitution which is expected to be completed by the May 2010.

4-3. Economic and productive sectorial policies and plans have been implemented to reduce the vulnerability of economic activities

Economic and productive sectorial policies include disaster risk reduction concepts	Yes
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[Comments (if any)]

Such policies are being incorporated in the National Plans. national Planning Commission is giving serious attention in this regards.

4-4. Planning and management of human settlements incorporate disaster risk reduction elements, including enforcement of building codes

Planning and management of human settlements include disaster risk reduction concepts	Yes
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[Comments (if any)]

In major cities the enforcement of building codes is made mandatory.

4-5. Disaster risk reduction measures are integrated into post disaster recovery and rehabilitation processes

Disaster risk reduction measures are integrated into post disaster recovery processes	Yes
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[Comments (if any)]

Despite of adequate resources the government is seriously taken initiation to integrate measures in this process.

4-6. Procedures are in place to assess the disaster risk impacts of major development projects, especially infrastructure

Procedures to assess the disaster risk impacts of major development projects	Not adequate
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[Comments (if any)]
Initiation is taken.

5 Priority for action 5:

Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels

5-1. Strong policy, technical and institutional capacities and mechanisms for disaster risk management, with a disaster risk reduction perspective are in place

	Policy/ Mechanisms
Policy and mechanisms for disaster risk management (ex. task force for disaster risk management)	Act and Policies are existed. Cadres of skilled manpower are mobilized in emergency.

[Comments (if any)]
Assessing the gravity of proneness it needs to be strengthened and improved sooner.

5-2. Disaster preparedness plans and contingency plans are in place at all administrative levels, and regular training drills and rehearsals are held to test and develop disaster response programmes

	Name	
Disaster preparedness plans	National Action Plan District Action Plan	Only in some districts
Disaster contingency plans	National Contingency Plan District Contingency Plan	Only in few districts
		remarks
National level disaster management drills	() Regularly conducted (√) Periodically conducted () not conducted	
Local level disaster management drills	() Regularly conducted () Periodically conducted (√) not conducted	

[Comments (if any)]

5-3. Financial reserves and contingency mechanisms are in place to support effective response and recovery when required

Items	
Financial reserve for disasters	Yes (US\$ 1 Million)
Compensation for disasters	Yes (Name of system: Relief distribution)
Insurance for disasters	Not yet
Tax reduction or exemption	Yes

[Comments (if any)]

Different sectoral ministries allocate some fund for the preparedness, prevention and mitigation. Ministry of Home Affairs has a fund for relief and response activities. There is another fund for relief and mitigational activities eg. Prime Minister's Relief Fund which is allocated on the recommendation of Central Natural Disaster Relief Committee if allocated budget exceeds the limit for immediate response. Activities related with recovery are borne by concern ministries.

Department of Water Induced Disaster Prevention works on the preparedness and mitigational activities for which the annual allocated budget is approximately US\$ 2 million.

5-4. Procedures are in place to exchange relevant information during hazard events and disasters, and to undertake post-event reviews

Procedures for exchanging relevant information during disasters (Knowledge compilation of lessons learned from previous disasters)	Yes

[Comments (if any)]

Information system is dealt by the Home Ministry, the national focal point where as other activities are compiled and shared by the other responsible organizations too.