

Women Participation on DRR&M Policies in Nepal



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Outline

- Global commitments
- The constitution
- Laws
- Policy
- Plan of action



Global Commitments

- The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement include the common objective of reaching gender equality and parity by 2030 whilst building coherent approaches between sustainable development, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.
- Specifically, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015- 2030 emphasizes that “women and their participation are critical to effectively managing disaster risk and designing, resourcing and implementing gender-sensitive disaster risk reduction policies, plans and programmes; and adequate capacity building measures need to be taken to empower women for preparedness as well as build their capacity for alternate livelihood means in post-disaster situations.”



Global...

- In 2016 the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) has developed General Recommendations on “Gender-related dimensions of Disaster Risk Reduction in a Changing Climate”.
- The General Recommendations provide guidance to States parties to promote and protect human rights of women at all stages of disaster prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and adaptation.
- The 2016 Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction have reconfirmed gender equality and women’s empowerment and leadership at the core of disaster risk reduction efforts to achieve the Sendai targets and SDG by 2030.
- They have highlighted the importance to develop gender-sensitive risk management national policies and plans; set aside dedicated budgets; create plans that provide adequate capacity building and that fully recognize woman’s existing capabilities and roles; collect sexdisaggregated data; ensure that women can access social protection and insurance, and promote and mobilize women’s leadership and gender equality.



Constitution of Nepal

- Preamble
 - Resolving to build an egalitarian society founded on the proportional inclusive and participatory principles in order to ensure economic equality, prosperity and social justice, by eliminating discrimination
- Fundamental Rights and Duties
 - Right to equality
 - Rights of women
 - Right to social justice: right to participate in the State bodies on the basis of inclusive principle.

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Constitution of Nepal...

- Rights of women
 - Every woman shall have equal lineage right without gender based discrimination.
 - Women shall have the right to participate in all bodies of the State on the basis of the principle of proportional inclusion.
 - Women shall have the right to obtain special opportunity in education, health, employment and social security, on the basis of positive discrimination.



Constitution of Nepal...

- **Directive principles:** gender equality, proportional inclusion, participation and social justice
- **Policies relating to social justice and inclusion:** arrangements for the livelihoods of the helpless single women, to make self-dependent the women who are vulnerable
- The GoN shall submit an annual report containing the steps taken and achievements
- Provisions relating to monitoring: a committee



Constitution of Nepal...

- The Council of Ministers (both Federal and Provincial) in accordance with the inclusive principle
- Elect women members constitute at least one third of the total number of members elected to the Federal Parliament/State Assembly from a party.
- The National Assembly shall consist of fifty nine members consisting of at least 4 women,
- Inclusive Joint committee



Constitution of Nepal...

- National Human Right Commission
- National Women Commission: to formulate **policies and programs** concerning the rights and interests of the women, **mainstream** of national development and **ensure** proportional participation in all organs
- National Inclusion Commission: study, research, monitor and advice
- Appraisal and review of special rights at every 10 yrs after census.
- Positions in the Federal government services shall be filled through competitive and proportional inclusive principle.

Defined Roles at different Levels

	Constitution	Local Government Operations Act, 2074	Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Act, 2074
Federal	Shared Responsibility on Disaster Risk Management (Constitutional Schedule 7)		National DRRM Council Executive Committee NDRRMA
Provincial			Provincial DM Council Province Disaster Mgmt. Executive Committee
District	No role envisaged at district level		District Disaster Management Committee
Municipality/Rural Municipality	Disaster Management (Constitutional Schedule 8)	Roles to prepare laws, policies, standards, planning, M&E, all roles related to DRRM	Local Disaster Management Committee

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act, 2074 (2017)

- Formation of Council:

