



REPORT ON

**DISTRICT CONSULTATION ON FLAGSHIP AREA 4: INTEGRATED COMMUNITY
BASED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

Hetauda, Makwanpur

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Jointly Organized by:

Women and Children Development Forum (WCDF)

District Development Committee, Makwanpur

Disaster Preparedness Network-Nepal

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Acronym

APF	Armed Police Force
DMC	Disaster Management Committee
CEEDF	
UCPN Moist	United Communist Party Moist
CPN UML	Communist Party Nepal UML
DADO	District Development Office
DAO	District Administration Office
DDC,	District Development Committee
DDMC	District Disaster Management Committee
DFCC,	District Forest Coordination Committee
DFO	District Forest Office
DHO	District Health Office
DEO	District Education Office
DLSO	District Lives Services Office
FECOFUN	Federation of Community Forest Users Nepal
FNJ	Federation of Nepali Journalists
MDI Nepal	Manahari Development Institute-Nepal
NFN Federation	NGO Federation Nepal
RPP Party	Rastriya Prajatantra Party Nepal
WCDF	Women and Children Development Forum



Flagship 4 District Consultations

Draft Report

1. Introduction

The Flagship 4 district consultation program was held on 28th February 2012 in Motel Avocado, Hetauda, Makwanpur. The program was jointly organized by Women and Children Development Forum, District Development Committee, Makwanpur and Disaster Preparedness Network-Nepal with the support of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent.

The consultation program intended to capitalize on the Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR) activities and experience which has already accumulated to create more systematic and harmonized approach to CBDRR which will be conducted at VDC level. The main objective of the program was to increase interest and awareness about NRRC and Flagship 4. It also intended to increase the number of local partners involved in Flagship 4 and promote the Flagship 4 Information Platform.

The Flagship 4 District Consultation program was prepared with the series of meeting between DPNet-Nepal, Ministry of Local Development and IFRC. The Ministry of Local Development drafted the official letter to the concerned District Development Committees to invite the participants identified as the district stakeholders in Flagship 4 program. DPNet-Nepal has coordinated and corresponded with DDC, DAO and local partners to make the program success and achieve the expected outcomes.

Forty nine participants from 36 organizations attended the workshop, this included representatives from 12 Government agencies, 2 INGOs, 6 NGOs, 3 CBOs, 9 civil society leaders, 3 Media and 1 Academic institution.

2. Consultation Summary

The workshop was chaired by Mr. Yubraj Subedi, Local Development Officer, Makwanpur. The chief guest of the program was Mr. Basanta Bhattarai, chief District Officer of Makwanpur district. The workshop began formally with the welcoming remarks of Ms. Mridula Sharma, Chairperson of Women and Children Development Forum. Ms. Sharma welcomed all the guests, participants, and media persons to the program. Ms. Sharma expressed her gratitude to the Chief District Officer and Local Development Officer for their keen interest and invaluable participation to the workshop.

Mr. Bhesh Parajuli, facilitator of the Flagship 4 district consultation program, highlighted the objectives of the program. He also made a short presentation on the Disaster Preparedness Network-Nepal (DPNet-Nepal). Providing the brief information on DPNet-Nepal, Mr. Parajuli



highlighted on the objectives of the workshop and gave a brief explanation of the Flagship 4 program.

Mr. Kapil Regmi, Section officer, District Administration Office, made a presentation on the District Disaster Profile of Makwanpur District. Mr. Regmi highlighted that Makwanpur district is highly vulnerable due to flood and landslide. The upper part is at high risk of landslide and the lower part is from flood. He also informed that 14 Village Development Committees are identified as highly vulnerable, 26 VDCs are at medium and 5 VDCs are less vulnerable in terms of hazards. Flood, landslide, thunderbolt, fire and epidemics are the main types of disaster in Makwanpur district. Highlighting on the study and reports published by the agencies involved in district disaster response activity, Mr. Regmi stated that about 9000 people could be affected by the disaster in Makwanpur district only.

Mr. Basanta Bhattarai, Chief District Officer, Makwanpur and chief guest of the program delivered remarks. Mr. Bhattarai said that Nepal is one of the 20 most disaster-prone countries in the world and it is at high risk of climate change. Nepal ranks at 11th in terms of risk from earthquake and 30th in terms of flood risk in the world. We are very prone to various disasters; they are recurrent as flood and epidemics.

Mr. Yubraj Subedi, Local Development Officer, Makwanpur and chair of the program delivered his remarks. He expressed his gratitude to the DPNet-Nepal, IFRC and WCDF for supporting and organizing such a significant workshop in the district. He said that this type of program

The list of participating organisations is provided below: The workshop was attended from a cross section of Local Government agencies, Local NGOs, Academic Institutions, Media and Civil Society has demonstrated that the more engagement of community based organizations with Flagship 4.

