

NEPAL RISK REDUCTION CONSORTIUM

FLAGSHIP 4: INTEGRATED COMMUNITY
BASED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



REPORT ON

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

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1. Introduction

Nepal is highly vulnerable to various types of natural and human induced disasters such as floods, landslides, earthquakes, epidemic, fires, avalanches, glacial lake outburst floods, lightning, windstorm, hailstorm, heatwaves, cold waves etc. The main reasons of such vulnerabilities are rugged and fragile geophysical structure, active tectonic processes, high altitude, variable climate, unplanned settlements, increasing population, poor economic condition, low literacy rate and lack of disaster governance. 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 Nepal's development processes.

International Federation of Red Cross Society (IFRC) and other International communities are providing assistance to Nepal in the field of disaster management particularly at the community level with an aim to reduce disaster risks in Nepal focusing on vulnerable population. With an view towards the disaster vulnerability of Nepal, In May 2009, the Government of Nepal started Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium (NRRC). IFRC took the charge of coordinating Flagship Area 4: Integrated Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction. It was found necessary to conduct a one day consultation program on Flagship Area 4: Integrated Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction on 3 April 2012 in Mornag district of Nepal for the Government Officials, political leaders, NGO leaders, media personnel, social organizations and other disaster management stakeholders who involved in disaster management. All the participants of the orientation/district consultation program actively participated in the orientation program and acquired knowledge on various aspects of Flagship Area 4.

The district consultation program was carried out 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.

2. Consultation Summary

The consultation program commenced with a brief opening ceremony. The opening ceremony was chaired by Mr. Ramanand Yadav, Acting President of Nepal Red Cross Society, District



Chapter, Morang. The Local Development Officer Mr. Pashupati Pokharel was the Chief Guest and Senior Public Health Officer Mr. Nawa Raj Subba of District Public Health Office was the guest of the program. Facilitator of the Consultation Program Dr. Meen B. Poudyal Chhetri delivered welcome speech and highlighted the main objectives of the orientation program. Chief District Officer Mr. Tara Nath Gautam a bit later attended the program and also addressed the participants. CDO Mr. Gautam said that the District Consultation Program is very useful and hoped that it will come up with some meaningful outcomes. LDO Mr. Pokharel said that the program will immensely help to understand the various aspects of Flagship Area 4. Speaking from the chair NRCS, Moran District Chapter Acting President Mr. Ramanand Yadav said that the District Consultation Program was long awaited and it will help to understand the and implement the objectives of Flagship 4. Highlighting the objectives of the District Consultation Program, Facilitator of the program Dr. Meen B. Poudyal chhetri said that ultimately the Flagship 4 will help to build the capacity of the community people and disaster resilient communities in various parts of the country.

There were a total of 42 participants at the District Consultation Program which was quite encouraging.

3. Consultation Outcomes

- Comprehensive knowledge on Flagship 4
- Understand and realize the need and importance of Flagship 4
- Increased awareness and knowledge on CBDRR
- Increased number of local partners involved in Flagship 4
- 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; and
- Formulation of an Action Plan

4. Challenges and Lessons Learnt

Challenges

- i) One day's time for the consultation was realized too short
- ii) It was a difficult task to coordinate with different organizations
- iii) It was also difficult for one facilitator to conduct the consultation for the whole day



- iv) Budget and other resources for the consultation were found quite inadequate
- v) The participants group was heterogenous
- vi) The education and understanding level of the participants was high to low
- vii) Most of the participants were not aware about the Flagship program. Therefore, it was difficult to motivate the participants in providing the insights of Flagship 4.

Lessons Learnt

- i. The budget and resources should be significantly raised
- ii. The participants should be selected carefully so that they have similar education level and have at least some knowledge of DRR
- iii. Due to the lack of background information on DRR, the participants felt lost while talking about Flagship 4 topics
- iv. In view of the time and resources given to the facilitator - preparation of final report and entering the other data and information for one facilitator is a lot of work
- v. Therefore, there should be at least two facilitators

5. Recommendations

- i) The budget and other resources should be increased
- ii) At least there should be two persons to conduct such program e.g. one facilitator and one assistant to the Lead Facilitator

6. Conclusion

The participants of the Morang District Consultation Program attended and actively contributed in the program. All most all the participants stayed from the beginning to the end of the program. The participants said that the program was very interesting and useful to 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 the District Consultation Program will greatly help successfully implement the Flagship Area 4 program in the days to come.



Annex 1: List of Participated organizations:

S.N.	Name of Organization	Type of Organization
1.	District Administration Office	Govt.
2.	District Development Committee	Govt.
3.	District Police Office	Govt.
4.	Armed Police Force	Govt.
5.	Various District level and Local Level Nepal Red Cross Societies	NGO
6.	District Public Health Office	Govt.
7.	District Urban Dev. and Building Construction Office	Govt.
8.	Rural Reconstruction Nepal	NGO
9.	Water Supply and Sanitation Development Office	Govt.
10.	Nepal Food Corporation	Corporation
11.	UNICEF	INGO
12.	DPNC, Morang	NGO
13.	EIDD	NGO
14.	District Agriculture Office	Govt.
15.	Plan Nepal, Morang	NGO
16.	Water Induced Disaster Prevention Division Office,	Govt.



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17.	FOSKAL	Civil Society
18.	Disaster Affected Society	Civil Society
19.	Disaster Vulnerable Group	Civil Society
20.	Social Service Group	Civil Society
21.	PDRMP	Civil Society
22.	NDRMPS	Civil Society
23.	Prakop Bisthapit Sewa Kendra	Civil Society
24.	Badhi Pidit Sewa Samuha	Civil Society
25.	DPNet-Nepal	NGO