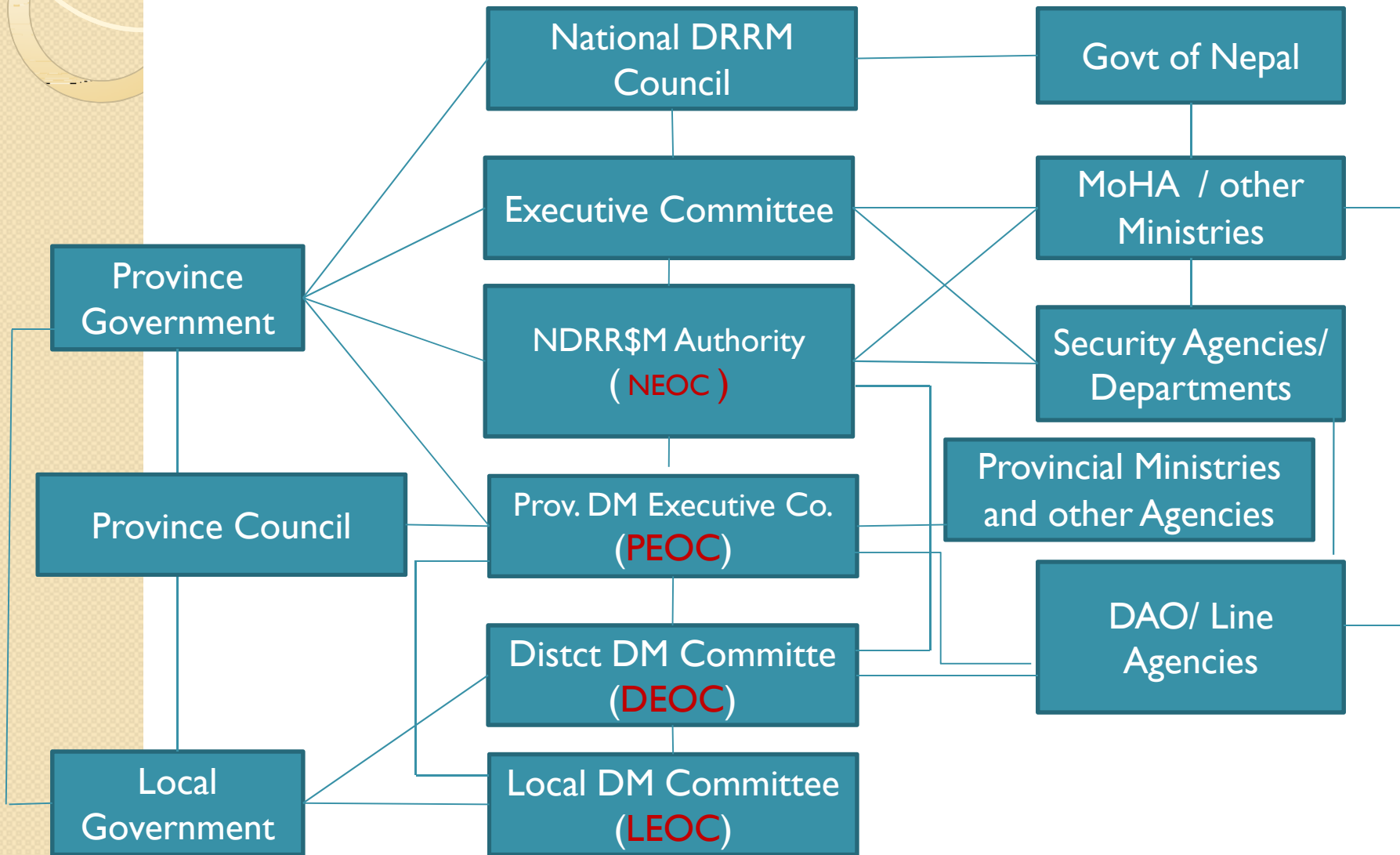
- (a) Prime Minister -Chairperson
- (b) Ministers of the GoN - Member
- (c) Leader of the opposition party of the House of Representative
- Member
- (d) Chief Ministers - Member
- (e) Vice-chairperson of NPC - Member
- (f) Chief Secretary - Member
- (g) Chief of the Army Staff - Member
- (h) Secretary of Ministry -Member
- (i) Three persons nominated by the council including **at least one female** from among the experts of the disaster management field -Member
- (j) Executive Chief - Member Secretary



Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act, 2074 (2017)...

- Function, duty and right of Executive Committee:
 - Formulate special plan and program for **women**, children, senior citizen, dalit, marginalized group and community, people with disabilities who are at disaster risk, and execute or caused to be executed,
- Provision relating to minimum standard for relief distribution:
 - should include the matters relating to welfare of **women**, children, senior citizen, people with disabilities,


Interrelation between Governments, Councils, Committees and the other Authorities





Disaster Risk Reduction National Policy, 2075 (2018)

- 7.21 **Access, representation and meaningful participation** of women, children, senior citizen, people with disabilities and the people from economically and socially marginalized communities will be ensured in all steps and structures of disaster risk reduction based on inclusive disaster management concept.
- 7.29 **An inclusive mechanism** will be established at federal, provincial and local levels for effective monitoring and evaluation of the activities related to disaster risk reduction and management.



