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#### URBAN COMMUNITY BASED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION SYMPOSIUM

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# NSET Initiatives in Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction.

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### What is CBDRM

### **Community Based**

- For the community ?
- With the Community ?
- By the community?
- By the community for the community and within the community.

### Community members should be the decision makers.

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### Why CBDRM

- Community members know their communities the best.
- Community members are the first responders.
- External intervention on DRR without the active participation of the community is neither effective nor efficient.
- Sustainability of any activity can not be achieved without the ownership of the community

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### NSET CBDRM Initiatives for Enhancing Local Capacity

- 1. 34 Ward WL DMC Kathmandu Metropolitan City
- 2. 17 Ward WL DMC Kathmandu Metropolitan City
- 3. KVEPI, 10 Wards of 5 Municipalities in KV
- 4. 5 Ward Level DMC in LSMC
- 5. CBDMP in Six Municipalities of Nepal,
- 6. MDRIP Ilam and Panauti Municipalities
- 7. Training on Safer Houses for Housewives
- 8. Training for Housewives on Earthquake Risk Reduction

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### NSET CBDRM Initiatives for Enhancing Local Capacity

- 9. CBDP Orientation for 57 VDCs in Kathmandu.
- 10. Participatory Comparative Risk Assessment in Seven VDCs of Humla.
- 11. Community Based Disaster Risk Management in Nepal (AS-NEP-03- 002-10)
- 12. Capacity Building for the Earthquake Affected Areas of Eastern Nepal
- 13. NBC Implementation at Municipalities and VDCs.

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### NSET Strategy for CBDRM

#### **Awareness Education**

**Institutional Development** 

Link to governance system

**Capacity Development** 

**Demonstration Project** 

**Networking** 

**Exit Strategy** 

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### Process of Community Based Disaster Risk Management

- **Mass Awareness on CBDRM**
- Institutional Development within the local governance system.
- Capacity Building.
- **Model Demonstration Projects**
- **Networking.**



### Institutional Development

### Municipality / VDC calls for Ward Assembly

- Ward Assembly participates CBDRM Orientation
- Ward Assembly Forms DRMC as per the Local **Disaster Management Planning Guideline** prepared by MOFALD.
- DRMC formulates and Implements DRR Activities at the local level and implements.
- **NSET** works as a facilitator

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### Capacity Development

### **CBDRR Training to DRMC Members**

**Training on VCA.** 

Prepare DRM Master Plan.

**Training on DRR/CLSAR.** 

Prepositioning of CLSAR equipments.

**Emergency Response Exercise.** 

**Masons Training Program.** 

Awareness / Training programs at different level.

Formulation and implementation of model project

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### Findings

- Continuous mass awareness campaign is very much essential.
- Involvement of Local Government is essential for its sustainability.
- Use Simple Language is more effective than using complex jargons.

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### Findings

- Honor Indigenous Wisdom and incorporate them where ever possible.
- Transparency enhances participation and ownership of the activities by the community
- The activities should be Cost Effective and Replicable.
- CBDRM Should be "Community Paced".
- Development of Simple risk assessment Tools is necessary.

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### Lessons Learned

#### **Impact**

- Awareness level has substantially increased.
- Awareness programs should be more motivational so as to reach the level of actions.

### Sustainability

- DRMCs do not have perennial source of income for its activities.
- Funds allocated for DRM remain unspent in local government like DDC/Municipalities.

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### Lessons Learned

#### Institutionalization

- DRMCs needs to be incorporated in the local governance system.
- **Enhance Interagency Coordination and** networking

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### Lessons Learned

#### Institutionalization

- Duplication of activities by different actors at the same location should be avoided.
- Strengthen the DRR institutions at the local level by preparing Local Level Disaster Risk Management Plan.
- The DRR agencies should support DRM to implement the DRM Master Plan.

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### CBDRM SWOT

#### Strength

- Increased Awareness.
- Communities Want to Act.
- More supporting institutions available.
- Positive Results initiated.

#### **Threat**

- Political Stability.
- Political Commitment.
- Dependency Syndrome.

#### Weakness

- Weak Institutional Mechanism System for DRR.
- Less Inter agency Coordination
- DRMCs operate as volunteers
- Not a primary priority of Gov.

#### **Opportunities**

- Disasters are common.
- NSDRM Approved.
- Act being Reformed.

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