

Commitments & Recommendations from the Different Policy Dialogues on DRRM

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Issues were held of the policy dialogues

1. Providing Psychological Support for Disaster Survivors
2. Assessing the Efficiency of Early Warning System in DRRM
3. Private Sector Investment in Enhancing Disaster Resilience
4. Good Governance for DRRM Across Three Tiers of Government
5. Enhancing the Resilience of Market Systems in DRR
6. Improving Disaster Risk Transfer and Financing Mechanisms
7. Involving Non-Governmental Stakeholders in DRRM Efforts

Providing Psychological Support for Disaster Survivors

Key commitments and recommendations:

- Emphasizing the provision of psychological assistance to survivors of disasters.
- Striving to extend the integration of psychological support from our organization to the individual level.
- Guaranteeing the involvement of marginalized individuals in the decision-making process.
- Incorporating policies and programs aimed at enhancing institutional capacity for psychological and mental support into mainstream initiatives.
- Launching efforts to cultivate a proficient workforce through training, dialogues, and discussions to cater to the needs of marginalized individuals.

Assessing Efficiency of Early Warning System in DRRM

Key commitments and recommendations:

- Improving the Early Warning System's effectiveness in covering all potentially vulnerable areas.
- Swiftly sharing DHM's forecasts with all relevant communities.
- Prioritizing the provision of accurate forecasts to marginalized individuals facing risks.
- Utilizing weather forecast data to shape policies and measures related to Early Warning Systems.
- Strengthening the skills and capabilities of individuals involved in EWS.
- Implementing decision support systems and MHEWS systems proactively.

Private Sector Investment in Enhancing Disaster Resilience

Key commitments and recommendations:

- Encouraging private sector involvement in comprehensive DRR initiatives.
- Prioritizing the inclusion of vulnerable individuals within the private sector in decision-making related to DRR.
- Integrating proactive engagement of the private sector on the developing DRR-related policies.
- Dedication to facilitating inclusive dialogues for policy and program development in the realm of DRR.

Good Governance for DRRM Across Three Tiers of Government

Key commitments and recommendations:

- Establishing clear definitions of roles and responsibilities for the three tiers of government in DRRM.
- Assigning governmental roles and responsibilities according to the scale and impact of disasters.
- Prioritizing the inclusion of vulnerable populations residing in high-risk areas within the decision-making process of DRRM.
- Ensuring the utilization of existing infrastructure and trained personnel for integrated emergency services during disasters.
- Delegating specific responsibilities to the relevant District Coordination Committee to oversee DRRM coordination.
- Periodically assess and adjust the DRR National Policy and National Strategic Plan of Action to meet evolving needs.

Enhancing the Resilience of Market Systems in DRR

Key commitments and recommendations:

- Collaborative disaster planning for market impact.
- Assessing disaster risks for market stability.
- Raising private sector awareness of high-risk areas and market dynamics.
- Promoting government policies for market resilience.
- Partnering with public and private entities for market strengthening.
- Educating and monitoring market conditions.
- Continuous improvement through experiential learning.

Improving Disaster Risk Transfer & Financing Mechanisms

Key commitments and recommendations:

- The utilization of funds dedicated to disaster management.
- Promoting awareness and education regarding insurance.
- Expanding the reach of insurance services to rural regions.
- Fostering government commitment to insurance policies.
- Investigating alternative approaches to risk transfer.
- Enhancing the oversight and regulation of the insurance industry.
- Streamlining insurance programs for simplicity.
- Implementing comprehensive policies for managing disasters throughout their cycles.

Involving Non-Governmental Stakeholders in DRRM Efforts

Key commitments and recommendations:

- Continuing to share valuable knowledge and wisdom gained from the NRA.
- Annually release the Nepal Disaster Report, incorporating inputs from NGSs.
- Review and amend the guidelines regarding NGSs involvement.
- Clearly define the duties and obligations of the three levels of government.
- Create a DRR policy monitoring system to prevent jurisdictional inconsistencies.
- Enhance the NPDRR program and extend its reach to provincial and local levels.
- Promote the widespread utilization of the Central DM Fund for DRR, Response, and Recovery efforts.
- Foster a collaborative atmosphere for NGSs to collaborate effectively.

Key Issues

- Provisional: Lack of provisions and having few policy dilemmas.
- Institutional: Very few/non representatives at the councils, committees and institutional decision support system.
- Operational:
 - Lack of delineation within three tiers of government.
 - Local Administration Vs Local Governments
 - Limited scope of DM Fund mobilization
- Behaviors: Hesitation to working together with Non-Governmental Stakeholders.

Way forward

- Formulate policy provisions as required.
- Avoid jurisdictional zig zag.
- Delineate of powers between three tiers of government.
- Mobilize DM Fund for DRR, Response, RRR.
- Develop a system of situation tracking, monitoring, and getting feedback.
- Promote a culture of working together among government, non-government, private sector for DRRM.



Thank you!