

Executive Committee

Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa, Chairperson

Mr. Thapa has been working in the development as well as Disaster Management sector in different Capacities in different national, international organizations and federations since 1985. Currently, he works as an Executive Chairperson in Friends Service Council Nepal. He is also a former Treasure of Social Welfare Council. He was awarded as a 'International Humanitarian Award 2017' by Dan Church Aid, 'Disaster Relief Award' by HoHA and National award for 'Outstanding Development Worker-1996' by NGO Federation of Nepal.

Mr. Ram Prasad Bhattarai, Vice Chairperson

Engineer Bhattarai has more than 27 years of experience in the field of Disaster and Climate Change. He has working experience with different development agencies especially in DRR&M. He is also renown Master Trainer of disaster management.

Mr. Raju Thapa, General Secretary

Lawyer Thapa is Ph.D. Scholar in disaster management. He has multiple master's degrees on development and humanitarian fields. He is a General Secretary of Nepal Center for Disaster Management and Founder Member of Institute of Crisis Management Studies. He is also an awardee of Australia Awards Fellowship on inclusive disaster management.

Ms. Mridula Dhakal, Treasurer

Ms. Dhakal, has been active member for over two decades in DPNet-Nepal, where her role has been crucial in representation of Women in disaster risk reduction and management sector. President of Women and Children Development Forum, she has expertise in grass-root communities, resilience and preparedness programs.

Mr. Sher Bahadur Karki, Member

Mr. Karki has an academic background of zoology and education. He has been working in Nepal Red Cross Society since 18 years and has expertise on Disaster Risk Reduction Program. He has also been deployed as a international delegate in International Disaster Response.

Mr. Biplav Pradhan, Member

Mr. Pradhan has university degrees in both humanitarian and development fields (Master of Disaster Management and Bachelor of Development Studies). He is currently Program Director at CDM-Nepal, and prior to this he worked in various capacities at UN agencies and INGOs.

Mr. Jaganath Prasad Kurmi, Member

Mr. Kurmi is National Chairperson of National Network of Community Disaster Management Committees (NCDMC) Nepal. He has been advocating on behalf of actual disaster affected communities for the rights of the people for more than a decade and also for the legal instruments in DRR. He has been honored by the President Bidhya Devi Bhandari for his contribution in disaster management.

Mr. Harsha Man Maharjan, Member

Mr. Maharjan has involved in DPNet-Nepal as an executive committee member of DPNet-Nepal since consecutive three tenures. He is also affiliated with Nepal Red Cross Society and other organizations as an advisor and expert in the field of DRR and Climate Change.

Mr. Deo Narayan Yadav

Lawyer Yadav has been advocating to save the life of property from the risk of flood, water, rivers & dam linking with disaster management. He is working as an Executive Director in Koshi Victim's society, Saptari. He has also worked as a convener of River Transboundary Citizen Forum Nepal & India.



Disaster Preparedness Network-Nepal (Fostering Knowledge on Disaster)

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About Us

Disaster Preparedness Network- Nepal (DPNet-Nepal) is a national umbrella organization of national and international agencies, established in 1996 with an objective of coordination, collaboration, learning and sharing of the experiences and to avoid duplication in emergency response in the country. Since its establishment, the network is working in the field of Disaster Management focusing on knowledge management, capacity building policy advocacy and coordination and networking with government agencies and relevant stakeholders. With reference to the new federal structure of the country, DPNet-Nepal is extending its secretariat in all provinces, through its member organizations.

DPNet-Nepal has unique relation with the Government of Nepal especially with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) to bridge the gap between governmental and non-governmental agencies in the field of disaster management. As a Secretariat of National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) chaired by the Secretary of MoHA, DPNet-Nepal aims to bring the DRR stakeholders in the common platform for the effective preparedness and disaster management in Nepal. DPNet Nepal facilitates to bring all the governmental and non-governmental institutions in a single umbrella to address the disaster related issues in Nepal.

It has played vital role through policy advocacy to introduce long awaited Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act and worked rigorously to support the whole process of recently adopted Disaster Risk Reduction National Policy 2018 and Disaster Risk Reduction National Strategic Action Plan (2018-2030). At present DPNet-Nepal has 110 institutional and life members.

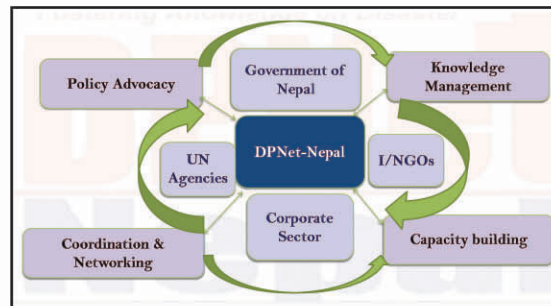


Objectives

DPNet-Nepal aims to promote disaster risk reduction and management (DRR&M) throughout the country linking disaster to development. The overall objective of DPNet-Nepal is to strengthen coordination, enhance knowledge and capacity of stakeholders in DRR&M and policy advocacy for the legal provisions and contextual issues in DRR.

Working Modality

DPNet-Nepal focuses its program on the basis of four thematic areas Knowledge Management, Capacity Building, Coordination and Networking and Policy Advocacy. The network closely works with government of Nepal along with humanitarian stakeholders in the field of disaster risk reduction and management. DPNet-Nepal receives technical and financial support from I/NGO's, UN agencies, Corporate sectors and supports government of Nepal for DRR related legal frameworks and other pertinent DRR works.



Major Achievements

- Conducted various advocacy activities for the need of comprehensive disaster management Act and Policy since 2007.
- Organized various National, Regional and International program on Disaster Management. Supported

government of Nepal, MoHA to organize thematic working groups meeting, district and regional level consultation workshop for the formulation of Disaster Risk Reduction National Policy and Disaster Risk Reduction National Strategic Action Plan.

- As per the recommendation of the workshop organized by DPNet Nepal in 2008, MoHA adopted 11 clusters approach for disaster preparedness and response in the country.
- Since 2009, in DPNet-Nepal's coordination, MoHA along with supporting partners has been publishing Nepal disaster report (NDR) in every two years.
- As part of knowledge management, DPNet-Nepal has been translating DRR related documents in Nepali and braille tactile signs.
- Organized South Asian Regional workshop on "South Asia Together for Humanitarian Imperative" and the charter was signed by a DRR network of six different countries.
- On behalf of Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium (NRRRC) and in coordination and support of flagship leads and responsible government line ministries, DPNet-Nepal, organized flagship program workshops on each flagship area.
- DPNet-Nepal has been collaborating with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) to provide technical support in preparation and coordination for each AMCDRR.

