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The 16th meeting of the National Council for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, chaired by Rt. Hon. Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli, approved the start of reconstruction of households affected by the Doti earthquake, 2079. that have undergone Detailed Damage Assessment (DDA), beginning January 16, 2024.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Dr. Bhishma Kumar Bhusal entrusted as Executive Chief of NDRRMA**
- **Nepal commemorates 27th Earthquake Safety Day with the slogan: "Lessons from the Past Earthquakes: Resilient Structures and Better Preparedness!"**

- approved by NDRRMA executive committee
- Post Disaster Recovery Plan (PDRP) for Western Nepal Earthquakes and September Floods and Landslides approved
- Recovery and reconstruction process initiated for Doti earthquake-affected households

KEY GOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

Appointment of Dr. Bhishma Kumar Bhusal as Executive Chief of NDRRMA

In accordance with Rule 5 (Ga) of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Regulations, 2076, Joint Secretary, Dr. Bhishma Kumar Bhusal has been appointed as the Executive Chief of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA). This decision follows the completion of the tenure of the previous Executive Chief, Mr. Anil Pokhrel, on 15th December (Poush 1). To cover the interim period, Dr. Bhusal, the Joint Secretary of NDRRMA, was assigned with the responsibilities of Executive Chief on January 17. This appointment was made in line with the decision issued by the Home Minister on 18th January (4th Magh). Dr. Bhusal will serve in this role until further arrangements are made for the permanent appointment of the Executive Chief.

Nepal commemorates 27th Earthquake Safety Day with the slogan: "Lessons from the Past Earthquakes: Resilient Structures and Better Preparedness!"

The 27th Earthquake Safety Day (ESD) was observed across Nepal on January 15, 2025, with the theme “Lessons from the Past Earthquakes: Resilient Structures and Better Preparedness”. Kirtipur Municipality in coordination with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) and the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) organized the main day event which included a national meeting combined with earthquake safety rallies and public awareness sessions and technical demonstration displays.

Kirtipur Municipality hosted the 27th ESD National Meeting on January 15, 2024, at the premises of the B.P. Koirala Memorial Planetarium, Observatory, and Science Museum Development Board in Kirtipur, chaired by Mayor Dangol. Addressing the 27th National Earthquake Safety Day (ESD) organized by the Earthquake Safety Day National Organizing Committee led by Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) on Wednesday, the Prime Minister noted that while earthquakes are unavoidable, the impact can be mitigated by constructing earthquake-resistant houses and structures. "Post-2015 earthquake reconstruction has yielded significant progress. Building on these achievements, we must focus on developing well-planned settlements and strengthening disaster preparedness for the future. The government will lead these efforts in collaboration with experts," he said.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Urban Development, Prakashman Singh emphasized the need to learn from history to construct earthquake-resistant structures. "Earthquake-resistant houses must be built to minimize the impact of earthquakes," he said. "This requires the cooperation and support of everyone." He further emphasized that the structures being built now should be strong and durable, urging full adherence to the National Building Code. Speaking at the program, Minister for Home Affairs Ramesh Lekhak claimed that the country is making progress in enhancing its disaster response capacity. Minister Lekhak highlighted that necessary arrangements have been made for the systematic mobilization of security agencies and organizations active in the disaster response sector. He also shared that trained responders are ready for search, rescue, and relief operations. “Preparations are being made to hand over emergency warehouses to all provinces by creating procedures related to their operation,” he restated.

At the program, Dr. Bhisma Kumar Bhusal, Joint Secretary of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), emphasized the strict adherence to the building code and the reconsideration of construction materials to better withstand future earthquakes in Nepal. He shared the decisions from the 16th meeting of the National Disaster Council which approved plans for post-earthquake and monsoon disaster reconstruction and restoration. Dr. Bhusal noted that the council directed the Ministry of Finance to promptly allocate resources to the respective ministries, provinces, and local levels for implementing the approved plans.

Following the main event, a two-day '**International Symposium on Earthquake Risk Reduction in Himalayan Region**' was held in Kathmandu during 27-28 January 2025. The symposium was jointly organized by National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC), the University of Bristol, UK in collaboration with the National Society for Earthquake Technology-Nepal (NSET).

About 200 participants including representatives from federal government ministries and departments, provincial and local governments, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Lalitpur Metropolitan City, academia, Nepal Engineers' Association (NEA), SCAEF, SONA, other professional societies, development partners, I/NGOs, CBOS, community representatives, NSET, NHSRP and analogous organizations from the Himalayan region attended the program. They discussed strategies, innovations, and collaborative solutions for seismic resilience in one of the most earthquake-prone regions of the world. The participants were policy and decision makers, government representatives, officials, national and international academia, leaders in earthquake resilience, disaster management professionals and stakeholders in Nepal and across the region.

For more details please refer to the link NSET.

