

# SUDRIDH Project: Learning from Program Execution

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Disaster Preparedness Network Nepal

# Introduction to SUDRIDH Project

Name of the Project	Strengthen Disaster Governance System and DRRM Capacity Development - SUDRIDH
Project Duration	March 15, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Total Project Cost	NPR 8,045,166
Funding by	USAID Tayar Nepal
Project Location	Kathmandu, Hetauda, Bhalubang, Surkhet
Major Coordination, Collaboration and Partnership	MoHA, NDRRMA, MoFAGA, MoIAL of Bagmati, Lumbini, Karnali Province
Total Direct Beneficiaries ( Involvement in the National workshop, issues-based discussion, provincial level discussion, stakeholders meeting, excluding ORC and website visit etc)	900 +

# Objectives of SUDRIDH Project

- To strengthen the disaster risk governance system through sensitization of NPDRR mechanism for efficient policy harmonization and implementation at the federal and sub-national level
- To share research, best practices, and lessons learned on DRRM implementation at all levels of government through the national conference on disaster risk reduction (NCDRR)
- To foster opportunities for collaborative learning on DRR and broaden access to DRRM knowledge for diverse community

# Implementation of SUDRIDH Project

- Building advocacy and implementation of plans, policy, and promotion of learning and sharing clusters on DRRM at National and Sub-National Levels
  - Policy Dialogues for Policy Advocacy and Implementation Status at the National Level
  - Policy Dialogue and Learning/Sharing for Implementing and Strengthening DRR Policies and Strategies at the Provincial Level
  - Participatory review, reflection, and planning workshop.
  - Field-level mentoring/technical back-stopping.
- National Level Conference on DRRM
- Knowledge Sharing and Data Exchange
  - Knowledge Sharing and Data Exchange through the Online Resources Center (ORC) and Virtual DRR Platform (VDRRP)

# Policy Dialogues for Policy Advocacy and Implementation Status at National Level

- i) Mobilization of multi-stakeholders for disaster response in a coordinated manner,
- ii) Providing Psycho-social counseling services to the disaster-affected persons,
- iii) Capacity building, collaboration, and partnership for strengthening disaster risk governance at the federal, provincial, and local levels,
- iv) Promoting comprehensive risk-informed private investments in DRR for resilience,
- v) Promoting disaster risk transfer/disaster risk financing,
- vi) Effectiveness of early warning system, and
- vii) Market system resilience.

# Event 1: Policy Dialogue on Psychosocial Counselling Services to the Disaster-affected People

May 8, 2023, at Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur

Total participants: 28 (9 women, 19 men)

- Emphasizing the provision of psychological assistance to survivors of disasters.
- 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.
- Launch efforts to cultivate a proficient workforce through training, dialogues, and discussions to cater to the needs of marginalized individuals.



# Event 2: Policy Dialogue on Effectiveness of Early Warning System in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

May 15, 2023, at Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur.

Total participants: 32 (11 women, 21 men)

- Improving the effectiveness of Early Warning System in covering all potentially vulnerable areas.
- Prompt 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.



# Event 3: Policy Dialogue on Private Investment in Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience

June 12, 2023, at Hotel Himalayan, Lalitpur

Total participants: 28 (06 women, 22 men)

- 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 in developing DRR-related policies.
- Dedication to facilitating inclusive dialogues for policy and program development in the realm of DRR.





# Event 5: Policy Dialogue on Disaster Risk Transfer and Financing

August 4, 2023, at Hotel Square, Lalitpur

Total participants: 20 (4 women, 16 men)

- 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.



# Event 6: Policy Dialogue on Multi-Level Disaster Risk Governance

August 7, 2023, at Hotel Square, Lalitpur

Total participants: 31 (9 women, 22 men)

- 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.



# Event 7: Policy Dialogue To Engage Non-Governmental Stakeholders for Coordinated Disaster Management

September 7, 2023, at Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur

Total participants: 28 (10 women, 18 men)

- 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.



# Policy Dialogue and Learning/Sharing for Implementing and Strengthening DRR Policies and Strategies at Provincial Level

- During this phase, DPNet conducted discussions, and consultations on the formation of province level DRR network and orientation on Sphere Standards, and role of province level network among multi-stakeholders the Provinces Bagmati, Lumbini and Karnali.
- Sensitized DRRM governance and mechanism as well increased the scope of disaster preparedness and response at the province and local levels.
- Formed DPNet Provincial Committees were formed in all the three Provinces: Bagmati, Lumbini and Karnali and a comprehensive report was prepared to understand the contextual issues regarding in DRRM in those provinces.