3. Assessment of Sessions

Session 1:

The paper presentation was made on Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium (NRRC). Mr. Bhesh Parajuli briefly talked about the current trend of Disaster Management in Nepal, National Strategy for Disaster Risk Management, National Earthquake Safety Day and Local Disaster Risk Management Plan (LDRMP) Guideline. He also provided a brief explanation on NRRC, its objectives, Flagship Areas, partners and progress of NRRC to date. A full copy of presentation can be found on: <http://www.dpnet.org.np/index.php?pageName=presentation>.

After the paper presentation on NRRC, the flip chart was given to the participants and they were asked to discuss on the key challenges in the coordination at the district level and present the points they have noted. The participants noted the points in the flip chart and presented



afterwards. The key challenges in the coordination at the district level presented by the participants are as follow:

- Lack of accurate information during the disaster
- Duplication of the activities in the district
- There no clear policy for coordination between Government and Non-Government organizations.
- There is no coherence between GA and NGOs in Disaster Risk Management.
- Lack of transparency among the agencies working in the district
- There is no longer term plan to address the issue of Disaster in the district.
- Lack of coordination between GA and NGOs while implementing development and other DRR programs
- Integrated community Based DRR programs should be planned in the districts on the basis of vulnerability ranking.
- Lack of knowledge among political leaders about relief distribution guideline
- Require coordination among the Government and Non-Government agencies in the time of relief distribution.
- Need to be clear on the roles and responsibility of different district stakeholders in the DRM.
- There is no sense of ownership among the community organizations.
- Lack of coordination in the planning phase
- Lack of effective information sharing system of District Development Committee.
- Difficult to make an effective coordination mechanism and make decision to implement the program in the absence of elected local representatives.
- Reluctance among the community organizations in the District Disaster Risk Management Planning

Session 2:

Mr. Bhesh Parajuli presented the paper on Flagship 4: Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction. Highlighting on the challenges for Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction in Nepal, Mr. Parajuli shared the objectives of Flagship 4. He said that the main objective of the Flagship 4 is bringing different stakeholders together to discuss a common approach to CDRR and strengthening the linkage with government/ administrative structures in Nepal to ensure sustainability. He also gave a brief explanation on coordination mechanism of NRRC. He also explained on the Flagship 4: 5 year target and joint Flagship 4 outcomes. Mr. Parajuli concluded the paper highlighting on the key challenges of Flagship 4. A full copy of presentation can be found on DPNet-Nepal website: <http://www.dpnet.org.np/index.php?pageName=presentation>

Session 3:

In this session the paper presentation was made on Minimum Characteristics of Disaster Resilient Community. He informed that minimum characteristics of a disaster resilient community were developed throughout a series of workshops conducted in 2010 and 2011 involving the Nepal Government, UN, INGOs, NGOs, Donors and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. He also explained that these 9 minimum characteristics act as a guide for CBDRR



projects and set the standard for what CBDRR projects should encompass. Highlighting on the 9 minimum characteristics, he informed that this is not intended to be a comprehensive list of characteristics, as many agencies may have additional characteristics they wish to achieve as part of their CBDRR projects. A full copy of presentation can be found on DPNet-Nepal website: <http://www.dpnet.org.np/index.php?pageName=presentation>

The presentation was stopped at slide 16 and the participants were asked to discuss on how they could incorporate these characteristics into their projects (past or present). The participants said the 9 minimum characteristics had already practiced in their CBDRR projects in different ways.

After a short discussion among the participants on 9 minimum characteristics of disaster resilient community, Mr. Parajuli provided the information on project database form. The project database forms were distributed to the participants intending to record all of the CBDRR projects going on at Makwanpur district. The project database forms completed by the participants and the information on CBDRR projects were collected with the objectives of mapping CBDRR projects within the district.

The participants raised the question that if the early warning system of community is not developed properly then how it could be integrated with the district and national early warning system.

Session 4:

The fourth session was on Information Platform on Flagship 4. The facilitator provided a brief explanation on information platform. The information platform provides the detail information on flagship program. The facilitator instructed the participants how to visit the information platform website, what they can find and how they can upload their information regarding CBDRR project information and materials into the website. The participants were found very interesting on the information platform. The facilitator also informed that they can like the facebook page of NRRC.

