

# United Nations Development Programme, Nepal

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## Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU)



### Project title:

Preparatory assistance to facilitate the adoption of the Hyogo Framework of Action in Nepal

### Project number:

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### Programme components:

National strategy on disaster management; disaster risk management capacity building; Programme support to UNDP Nepal Country Office.

**Estimated start date:** 1/11/2005

**Estimated end date:** 31/10/2006

**Implementing agency:** UNDP

**Partners:** His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMG/N), district development committees, municipalities, civil society organisations

**Total budget:** US\$ 120,000

**Beneficiary country:** Nepal

### General background:

With its rugged, fragile geography, variable climatic conditions, active tectonic processes and rapid demographic changes, Nepal is vulnerable to various types of natural hazards, in particular floods, landslides and earthquakes

Nepal's vulnerability is compounded by rapid population growth, haphazard housing and settlement patterns, non-enforced construction and building codes, and inadequate land regulations. There is little knowledge, and consequently inadequate planning, regarding emergency drinking water sources and sanitation facilities in Kathmandu and other municipalities. The capacity for mass casualty management is also very low.

UNDP has been engaged with the disaster management sector in Nepal for over two decades now. It has worked in different phases of the disaster management cycle but with a larger emphasis on mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into development. Its strength has been in pre-disaster mitigation and preparedness work across all levels (policy, district and community) of administration in Nepal.

The growing complexity surrounding the links between natural disaster risk reduction and conflict has raised the fundamental needs for conflict transformative programming for sustainable livelihoods and building community resilience. With support from BCPR, the Nepal country office has tried to build and sustain its capacities to promote

information-sharing about natural disaster risk reduction issues through a conflict-sensitive approach. It has also tried to ensure that risk reduction approaches remain at the forefront of the policy debate.

### Project summary:

The HMG/N recently committed to implementing the Hyogo Framework of Action (2005-2015), and UNDP, which has been designated as a focal development partner for supporting this initiative in the respective countries, has extended its full support.

The project involves supporting the HMG/N to prepare a National Strategy for Disaster Management (2005-15) in line with the Hyogo Framework of Action. It would also support participation of relevant stakeholders in Nepal in international forums on disaster risk management. Finally, efforts will be made to strengthen the current capacities of the UNDP country office to fulfil its current and proposed disaster management engagements.

About half of the funding under this project would also be contributing to UNDP's cost sharing (15%) for the DIPECHO project that has been approved for funding to the Nepal country office.

### Overall and specific objectives:

- To support the HMG/N to prepare the National Strategy for Disaster Management (2005-15) in line with the Hyogo Framework of Action;
- To improve Nepal's current knowledge-building and sharing capacities in the field of disaster risk management;
- To strengthen the current capacities of the UNDP country office under this portfolio to fulfil its increased disaster management engagements.

### Activities:

- Identify a national consulting organisation to coordinate the strategy development process;
- Organise sectoral workshops for different disaster

management related functional areas to address all the phases of its cycle;

- Develop a national disaster management strategy and finalise a consolidated version of the same;
- Present the final strategy document to the Central Disaster Relief Committee for ratification;
- Submit the strategy paper to the National Planning Commission;
- Present the final strategy to donors;
- Ensure that the national strategy paper on disaster management is properly documented and distributed;
- Hire local and international consultants to develop disaster management projects;
- Provide basic equipment and office support for the consultants;
- Cover other pre-project expenses that may not be supported through retrospective funding;
- Support the representation of Nepal in international disaster risk management meetings. This representation would also reflect a gender balance to the maximum extent possible;
- Strengthen the current capacities of the UNDP country office under this portfolio to fulfil its disaster management engagements.

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