# Provincial DRR Policy Implementation and Learning Program: Bagmati/ Lumbini/ Karnali

September 5, 2023, at Hotel Smarak, Nawalpur, Hetauda      Total participants: 57; (32 Participant+25 Supporting Staff)

August 11, 2023, at Hotel Pauwa, Bhaluwang, Dang      Total participants: 48 (6 women, 42 men)

August 13, 2023, at Siddhartha Sunny Resort, Birendranagar, Surkhet      Total participants: 29 (2 women, 27 men)

- The leading role of provincial government in response to disasters
- Cooperation between security agencies and civilians in training, etc
- Collaboration between government and private sector in data management and resource mobilization
- Use of local and indigenous resources and knowledge
- Formation of Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Platform (PPDRR)
- Early warning systems, preparedness, and risk reduction
- Voluntary mobilization and collaboration between 3 tiers of government



# National Conference on DRRM

- During this phase of the project, DPNet conducted a National Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction with a primary focus on enabling the sharing of good practices and lessons learned with the objective of providing input to future plans and policies on DRR, the timing being perfect as 2023 marks the mid-term of SFDRR.
- The event ensured the representation of members belonging to different excluded groups and women with their active participation throughout the event.
- A marketplace was established for organizations to showcase their efforts and initiations to address the existing gaps in disaster.

# Activity 2.1 National Conference on DRRM

29-30 June 2023 at Hyatt Place, Kathmandu

Total Participants: 319 (222 men, 97 women)

- Learning from the underestimation of participant numbers, comprehensive analysis and estimation techniques should be employed to ensure logistical challenges are minimized.
- Actively involving academicians, international experts and researchers in the field of DRR is crucial for enhancing knowledge exchange and incorporating diverse perspectives and it can enrich the conference content and provide global perspectives on DRR.
- Emphasizing the importance of localized site data, baseline assessments, and inline reports can enhance the quality of information presented during the conference.
- Collecting presentations and papers in advance enables effective incorporation of expert input and aligning them with session themes, improving the quality of discussions and presentations.
- Maintaining a strong emphasis on discussing and presenting evidence-based scientific findings and research-driven innovations in DRR ensures the credibility and impact of the conference.



# Knowledge Sharing and Data Exchange through Online Resources Center (ORC) and Virtual DRR Platform (VDRR)

- DPNet's Online Resource Centre (ORC) centralizes a repository for documents on DRRM bringing together the documents in a single platform to share them with everyone concerned.
- With an aim to establish a practice of strengthening knowledge and awareness regarding DRRM, it consists of 1437 documents uploaded in different categories including publications from different organizations, Legal documents, Journals, and research papers.
- The VDRR platform is an open discussion platform on the DPNet website where discussion topics and issues are posted and the viewers can post their opinions, suggestions and recommendations regarding DRM.

# 1.4 Field Level Mentoring/Technical Back Stopping

## Event 1: Interaction Program on Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction at Bagmati Province

November 23, 2023

- Strengthen and emphasize the effective implementation of existing policies related to disaster risk reduction at both the provincial and local levels.
- Regularly review and update policies to address evolving challenges and incorporate lessons learned from past incidents.
- Foster collaboration among the three tiers of government – federal, provincial, and local – to ensure a cohesive and well-coordinated approach to disaster risk reduction.
- Establish mechanisms for seamless data management and resource utilization through cooperation between the government and private sectors.
- Prioritize preparedness efforts alongside rescue operations to enhance the province's overall resilience to disasters.
- Conduct regular mock drills to ensure communities are well-prepared and knowledgeable about emergency response procedures.
- Integrate disaster risk reduction efforts with overall development initiatives to create a more sustainable and resilient environment.



# Event 1: Interaction Program on Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction at Bagmati Province (Contd.)

November 23, 2023

- Enforce building bylaws and codes by local governments to mitigate the impact of disasters, especially in earthquake-prone regions.
- Establish a multi-stakeholder Provincial Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (PPDRR) in Bagmati Province to facilitate effective collaboration and coordination in DRR initiatives.
- Prioritize risk mapping initiatives for the province to identify vulnerable areas and allocate resources strategically.
- Encourage each agency to allocate a specific percentage of funds toward disaster risk reduction efforts.
- Conduct extensive awareness campaigns to educate citizens about disaster risks and the importance of proactive involvement in risk reduction.
- Promote citizen participation in information dissemination and risk reduction initiatives, fostering a sense of community responsibility.
- Conduct regular capacity enhancement programs for stakeholders, including members of parliament, provincial stakeholders, and government officials.



