



**The 6th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
Bangkok, Thailand
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Concept Note for Side Event

Side Event	<i>Mainstreaming community based disaster risk management into local government planning: case study from Nepal</i>
Schedule	Panel discussion
Theme to be addressed	Sub-theme 1 - Enhancing Resilience at Local levels
Organizers	<p>Lead: Flagship 4</p> <p>Co-leads: MOFALD / DIPECHO partners</p> <p>Contact Details: Becky-Jay Harrington Beckyjay.harrington@ifrc.org)</p>
Background	<p>Classified as a global 'hotspot' (World Bank 2005), Nepal is vulnerable to multiple natural disasters, suffering an average of 900 natural disasters each year resulting in lost lives and damaged livelihoods (MoHA 2009). Nepal is also categorized as a 'least developed country' by UNDP.</p> <p>Flagship 4, as part of the Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium, recognizes that in order for interventions to assist communities in becoming more resilient, communities themselves must have the capacity to develop their existing resources (or access and incorporate new resources). The challenge for Nepal has been how can implementing partners, Government and communities work together to design a sustainable mechanism that gains communities and local government access to regular funding streams. Regular funding that allows these communities and local governments to be able to mitigate and reduce local hazards, as well as respond as effectively as possible, in a self-sustaining manner.</p> <p>In 2013 the Government led the National Collaboration and Coordination meeting which identified and designed a strategy on how to integrate disaster management activities identified by the community into regular Government planning cycles and funding. This strategy largely capitalizes on existing local Government structures of the 'Local Governance Capacity Development</p>

	<p>Program' which uses a ground up approach to inform district level allocation of funding. This strategy has been integrated into the harmonisation of the local level disaster management policy in Nepal.</p> <p>This mainstreaming strategy is already demonstrating results in 2014-2015 financial year with 1.7 Million Euros being allocated in 6 districts, to the village development committees (VDC) for Disaster Management purposes.</p> <p>In addition to this local level mainstreaming approach, there has been a push at the national level, where work is underway with the National Planning Commission, who have issued an important directive to other sector ministries setting out the requirements on how to integrate disaster management into their budgets in 2014-2015 and onwards.</p> <p>The Government of Nepal is demonstrating its serious commitment to disaster management and a sustainable approach through these 2 initiatives. It also addresses many of the issues raised in the Hyogo Framework of Action (HFA) implementation progress report of Nepal, 2012 which highlighted <i>“a need for information exchange among DRR actors, strengthening DRR at district and village level, and community participation in development of village disaster risk profiles. There is also a need to improve the level of understanding of communities and VDCs on the local disaster risk management plans and HFA process adopted by the Government of Nepal. To make DRR sustainable, successful DRR models and interventions should be promoted, with effective and practical ways of integrating them into the development system of the country. There is also a need to develop strong coordination mechanisms at local and national level to promote standardised and risk reduction interventions”</i>.</p>
<p>Session Objectives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collective mainstreaming strategy: how to integrate disaster management activities into local planning processes • The importance of advocacy and mobilisation of local level stakeholders during disaster management planning and regular district level planning processes. • Results (funding allocation) how Nepal local government has been contributing to HFA objectives

<p>Speakers and title of their interventions (<i>Expected participation: *technical expert* please indicate names, functions, Organization/Country</i>)</p>	<p>Facilitation by Flagship 4 coordinator: Becky-Jay Harrington</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoHA / MoFALD: Under Secretary • DIPECHO implementing partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Practical Action (Alex Barcena / Yuwan Malakar) ○ CARE • UNDP Nepal
<p>Possible recommendations</p>	<p>Identification of processes developed in Nepal for mainstreaming disaster management that are transferable to other contexts.</p>
<p>Technical Equipment</p>	<p>Projector, microphonesx4,</p>