Disaster Risk Reduction National Strategic Plan of Action 2018-2030

- On Process of Formulating Strategic Action Plan: on a working group
 - Among six thematic areas, **Gender and Social Inclusion and Governance Sector**: Thematic lead - NPC, **Thematic co-lead** - Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen
- There are **6 goals/targets**, **4 Priority Areas**, **18 Priority Actions**, **271 Strategic Activities** in this 12 yr plan of action.



DRR National Strategic Plan of Action 2018-2030...

- Guiding Principles:
 - Disaster risk reduction and management shall be pursued with an **all-of-society engagement and partnership**. **Women leadership** shall be promoted.
- Priority Area 2: Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance at Federal, Provincial and Local Level
 - **Priority Action 8: Ensuring Inclusiveness in Disaster Risk Reduction**
- SDGoals for 2030, The GoN has adopted those goals for **inclusive long term development** of the nation. The disaster risk reduction activities will support to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 13 and 15 directly.



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- **Priority Action 8: Ensuring Inclusiveness in DRR:**
 - Women, children, senior citizen, persons with disability, and economically and socially marginalized community and individuals are the **most affected** by the disasters.
 - There is a need to ensure inclusiveness of these groups by increasing their accessibility, representation and **meaningful participation** in various processes of disaster risk reduction and management.

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Ensuring Inclusiveness in DRR

Action Plan

Strategic Activity	Expected Outcome	Time frame	Responsible Agency	Supporting Agency
Implement gender sensitive and inclusive approach in all the processes of Disaster Risk Management	Every sector will have pursued gender sensitive and inclusive disaster risk reduction approach	Short Term (by2020)	Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen, Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of Nepal	All concerned ministries of the Government of Nepal, Province Government, Local government, non-government organizations, Red Cross movement
Establish and institutionalize disaster risk concern groups to promote their empowerment and partnership by increasing participation of the most affected, weak in resilience and highly vulnerable groups in disaster risk governance activities	, Participation of disaster victims, and vulnerable person, family and community will be ensured by establishing concern groups and their networking at the community level	Short Term (by2020)	Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration of the Government of Nepal	Concerned Ministries of the Government of Nepal, National Planning Commission, Province and Local government, Nepal Red Cross Society, Non-Governmental Organizations, Community Based Organizations, Political Parties and their Sister Organizations

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Action Plan...

Prepare Gender Equality and Social Inclusion action plan for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management at each level and sector	The action plan will be available for gender equality and social inclusion	Short Term	Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen of the Government of Nepal, National Planning Commission	Concerned ministries of the government of Nepal, Province and Local government, Non-Governmental Organizations, Red Cross movement
Conduct the social mobilization programs at local level for accessibility, representation and effective participation of the citizens and people at-risk in the formulation of disaster risk management programs and policy	Social mobilization programs will have been conducted at the local level for disaster risk management	Short Term	Ministry of Federal Affairs and General administration of the Government of Nepal, local government	Concerned ministries of the government of Nepal, Province Government, Nepal Red Cross Society, non-governmental organizations, community based organizations, political parties and their sister organizations
Develop and implement special programs on disaster risk reduction on the basis of priority for the highly vulnerable groups such as the marginalized groups of society, women, people with disability, children, and elderly persons	Disaster risk of women, children, elderly persons, persons with disability and vulnerable community will be reduced through implementation of special programs	Long Term	Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen of the Government of Nepal, National Planning Commission, National Disaster Risk and Management	Concerned ministries of the government of Nepal, Province and Local government, non-governmental organizations, Red Cross movement



Local Government Operation Act 2074

- Mandatory women representation
- Inclusive development
- Periodic planning should consider the crosscutting issues like Gender and Social inclusion
- Inclusion on planning and implementation
- Gender responsive budget formulation
localization strategy 2072: to enhance the inclusive development effectiveness, gender and social auditing



Thank you

for your kind attention!