# Event 2: Interaction Program on Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction at Lumbini Province

November 26, 2023

- Emphasizes Comprehensive Governance and Evaluates the effectiveness of acts, policies, and follow-ups for provincial disaster risk reduction.
- Raises Concerns about Chure Region recommending a halt to encroachments and measures for wetland and forest conservation.
- Highlights community role as first responders and recommendations include local language awareness and community involvement in DRR programs.
- Emphasizes Indigenous Technology such as bamboo embankment and Focuses on integrating foreign advancements while preserving local knowledge for effective risk reduction.
- Need for Close Coordination Across three government tiers and collaboration among agencies, NGOs, and the private sector for enhanced resilience.



# Event 2: Interaction Program on Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction at Lumbini Province (Contd.)

November 26, 2023

- Expresses Concerns about District Disaster Risk Reduction Plans (DPRP) underutilization and lack of revision of DPRP. Recommends regular updates for emerging disasters.
- Suggest allocating Funds for pre-disaster preparedness to enhance proactive measures and reduce post-disaster impact.
- Recommends Establishing Vertical Linkages between local government plans and provincial policies. Stresses integration of risk reduction strategies at various levels.
- Encourages Continuous Collaboration and innovation in risk reduction efforts, recognizing unique challenges faced by each community in Lumbini Province.



# Event 3: Interaction Program on Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction at Karnali Province

November 29, 2023

- Training and sensitizing provincial parliament members and building capacities for local government and communities, particularly in the aftermath of recent disasters.
- Data duplication and change over time need for proper data management and affected community identification.
- Emphasizing integrating development efforts with DRR, efficient resource utilization, adoption of enhanced technology, and capacity building for technocrats.
- Advocating for establishing a multi-stakeholder Provincial Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (PPDRR) in Karnali Province to facilitate effective collaboration and coordination in DRR initiatives.
- Emphasizing the need for a clear and comprehensive explanation of the one-door policy among concerned stakeholders and calling for focused efforts on capacity building and reconstruction planning.



# Event 3: Interaction Program on Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction at Karnali Province (Contd.)

November 29, 2023

- Highlighting the crucial need for effective collaboration between the government and the non-government sector, emphasizing recognizing and supporting the efforts of non-governmental organizations.
- Challenges Faced by Provincial Government due to lack of collaboration with federal government Pointing out challenges faced by the provincial government in fund allocation, decision-making processes, and administrative complications in the aftermath of the Jajarkot earthquake.
- Urgent Needs and Recommendations such as psychosocial support, proper data management, and risk mapping. Recommending actions for temporary shelter, reconstruction, and addressing concerns about damaged buildings and settlements.



# Exchange of Good Practice Among Stakeholders

- **Karnali Province:** Group Accident Insurance Program Operating Procedure against Disaster Risk, 2079. Also ministry is currently working on insuring infrastructure within the province. Karnali Police, affixed stickers with the police phone number on the front doors of 2,40,425 households out of 3,71,125 in Karnali Province.
- **Lumbini Province:** Establishing vertical linkages between the plans and policies of 109 local governments and those of the province. Incorporate the Community Disaster Management Committee (CDMC) into the upcoming Disaster Act at the provincial level.
- **Bagmati Province:** DRR fund not only for post-disaster rescue and relief but also for preparedness
- **Ministry of Land Management, Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation:** Poor Household Identification Survey

# Major Learnings from the Project

- Engage in focused/issue based discussions on specific issues, contributing insights to address targeted topics.
- Ensure timely updates on plans and policies, with a feedback mechanism to assess their effectiveness, and advocate for specialized training programs for focal persons and policymakers in both legislative and executive.
- Emphasize the importance of utilizing DRR funds not only for rescue operations but also for proactive measures in risk reduction and preparedness.

