

2013 Urban CBDRR Symposium

'Successes and lessons learnt in Urban Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction'

Annapurna Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

Tuesday, December 03, 2013

8.30 am - 9.00 am	Registration	
9:00 am - 9.20 am	Keynote address and welcoming remarks Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development	
9.20 am - 9.40 am	Remarks Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of Urban Development	
9.40 am - 10.10 am	Nepal's Urban Risks and Vulnerabilities (Flagship 4 & Oxfam)	
10.10 am - 10.50 am	Urban disaster risk management and preparedness for response: Lessons from Kathmandu valley & Haiti (Nepal Red Cross & British Red Cross)	
10.50 am - 11.10 am	Tea Break	
11.10 am - 11.50 am	Outcomes of Urban resilience research in Kathmandu (Hanna Ruszczyk, Durham University)	
11.50 am - 12.30 pm	Analysis of Urban CBDRR: Kathmandu valley versus other municipalities (Oxfam)	
12.30 pm - 1.30 pm	Lunch Break	
	Kumari Hall	Banquet hall
1.30 pm - 2.10 pm	Achieving meaningful engagement of vulnerable communities in the urban context (TBC) (Practical Action / ActionAID)	Regulatory barriers to providing emergency and transitional shelter after disasters: Kathmandu case study (IFRC / NRCS)
	5 minutes to allow for change in venue	
2.20 pm - 3.00 pm	Regional analysis of urban CBDRR approaches (Plan International) (TBC)	How a building code automation system improves compliance (UNDP)
3.00 pm - 3.20 pm	Afternoon tea break	
3.20 pm - 4.00 pm	EMI / IFRC study on programmatic directions for the urban context (TBC) OR Urban VCA (IFRC)	Approaches to municipality building code implementation across Nepal (DUDBC/NSET) (TBC)
	5 minutes to allow for change in venue	
4.10 pm - 4.50 pm	Linking community health and disaster management in the urban context (WHO / Oxfam)	Sharing outcomes from Living urban heritage and Disaster Risk Management symposium (UNESCO)
5.00 pm - 5.30 pm	Closings remarks Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development and NRRC	
	Note: Translation services will be available during the day	

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Background information

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 experiencing the fastest rate of urban growth of any South Asian country (World Bank, 2013). This rapid urbanisation is only adding to the ever growing complexities of working in the urban environment and continues to present challenges in building disaster resilient communities. Urban CBDRR work although on-going, has been fragmented and learning to date has been limited. With the creation of multiple new municipalities in Nepal, urban growth increasing, the difficulties of balancing the needs of the Kathmandu valley with emerging urban needs elsewhere, increased knowledge and tools will be to address these issues.

In August 2012, Flagship 4 organised an urban CBDRR workshop to discuss the various efforts of stakeholders in addressing this issue. Challenges of coordination in the urban context are widely acknowledged and discussed in the workshop. One outcome was the agreement that greater coordination and learning of activities in Urban CBDRR/M is required to maximize implementation at all levels. At the request of implementing agencies Flagship 4 has begun to coordinate a regular Urban CBDRR coordination meeting at the operational level and established a Google group for circulation of related research, news and advances in this field, in an attempt to try and improve coordination at the ground level. It is too soon yet to know what effect these efforts may have but feedback is positive and there is appetite for yet more activity. Building on these experiences and recognising the challenges faced, Flagship 4 has put together this symposium to discuss successes and share lessons learnt in this area.

Overall objective:

There has been significant investment already in urban CBDRR Nepal, from implementing agencies, Government and donors. There continues to be a lot to learn and much that we, as a DRR/M community do not know or have not tested. The objective of the symposium is to advance work in urban CBDRR in Nepal and to examine how new research, successes, lessons learnt and case studies can be applied to shape urban CBDRR moving forward.

Format

Sessions will run for 40minutes, time split between 20minute presentation and 20minute interactive session for questions and brainstorming.

Marketplace

The symposium will include a market place, where organisations will showcase their programmes and work in CBDRR and other sector work that is occurring in the urban context in Nepal, that inter-relates with urban CBDRR/M. The marketplace is an opportunity for organisations to show what urban CBDRR/M 'looks like' and informally share lessons learnt. Stands will include maps, photos, promotional materials, videos, examples of games and IEC materials.

Expected Outcomes

1. Provide tangible guidance to policy makers and implementers on how to address challenges faced in urban CBDRR. Including clear directions on how increase coordination between stakeholders.
2. Develop clear steps forward in implementing operational linkages between sectors in Urban CBDRR.
3. The NRRC secretariat will be present during the symposium with the objective to determine if there is enough valid data and clarity around linkages between Urban CBDRR and other sectors, that a 3 day workshop across all Flagships in 2014 would be useful.