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Nepal – Few relevant facts

• 10% of total population of Nepal is disable.

• Disabilities is put into 10 different categorizes by the GoN.

• Proactive National Disable Association (NDA)

• Women and girls are 14 times more vulnerable during and in post disaster situations. (UNDP, 2013)

• Face multiple barriers - socio-economic, educational, cultural.

• Limited participation in Post-Gorkha earthquake PDNA Process

• Significant number of women and PWDs did not receive relief support on time and were also unable to access to many supports provided by the govt.

• Women and PWDs faced noticeable discrimination in many areas of post disaster emergency and recovery support.

• Still no Emergency Plan to help person with disabilities.
Nepal – Where we stand

• Change in Perception of making DRR inclusive
• Progress in awareness and knowledge building towards making DRR inclusive
• Broadened participation in championing DIDRR.
• Media sensitization pushed media coverage of PWD issues and making DRR inclusive.
• At normative level - Guidebook, Manual, Guidelines, Tools and SOPs, IEC materials.
• Operational level –mobile apps, drill exercise, workshops, seminars, training activities and others.
• Interest and Priority area of DPs and donors.
• Classification of Disability
• Four-Step Emergency Plan
• How to protect during different disasters- Flood, Fire, Earthquake, Epidemic
• Emergency Kit, Emergency Shelter, Evacuation Kits and Routes
• Accessibility barriers and solutions

Guidebook reprinted and shared with all the local governments.
Bachau – Mobile App

- Incorporated the feedback from persons with disabilities.
- Focuses on providing emergency assistance to PWDs during and after disaster situations.
- Useful application to send alerts to the ambulance, doctors, fire brigade, and police.
- Provides simplified communication in disaster to contact the first responders (Ambulance, Police, Medical and Fire Brigade) with their nos. registered.
- Offers option of calling and sending SMS to the first responders.
- All the instructions available within the app.
• Public awareness
• Knowledge building
• Training & Workshops
• Orientation – Mobile-apps
DIDRRR Activities

Disability Inclusive Simulation
Exercise on Fire Safety and
Earthquake Program
Impact of Key Initiatives and Efforts

• Inclusion established as a guiding principle of DRR
• Confidence building of relevant institutions
• Improved and broadened participation of partners and stakeholders like; government, NGOs, DPs, Security forces and PWDs
• Knowledge building and Knowledge dissemination
• DIDRR Guidebook as a reference to DRR training
• More targeted and effective communication
• Growing media coverage
• Concept slowly entering into LG agenda
Key Challenges/Concerns

- Awareness and knowledge building is largely limited at national level among few core groups.
- Awareness and knowledge building at LG (implementation) level is scarce.
- National and local level Initiatives are yet to be up-scaled and institutionalized.
- Development Partners’ support is limited while Government funding is minimal.
- Participation of women and disable people in Risk Assessment, DRR planning and implementation is only occasional.
- Unable to benefit from global and regional initiatives including e-learning tools.
- Lack of scientific and standard Planning, implementation and monitoring system of DIDRR.
- Focus on catering PWDs specific needs and on reducing their multiple forms of vulnerability is not explicitly considered by DRR Plans and Programme.
- In the absence of disaggregated data (usable format) - advocacy and campaigning for persons with disabilities are weak.
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