Session 5:

The final session was on Action Plan. The participants were divided into three groups the each group was asked to come up with an action plan. The action plan prepared by each group is provided in the annex:

4. Consultation Outcomes

District name		
1. Increased awareness and knowledge on CBDRR	Achieved	Wider participation by the representatives of different district level organizations. The participants were asked to provide their comment



		and feedback on workshop before officially concluding the program. Most of the participants mentioned that the program was much effective in sharing the information regarding the Flagship program. They have learned much information on NRRC, Flagship program, 9 minimum characteristics of Disaster Resilient Community and F4 information platform.
2.Increased number of local partners involved in Flagship 4	Achievement	The wide participation from a cross section of Local Government agencies, Local NGOs, Academic Institutions, Media and Civil Society has demonstrated that the more engagement of community based organizations with Flagship 4.
3.Introduction to Flagship 4's Information Platform	Achievement	All the participants expressed their keen interest on the Flagship 4 Information Platform and they said that they would upload the information and materials related to the CBDRR Projects.
4.Collection of CBDRR projects for Project database	Partially Achieved	The number of organizations working on the CBDRR Projects is very low in Makwanpur district. They were not bringing the CBDRR project materials to the workshop but they expressed their commitment that they would upload the materials on F4 information platform or



		send to F4 coordinator.
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5. Challenges and Lessons Learnt

5.1. Challenges

The workshop was the less priority of concerned Local Government Authorities:

The consultation workshop was scheduled as the full day program. The program hours was clearly mentioned in the invitation letter which was sent out to the program participants. But the concerned Government authorities were in a rush during the workshop due their pre-occupied schedule. They were likely to join other programs organized in the district by the different organizations.

Collection of CBDRR information

The number of Local Non-Government Organization working in CBDRR projects is very low in the district. The organization representatives participating in the workshop were not well informed on their project details.

5.2. Lessons Learnt

The participants should be encouraged to engage for the whole workshop

To make the program more effective and achieve the objective of the program the participants should actively engaged for the whole workshop. Attending the program and leaving it in the half time will obviously disturb in achieving the objectives of the program.

Need to be aware on the same kind of events in the same day in the district

The district stakeholders participating in the events organized in the districts are almost same. If there are more events organized in the districts the government officials are expected to participate in every events, so the organizer should be aware on the collide of the events on same day.

6. Recommendations

It would be better to assign two facilitators for each consultation

Facilitating a whole day workshop by a single facilitator is not an easy task. To make the workshop more effective and productive it would be better to assign two facilitators in each consultation workshop.

Engage more participants from community level

The participants in the district consultation were the representatives of district level organizations. If the participants invited from the community level the information can be shared in the local level. The expected participants could be the representatives of School Teacher, VDC Secretaries, Local Women Group, Youth Group and Youth Clubs.

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7. Conclusion

The Flagship 4 district consultation program was organized with the aim of increasing the engagement of community based organizations with Flagship 4 and other CBDRR initiatives. The one day consultation program also aimed to promote the Flagship 4's Information Platform and collection of CBDRR projects for project database. The wide participation from a cross section of Local Government agencies, Local NGOs, Academic Institutions, Media and Civil Society has demonstrated that the more engagement of community based organizations with Flagship 4. Before concluding the workshop, the participants were asked to give their comment and feedback on the workshop. Most of the participants mentioned that the program was much effective in sharing the information regarding the Flagship program. They also expressed that the information platform is very interesting and useful for all those organizations working on CBDRR projects. They said that they have learned about NRRC, Flagship 4 Program and Flagship 4's Information Platform.

Annex 1: List of Participated organizations:

S.N.	Name of Organization	Type of Organization
1.	APF	Gov.
2.	Bansha Gopal DMC	CBO
3.	Care Nepal Bharatpur	INGO
4.	CEEDF	NGO
5.	Churiyamai secondary school	Academic Institution
6.	CPN Moist Makwanpur	Civil Society
7.	CPN UML Makwanpur	Civil Society
8.	DADO Makwanpur	Gov.
9.	DAO, Makwanpur	Gov.
10.	DDC, Makwanpur	Gov.
11.	DDMC	Civil Society
12.	Devidal Gana (Army)	Gov.
13.	DFCC, Makawanpur	Civil Society
14.	DFO Makwanpur	Gov.
15.	DHO Makawanpur	Gov.
16.	DEO	Gov.
17.	Dist. Soil Cons Office, Makawanpur	Gov.
18.	DLSO, Makawanpur	Gov.
19.	DMC, Basamali	CBO
20.	FeCoFun	Civil Society
21.	FNJ Makawanpur	Civil Society

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22.	Hetauda FM	Media
23.	District irrigation Office, Makwanpur	Gov.
24.	MDI Nepal	NGO.
25.	NFN Federation	Civil Society
26.	Nariship Srijana Kendra	NGO.
27.	Nepal Red Cross Society	NGO.
28.	Pariwartan Nepal	NGO.
29.	Plan Nepal, Makwanpur	INGO.
30.	Radio Makwanpur	Media
31.	Radio Thaha Sanchar 99.6	Media
32.	RPP Party	Civil Society
33.	Sanjal	Civil Society
34.	Sanopokhara DMC	CBO
35.	Water Supply and Sanitation Division Office	Gov.
36.	WCDF	NGO