

Flagship 4 Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

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Agenda and discussion points:

1) Flagship 4 Handbook on Minimum Characteristics

On behalf of the Flagship 4 Coordinator, the NRRC Secretariat shared the loose copy of the English version of the handbook and updated that Nepali translation will be completed in coming week. The handbooks will be printed and disseminated widely. It will also be available on FL 4 Information Platform and NRRC networks.

Action point: all the organizations to disseminate handbook to their regional/district level offices/partners and networks.

2) Urban DRR Symposium Concept Note and Registration Form

The NRRC Secretariat briefed on the objectives and modality of proposed symposium "Strengthening Approaches to Urban Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction" to be organized by the Flagship 4 in Kathmandu. It was emphasized that symposium aims to share lessons learned and challenges faced in Urban DRR work rather than providing programmatic updates. Concept note and the registration forms were shared with the group. The following points were suggested for the next steps:

Discussion highlights:

- Symposium should target and invite wider stakeholders such as universities, academicians, research institutions/individuals, national and international experts with experience on Urban DRR; municipality representatives (at least from the major ones such as Biratnagar, Pokhara, Butwal, etc if not possible to invite all) and relevant Ministries.

- Papers should not be limited to urban disaster as most of the Community Based DRR activities are taking place in rural context in Nepal and the urban centers will have much to learn from those experiences. So it needs to include rural context with wider cross cutting theme including policy level development/challenges as well as the link to urban development process.
- It is important to map out probable/interested paper presenters and make contact with them for timely submission of the papers.
- Agenda and formats of the symposium need to be discussed further once there is a confirmation on the number of paper, participants and venue.

The meeting endorsed the concept of symposium.

3) Flagship 4 Steering Committee Report

Secretariat updated that the date for NRRC Steering Committee meeting has not been finalised yet, however Secretariat is consolidating the progress report which will be shared with Flagship leads for their review and feedback before submitting it to the Steering Committee. In terms of the way forward for meeting the 2013 targets, discussion focussed on available options of choosing depth vs. breadth of the VDCs and/or think jointly other justification for meeting/not meeting 750 VDC target. The challenges discussed included: i) the practical problems such as disconnect between the donor policy (DIPECHO has 18 months and DIFID has 24 months funding cycle) and the envisioned project implementation timeframe which is of 36 months; ii) geographical remoteness; and iii) VDC vs. Community coverage.

4) NRRC Draft Review

CARE and OXFAM informed that the NRRC draft review was shared with the AIN and DIPECHO respectively for their review. The former received no comments and the feedback provided by the DIPECHO partners were submitted to the Secretariat. The Secretariat urged all to send any comment or feedback on the review draft if any.

5) AOB– presentation on CBDRR Framework

- DIPECHO VII Consortium Coordinator gave a brief presentation on DIPECHO Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Framework
- CARE highlighted that the DIPECHO framework, if implemented successfully, will be instrumental in bringing coherence among various planning initiatives (LDRMP, DDRMP, DPRP etc)
- OXFAM informed that the MoHA is taking forward the Disaster Management Act for its approval and he underscored that NRRC should generate interest to push for the Act's approval.
- MoFALD Under Secretary updated on the recent developments including:
 - Formation of a High Level Disaster Coordination Committee chaired by the Secretary
 - Establishment of a Disaster Management section within the Ministry.