



Nepal

EUROPEAN COMMISSION



Humanitarian Aid

ECHO Partner:



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Implementation Time-frame:
15th February 2006 –14th April 2007
(15 months)



Location	Districts of Jhapa (eastern region), Rautahat, Lalitpur, Kathmandu and Bhaktapur (central region)
Beneficiaries	Direct Beneficiaries: 48,236 persons living in disaster prone areas, with focus on socially and economically vulnerable rural population, mostly engaged in subsistence farming and wage labour.
Title	Community preparedness for disaster risk reduction in Central and Eastern Nepal
Objective	Increased Capacity to Respond Effectively to Disaster Events and Peoples Livelihoods Improved

Project Overview:

Dan Church Aid (DCA) is a core member of Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Geneva, which established and operates LWF Nepal. LWF has been operating in Nepal since 1984. It has been active in DP since 1986, which is one of its Strategic Themes which is actively promoted in its developmental and rehabilitation projects. LWF initiated its first Community-Based Disaster Preparedness programme in 1996 and subsequently Risk Management/Disaster Preparedness has been included an important component in its strategy.

Under the current DIPECHO project, LWF would be responsible for all aspects of operational planning and implementation in close cooperation with DCA. The project will be primarily aiming at local community capacity building and strengthening local institutions; conduction of small scale mitigation works and public awareness raising on DP. The focus of the project would be to establish the Disaster Management structures at the lowest level (village/clusters/VDC/Ward) so that a linkage is established between the Government DM structures at the district level and create the necessary pressure groups by mass public awareness raising on DP. The overall objective for DCA's Disaster Preparedness project is to enhance the capability of local communities and groups of marginalised populations to prevent, mitigate and cope with disasters. DCA support will be directed towards securing lives and livelihoods of the poorest, which are disproportionately affected by, and vulnerable to, disasters. The current programme will use the local communities as the entry point and local authorities will be given training to enhance their knowledge of DP. Thereby, the project strategy will aim at improving the local coping mechanisms through organisation, training, mobilisation, preparedness plans, small-scale mitigation schemes and linkages with local, regional and national institutions.

The current DIPECHO project will promote the approach of viewing DP as an integrated part of long-term development activities instead of a one-time stand-alone activity, thereby complementing and building on the existing development initiatives as a way not only to sustain the gains obtained from these activities, but also to ensure that the structures and response capability acquired by the communities in DP are sustained after the completion of this particular project. Therefore, the current project is sustainable by means of its integrated approach where DP is seen as a prerequisite for sustaining long-term development gains and protecting the livelihoods of the most vulnerable. After the completion of the project DCA plans to continue to support the partners' core programmes that include DP with own funds or with funds from other donors.

Expected Results:

There are 54 Action Plans developed and 54 sustainable community based disaster management structures and 378 Task Forces are established to respond effectively before, during and after disasters. Along with this, capacity building of children across 70 schools has been built on Risk Reduction to respond effectively to earthquakes; and 245 masons/technicians are trained to apply earthquake safety construction skills.