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Executive Committee approves the "Disaster-Affected Private Housing Retrofitting, Reconstruction, and Recovery Grant Distribution Guideline"

The 28th meeting of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Executive Committee, held on January 5, 2025, under the chairmanship of the Honorable Minister of Home Affairs, Ramesh Lekhak, approved the **Disaster-Affected Private Housing Retrofitting, Reconstruction, and Recovery Grant Distribution Guideline**. This guideline aligns with the Disaster-Sensitive Social Security and Grant Standards, 2024, endorsed by the Cabinet on December 31, 2023. It facilitates the recovery and reconstruction of disaster-affected households, in accordance with the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Act, 2017.

The newly approved **Disaster-Affected Private Housing Retrofitting, Reconstruction, and Recovery Grant Distribution Guideline** replaces the previous grant distribution procedures, namely:

- Procedures for Grant Distribution for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Disaster-Affected Private Housing due to Fire, 2021 (approved on May 16, 2021, for households affected by fire incidents after November 16, 2020).
- Procedures for Grant Distribution for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Disaster-Affected Private Housing, 2020 (approved on December 11, 2020, covering households affected by monsoon-induced floods and landslides after June 13, 2020).

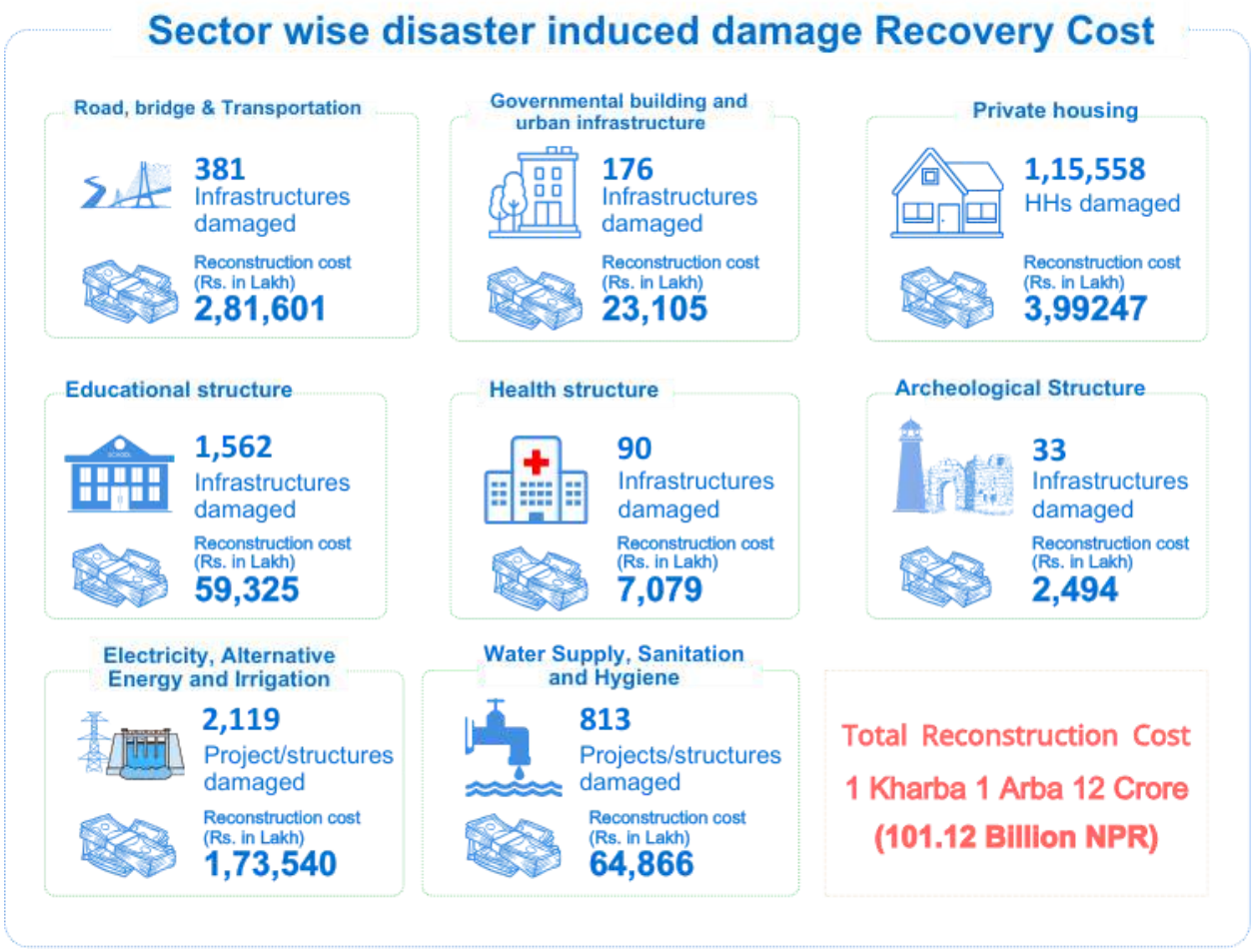
With this updated guideline, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) has broadened its grant and socio-technical assistance to support households affected by all types of disasters, beyond just landslides, floods, and fires. Since 2020, NDRRMA has been leading private housing recovery and reconstruction efforts in Nepal.

