

## Linking Flagships

### Flagship 1: School Safety and Flagship 4: Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction

Communities bear the brunt of disasters in Nepal, disasters that cost not only lives and property but also set back development gains. These same communities are also at the forefront of disaster risk reduction and preparedness. It is important that work undertaken by Flagship 4 partners in the community is coordinated at both the policy and operational level with the other flagships. This collaboration will create opportunities to capitalise on efforts already being made, increase coordination and information pathways at the community level and prevent the duplication of efforts.

In recognition of the importance of coordination between the two Flagships, on 5 June, 2013, Flagship 1: school safety and Flagship 4 held a joint national workshop to discuss the shared challenges in increasing communities' resilience to disasters and the potential linkages between the two Flagships. Note the focus of collaboration at this initial stage will only include the Kathmandu valley, with the view to be expanded to a national level during the next 12 months.

From the workshop the following outcomes and actions have been agreed to by both Flagships.

#### 1. Agreed mechanism on sharing information between the Flagship areas

- Operational mechanism for collaboration between the 2 flagships has been agreed, in the municipality context. This will include a representative from the School Management Committee and / or Parent Teacher Association being part of the ward level Community Disaster Management Committee. Nepal Red Cross Society, in their Earthquake Preparedness and Safety project have committed to implementing this mechanism in the KTM valley.

##### Actions:

- Follow up discussion between DoE and MOFALD needs to occur to discuss collaboration and mechanism for VDC (rural) collaboration.
- Discussion with Flagship 4 members on agreed operational mechanisms
- Policy level mechanism for collaboration between Flagships will take form in a bi-monthly (every 2 months) coordination and information sharing meeting involving Flagship 4 (IFRC / MoFALD), DoE, ADB, NRRC and NSET. When appropriate this may also include World Bank, Flagship 5, DUDBC and other stakeholders.
- The objective of the meeting will be to share information and act as a problem solving mechanisms for areas of linkages and potential cross over points. This meeting would also serve as a link to other on-going meetings such as school safety committee, school safety thematic group and education cluster. It was discussed if a summary of discussions / outcomes from the school safety committee could be circulated.
- Actions and outcomes from these meetings are to be published widely, and will be included on the Flagship 4 website.

##### Actions:

- Next meeting to be held on 20 August 2013.
- ADB to follow up with School Safety Committee to check if it is able to summarise meeting outcomes that can be distributed more widely.

#### 2. Shared understanding of what work is taking place inside the Kathmandu Valley, and eventually outside of the valley.

- Information on school retro-fitting work completed and planned by DOE (including ward information) to be shared to both Flagship 1 and Flagship 4 members:

##### Actions:

- DoE to compile their information and send on to Flagship 4 by 5 July. NRRC to arrange administration support for this task.
- Flagship 4 to conduct initial analysis of information and circulate by next meeting.

**3. Need for information platform / sharing mechanism**

- DoE to work with ADB to create an online mapping tool and further enhance their information platform [www.doe.gov.np](http://www.doe.gov.np). This will facilitate access to DoE approved plans and eventually provide an entry point for building assessment and approvals.

Actions:

- DoE / NSET / World Bank and ADB will put together a plan of what needs to be updated on the information platform and how to incorporate online mapping and other pertinent information, by 28 July 2013. Plan will include how to link with NRRC and potential server requirements.
- Flagship 4 do put together a list of questions that would be useful for Flagship 4 members to see on the Flagship 1 site.