**THANK YOU!**

# SUDRIDH Project: Financial Aspects

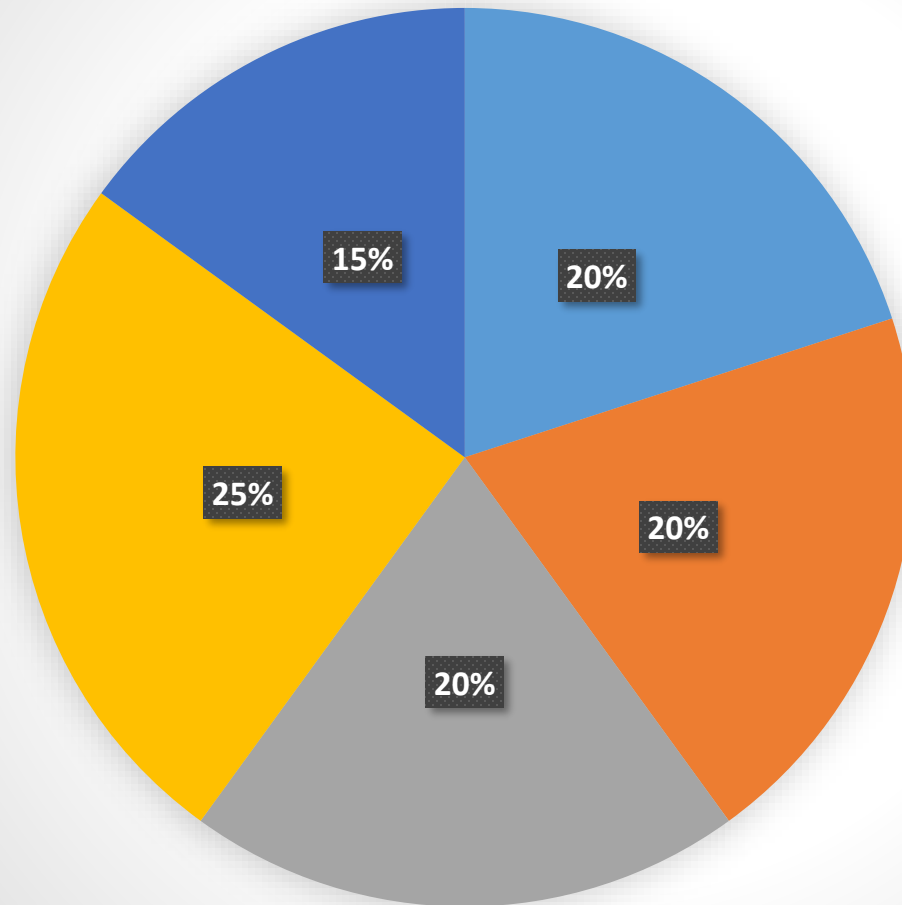
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# SUDRIDH Project Agreed Budget :NPR 80,45,166 (100%)

Approved Budget



- 1st Milestone
- 2nd Milestone
- 3rd Milestone
- 4th Milestone
- 5th Milestone

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- **Budget Received till date :**

1<sup>st</sup> Milestone : NPR 16,09,033(20%)

2<sup>nd</sup> Milestone: NPR 16,09,033 (20%)

3<sup>rd</sup> Milestone: NPR 16,09,033 (20%)

- **Budget yet to claim**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Milestone: NPR 20,11,291 (25%)

- 5<sup>th</sup> Milestone: NPR 12,06,776 (15%)

# SUDRIDH Project Budget v/s Utilization

## SUDRIDH PROJECT FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Approved Budget Utilization Variance



# SUDRIDH Project Budget v/s Utilization

Activities	Approved Budget (NPR)	Utilization till November 2023 (NPR)	Variation (NPR)
1.1 Policy Dialogues at National Level	497,200	424,017	73,183
1.2 Policy Dialogues at Provincial Level (Bagmati, Lumbini, Karnali)	537,260	686,760	(149,500)
1.3 Participatory Review & Reflection Workshop	143,000	33,900	109,100
1.4 Field Level Mentoring/Technical Back Stopping and interaction program	380,870	390,000	(9130)

# SUDRIDH Project Budget v/s Utilization

Activities	Approved Budget (NPR)	Utilization till November 2023 (NPR)	Variation (NPR)
2.1 National Conference	20,48,750	19,28,623	120,127
3. Knowledge Sharing and Data Exchange through ORC and VDRR Platform	520,000	299,992	220,008
HR and Project Management Cost	31,86,707	26,66,846	519,861
Overhead (Indirect Cost 10%)	731,379	190,672	540,707
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>8,045,166</b>	<b>6,620,810</b>	<b>14,24,356</b>



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