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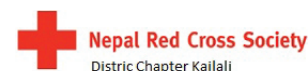


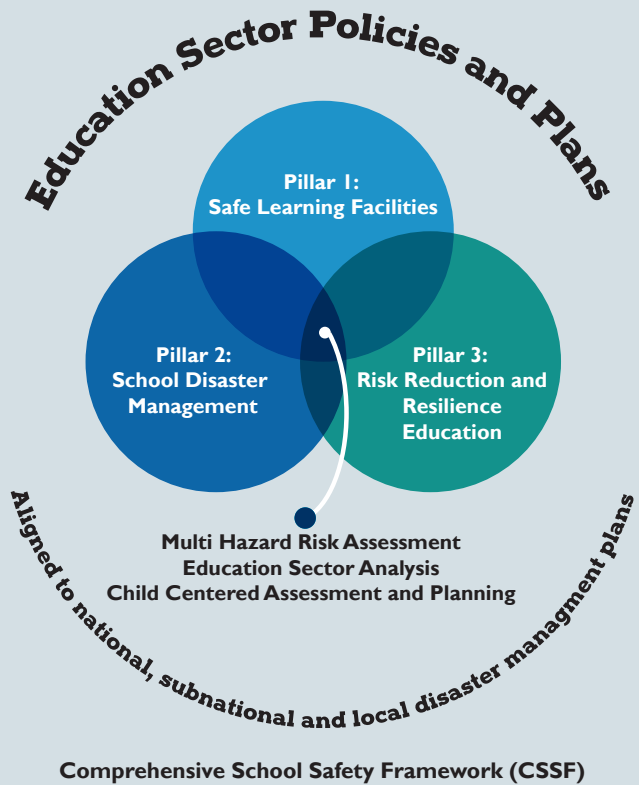
Humanitarian Aid
and Civil Protection



Working together for school safety

Promoting and strengthening school safety in Nepal through operationalizing the
Comprehensive School Safety Framework - DIPECHO VIII





Project Overview

Nepal is highly vulnerable to natural disasters. Each year the country is exposed to an average of 900 natural disasters causing loss of lives and damage of livelihoods (Ministry of Home Affairs, 2009). Whilst there has been significant investment in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) throughout the country in recent years, the education sector still struggles to fully incorporate preparedness and DRR throughout its policies and programs. School safety is not a new topic in Nepal, yet arguably it has not received the level of attention it deserved. The focus has been on safe construction of the school buildings – the so-called ‘hardware’. Whilst this is a key component of Comprehensive School Safety (CSS), it is also vital to look at the ‘soft’ components including school safety planning, multi-hazard risk assessment, standard operating procedures, resilience education etc. This project aims to address these issues by working under the leadership of government education authorities at national and sub-national level as well as with teachers, community members and children at local level. The Child-Centered DRR (CC-DRR) Consortium aims to integrate three pillars of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSSF) into government education policies, plans and practices.

The two mega earthquakes of 25 April 2015 (7.6 magnitude) and 12 May 2015 (6.8 magnitude) compelled Nepal to rethink strengthening risk reduction and preparedness in different sectors including education.

An estimated 3.2 million children have been affected by the earthquakes while 2,737 children were killed. Over 35,000 classrooms were totally damaged and 1 million children left without permanent classrooms and another 500,000 children continue to require support to return to learning. The cost of education sector recovery is estimated to be almost USD 397.1 million. (Govt of Nepal 2015)

Project Objective

Children, communities and the Government education and disaster management system in the country are more resilient to the impacts of disasters.



Result 1

A harmonized school safety model that contextualizes the CSSF in Nepal along with a set of associated tools has been developed in partnership with the Ministry of Education and other education and disaster management stakeholders. (National Level)

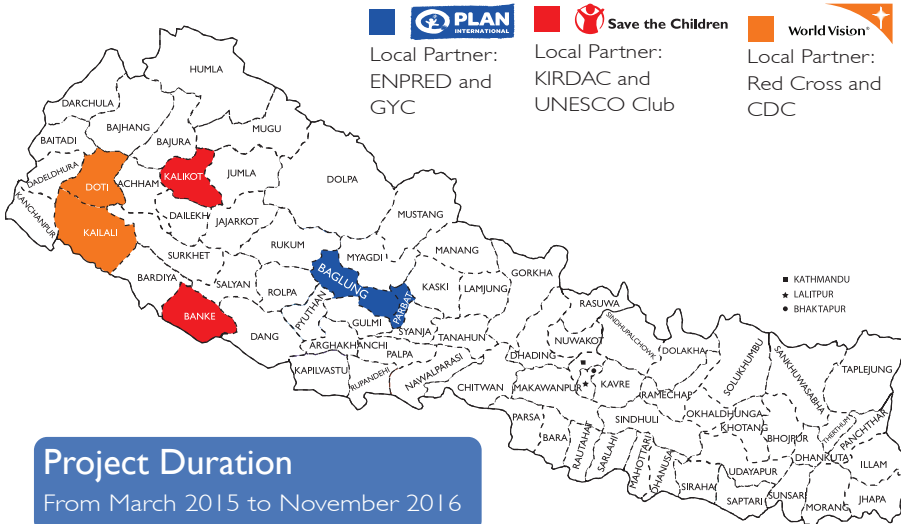
Result 2

Pillar 2 of the CSSF, school disaster management, is rolled out and tested to increase disaster preparedness of the education system with connections to Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP) (District and school level)

Result 3

Impact evidence and research is generated for the scale-up of DRR mainstreaming in the education system in Nepal.





Local Partner:
ENPRD and
GYC



Local Partner:
KIRDAC and
UNESCO Club



Local Partner:
Red Cross and
CDC

Project Duration

From March 2015 to November 2016

Project Beneficiaries

Individuals 27,670; Organizations 93

About DIPECHO

The European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department is one of the world's largest providers of financing for humanitarian aid operations. Its mandate not only includes the funding of disaster relief but also the support of disaster preparedness activities particularly at the local level. Through its disaster preparedness programme (DIPECHO), it assists vulnerable people living in the most disaster prone regions of the world in reducing the impact of natural disasters on their lives and livelihoods.

About the CC-DRR Consortium

Child-Centered Disaster Risk Reduction Consortium consists of Plan International Nepal, Save the Children International Nepal and World Vision International Nepal along with UNICEF and UNHABITAT as strategic members. The consortium was formed in late 2014 under the leadership of Save the Children to bring priority and greater coordination among DRR and education actors in Nepal.

The consortium along with its local partners is implementing this project under the current DIPECHO VIII action plan for South Asia, co-funded by European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (DG ECHO). The Department of Education (DoE) is the lead Government body for this project. The project is also working very closely with National Centre for Education Development (NCED) for technical aspects.

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