The new guideline will now facilitate the recovery and reconstruction of 95,787 private houses affected by the Doti, Bajhang, and Jajarkot earthquakes, as well as 40,000 houses impacted by monsoon-related disasters and fires across the country.

Government of Nepal Approves Post Disaster Recovery Plan (PDRP) for Western Nepal Earthquakes and September Floods and Landslides

The 16th meeting of the National Council for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, chaired by the Right Honorable Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli on January 12, 2025, approved the **Post-Disaster Recovery Plan (PDRP) for Western Nepal Earthquakes and September Floods and Landslides**. The plan, prepared by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority, was presented for review following the decision of the 28th meeting of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Executive Committee.

The plan focuses on seven sectors; roads, bridges, and transportation; government buildings and urban infrastructure; energy, water resources, and irrigation; private housing; education; health; cultural and archaeological heritage; and drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene. The total funding requirement for the recovery plan stands at **NPR 5.93 billion**, with the Government of Nepal allocating **NPR 2.28 billion** for the current fiscal year. To mobilize additional resources, NDRRMA has shared the response plan with national and international stakeholders and initiated a fundraising process. Additionally, NDRRMA convened a meeting with the Association of International NGOs (AIN) on January 16, 2025 to present the plan and encourage partner agencies to align their priorities with the PDRP.



Recovery and reconstruction process initiated for Doti earthquake-affected households

The 16th meeting of the National Council for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, chaired by Rt. Hon. Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli on January 12, 2025, has approved the commencement of reconstruction of private houses affected by the Doti earthquake in line with the Detailed Damage Assessment (DDA) conducted in early 2024.

The DDA of **9,682 affected households** of Achham, Bajhang, Bajura, Dadeldhura and Doti districts was conducted by NDRRMA with technical support from donors and partners. NHSRP, CRS and KIRDARC consortia funded by START Fund conducted the DDA of 6,800 affected HHs in Achham and the remaining households were assessed by NDRRMA, People in Need, Save the Children, NSET and other partner organizations.

Following the Council's decision, the respective District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) and local governments have initiated grant partnership agreements with affected beneficiaries based on the damage grade status outlined in the Disaster-Affected Private Housing Retrofitting, Reconstruction, and Recovery Grant Distribution Guideline. The first grant agreement was signed in Jorayal Rural Municipality-3, Doti on the occasion of Earthquake Safety Day on January 16, 2025. Similarly, Mangalsen Municipality-5, Achham started the agreement process on January 17, 2025.

Please refer the link: Grant agreement initiated for earthquake-affected households

Detailed Damage Assessment (DDA) of multi-hazard affected private households and their recovery and reconstruction process

The 16th meeting of the National Council for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, chaired by Rt. Hon. Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli on January 12, 2025, recommended the initiation of the Detailed Damage Assessment of households affected by the Jajarkot and Bajhang earthquake. NDRRMA has prepared a detailed plan to conduct the assessment by engaging partner organizations. NDRRMA has also signed an MoU with the Centre for Disaster Studies, Institute of Engineering (CDS/IoE) to start the DDA in some wards of Bheri and Nalgad municipalities of Jajarkot. Additionally, a series of meetings have been conducted with partner organizations to support the assessments. UNDP has extended support to cover the DDA in Barekot Rural Municipality, CRS in Aathbiskot Municipality while Care Nepal, Save the Children, People in Need, Plan International, DanChurch Aid, IOM and Community Self Reliance Centre have committed technical resources to support the DDA. NHSRP is extending its support to NDRRMA to coordinate with agencies and plan and execute the overall assessment.

Local Disaster Climate Resilience Framework (LDCRF), 2018 Sharing workshop

On January 17, the NDRRMA, in collaboration with JICA, hosted a workshop to discuss the newly developed Local Disaster Climate Resilience Framework (LDCRF), 2018. The event brought local government, along with representatives from federal and provincial governments, partner organizations, and various stakeholders. The primary objective of the workshop was to share key details about the LDCRF, which focuses on localizing disaster risk reduction and management efforts to improve their effectiveness.

The LDCRF guideline was developed with the major objective to consolidate various disaster-related strategies, guidelines, and policies including the Disaster Risk Reduction National Policy, Climate Change Policy, and other relevant legal frameworks into a single, integrated document. This consolidation addresses the challenges posed by multiple similar documents, which had led to increased resource expenditure and implementation complexities.

