

REPORT OF DISTRICT CONSULTATION ON FLAGSHIP AREA 4:
INTEGRATED COMMUNITY BASED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN
KASKI DISTRICT

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FOREWORD

This is a brief report on a 1 day orientation program on "District Consultation to Government Officials, media personnel, political leaders, NGO Leaders and other stakeholders on Flagship Area 4: Integrated Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (ICBDRR) on 1 March 2012 in Kaski district of Nepal. The main objective of the orientation program was to increase engagement of community based organizations with Flagship 4 and other CBDRR initiatives. In addition to the above, other objectives of the program were to educate the Government Officials, media personnel, political leaders, NGO Leaders and other disaster management stakeholders who particularly work for disaster management in their respective field on the various aspects of Flagship Area 4 identified by the Government of Nepal.

It is an established fact that Nepal is highly vulnerable to various types of natural and human induced disasters due to her very young and fragile geo-physical structure, degrading environment, unplanned settlement, lack of early warning system and other technologies and lack of public awareness. Hence, it is highly necessary to handle the situation through soft and hardware measures like this kind of orientation program.

The participants were from the different district level government offices, Nepal Red Cross Society, NGO leaders, media personnel, political leaders, school teachers and grass roots level community mobilizers of Kaski district. All the participants participated very actively and contributed greatly towards the fruitful outcome of the orientation.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Ministry of Local Development, Nepal Red Cross Society, Central Office, International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC), Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium, District Development Committee, Kaski, Nepal Red Cross Society, Kaski District Chapter and all others involved directly or indirectly in making the orientation program a success.

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1. Background

Nepal is vulnerable to many natural and human induced disasters. Factors contributing to the risk and impact include its rugged yet fragile geophysical terrain, active tectonic processes, high altitude, variable climate, unplanned settlements, increasing population, poor economic condition, and low literacy rate. The earthquakes of 1934, 1980 and 1988, and the floods of July 1993 and 2008 are among the most devastating disasters Nepal has experienced. Such disasters have had a negative impact on the nation's development.

International community including International Federation of Red Cross Society (IFRC) are providing assistance to Nepal in the field of disaster management particularly at the community with an aim to reduce disaster risks in Nepal focusing on vulnerable population. Keeping in view the disaster vulnerability of Nepal, In May 2009, the Government of Nepal launched the comprehensive Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium (NRRC), with the IFRC coordinating Flagship Area 4: Integrated Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction. It was realized to conduct a one day intensive orientation program on Flagship Area 4: Integrated Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction 1 March 2012 in Kaski district of Nepal for the Government Officials, political leaders, NGO leaders, media personnel, school teachers and other disaster management stakeholders who particularly work for disaster management in their respective field. All the participants of the orientation/district consultation program actively participated in the orientation and acquired knowledge on various aspects of Flagship Area 4.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the orientation/district consultation program were to:

- increase interest and awareness about NRRC and Flagship 4
- increase the number of local partners involved in Flagship 4
- promote the Flagship 4 Information Platform, and
- collect information on CBDRR projects for project database

3. Key Outcomes of the orientation/district consultation program

- Increased awareness and knowledge on CBDRR
- Increased number of local partners involved in Flagship 4
- Introduction to Flagship 4's Information Platform
- Collection of CBDRR projects for Project database
- Enhancement of knowledge on NRRC and Flagship 4;
- Identification of key issues and challenges on Flagship 4;
- Presentation and knowledge on 9 expected outcomes of Flagship 4;
- Sharing and exchange of knowledge and experiences among the participants and facilitator/resource persons;
- Knowledge on the need and importance of Flagship 4;
- Understand and realize the importance of Flagship 4; and,
- Formulation of an Action Plan.

4. Presentation Program Areas

- 4.1 Overview of NRRC Consortium
- 4.2 Overview of district
- 4.3 Objectives of the Flagship 4
- 4.4 Expected Outcomes of the the Flagship 4
- 4.5 Information Platform
- 4.6 Action Plan

4. Methodology

Basically, audio-visual aid i.e. PowerPoint presentation was made. In addition, various other IEC materials were used in the orientation program. In the end of the orientation program, the participants were divided into three groups and each group developed action plans. Entertainment and refreshment were also the part of the orientation.

5. Participants

In Kaski, 50 (fifty participants including the Local Development Officer, Nepal Red Cross Society District Chairman, NGO leaders, media personnel, political leaders, school teachers and other disaster management stakeholders from the different district level Government and other agencies attended the orientation.

6. Opening Ceremony

The orientation program commenced with a brief opening ceremony. The opening ceremony was chaired by Mr. Ram Prasad Gyawali, President of Nepal Red Cross Society, District Chapter, Kaski. The Local Development Officer Mr. Guru Subedi was the Chief Guest. Dr. Meen B. Poudyal Chhetri delivered welcome speech and highlighted the main objectives of the orientation program. LDO Mr. Subedi inaugurated the program and addressed the participants by saying that the orientation program will greatly help to understand the need and importance of Flagship Area 4. Speaking from the chair NRCS, Kaski District Chapter President Mr. Ram Prasad Gyawali said that the proposed program is highly necessary to build the capacity of the community people and build disaster resilient communities all over the country.

7. Duration

One day (1 March 2012)

8. Venue

Pokhara Village Resort, Lakeside, Pokhara, Nepal.

9. Significance of the Orientation Program

Active participation of the 50 participants and cheerful compliance to learn are the significance of the orientation program. Participants from NGOs, media, political parties, schools as well as government offices were very active, keen and interested in the orientation program.

9. Conclusion

The participants of the orientation/district consultation program mentioned that the program was very useful and interesting for them. They committed to make the Flagship Area 4 program successful by implementing it in the vulnerable communities. They felt that the tools, techniques and this orientation/district consultation program will greatly help successfully implement the Flagship Area 4 program.

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1	ADRCN	NGO
2	APF, Kalika Gan Ararsee Times Weekly (Dev. NEWS)	Gov. Media
3	ARMY (NGBN)	Gov.
4	ASK	
5	ASS	
6	CPN (UML)	Civil Society
7	CPN Unified	Civil Society
8	DADO	
9	DAO	Gov.
10	DCC	
11	DDC, Kaski	Gov.
12	DFO Kaski	Gov.
13	District Police Office	Gov.
14	DLSO Kaski	Gov.
15	DMDC	
16	DPHO Kaski	Gov.
17	DSCO	Gov.
18	FNJ Kaski	Civil Society
19	Golden Eye T.V	Media
20	MDO	NGO
21	N.C.P, Sanyukta	Civil Society
22	NFC, Kaski	Gov.
23	NRCS Kaski	NGO
24	NTNC ACAP	Gov.
25	Civil Society	
26	Pokhara F.M	Media
27	Press Chautari Kaski	Media
28	PSMC	Gov.
29	JICA/PWMLGP	INGO
30	R.J.M.	Civil Society
31	Radio Barahi Himdut	Media
32	RMDP	
33	RMSO Pokhara	Gov. Academic Institution
34	SNDP. School	
35	UCPN(M)	Civil Society
36	WIDP Sub Division Pokhara	Gov.
37	World Vision International	INGO
38	WRH	Gov.

Annex 1: List of Participated organizations