By streamlining disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation efforts, the LDCRF guideline aims to ensure sustainability, promote community participation, and optimize local resources. The framework is expected to contribute to resilient development and integrate disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation into local development plans.

In addition, NDRRMA organized separate workshops for international and national NGOs working in disaster risk reduction and management sectors to disseminate the key aspects of the LDCRF guideline. The authority has requested partner organizations to support the localization of the LDCRF in their footprint municipalities to ensure broader impact and enhanced community resilience.

Please refer the link for Local Disaster Climate Resilience Framework (LDCRF), 2081

Scaling DRRM Initiatives: NDRRMA's engagement with security forces and newly appointed government staff

On January 28, NDRRMA conducted an informative session with the Nepal Armed Police Force (APF) Training Academy for the trainers and trainees of the S N 6 Battalion Commander Training members. The session focused on the various activities undertaken by NDRRMA, including its information systems related to disaster risk reduction and management. On January 9, NDRRMA provided a briefing to the officers of BAT-39

role of technology in disaster risk management.

PARTNERS UPDATE

CRS Nepal successfully completes the Jajarkot Earthquake Recovery Project

CRS Nepal, in collaboration with Caritas Nepal, has successfully completed the Jajarkot Earthquake Recovery Project (JERP). On January 15, Joint Monitoring, Social Audit, and Handover events were conducted in Aathbiskot, Rukum (West), and Bheri, Jajarkot, marking the conclusion of this impactful initiative. Through JERP, CRS Nepal constructed 400 transitional shelters and 14 permanent houses for the most vulnerable families, developed 4 water infrastructure schemes to enhance community resilience, and provided socio-technical assistance to 1,972 families to support safe reconstruction. Additionally, 17 mason training sessions were conducted to strengthen local capacity in resilient building practices, and 300 families received support for goat shed improvements, including training and input assistance for livelihood recovery.

Community Resilience

Project SARATHI, supported by UK International Development, has been officially launched. Led by People in Need (PIN) and co-led by DCA Nepal, this initiative aims to strengthen early warning, early action, and climate adaptation at the sub-national level while enhancing community resilience. As part of the project's implementation, a joint monitoring visit was conducted on January 23 in Madhesh Province, where the team assessed the existing Early Warning and Early Action systems at both provincial and local levels. The visit provided valuable insights into current mechanisms and opportunities to enhance preparedness and response efforts, reinforcing the project's commitment to building disaster-resilient communities.

Provincial Learning Workshop of Joint Recovery Action Plan (JRAP)

On 19 January 2025, Provincial Learning Workshop under Joint Recovery Action Plan (JRAP)-Joint Programme (JP) was successfully held at Siddhartha Hotel in Birendranagar Surkhet City. The five clusters, namely Nutrition, WASH, Protection, Food Security and Shelter presented the overall achievements, key lessons learned, challenges, and recommendations for similar future joint recovery programmes.

The one-day lessons learned workshop was divided into two parts: marketplace cluster stall visits in the morning session, and formal lessons learned session in the afternoon.

The workshop was attended by 115 participants in the morning session and 159 participants in the afternoon session, representing the targeted communities in Jajarkot and Rukum West, Implementing Partners, Municipalities and Rural Municipalities, Provincial Government and Federal Government and UN agencies involved in the JRAP- JP; WFP, UNFPA, UNICEF, and IOM, in addition to the UN Resident Coordination Office.

The workshop sessions and discussions concluded to overall positive feedback on the JRAP-JP planning, coordination, and implementation processes and results. Through the programme, active participation of the Local Governments and Community members is promoted. local resources were effectively mobilized, and close coordination and communication with all the three tiers of government has been strengthened and streamlined. This has good impacts on the outcomes of the programme in terms of the timely response and identifying the real needs and priorities, especially for the vulnerable and marginalized groups, in the 13 earthquake-affected communities in Jajrkot and Rukum West districts.

Photo Source: IOM

Rukum West

On 31 January, a joint monitoring visit of UN Resident Coordinator Ms. Hanaa Singer-Hamdy, along with representatives from IOM, WFP, UNFPA, and UNICEF, conducted a field visit to the JRAP project sites. During the visit, the team observed a model house in Bheri Municipality, Jajarkot, constructed using interlocking Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB). Initially built as a demonstration of safer and sustainable housing, the house now serves as a symbol of resilient reconstruction, with the beneficiary family already residing safely in their new home.

By integrating climate-smart and earthquake-resistant techniques, JRAP has set a new benchmark for sustainable and community-led reconstruction. With the leadership of the National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Authority (NDRRMA) and support from the UK in Nepal through United Nations Nepal, the project has contributed to rebuilding homes and strengthening local capacities for disaster-resilient housing.

Strengthening Building Code Regulations in Jajarkot and Rukum West

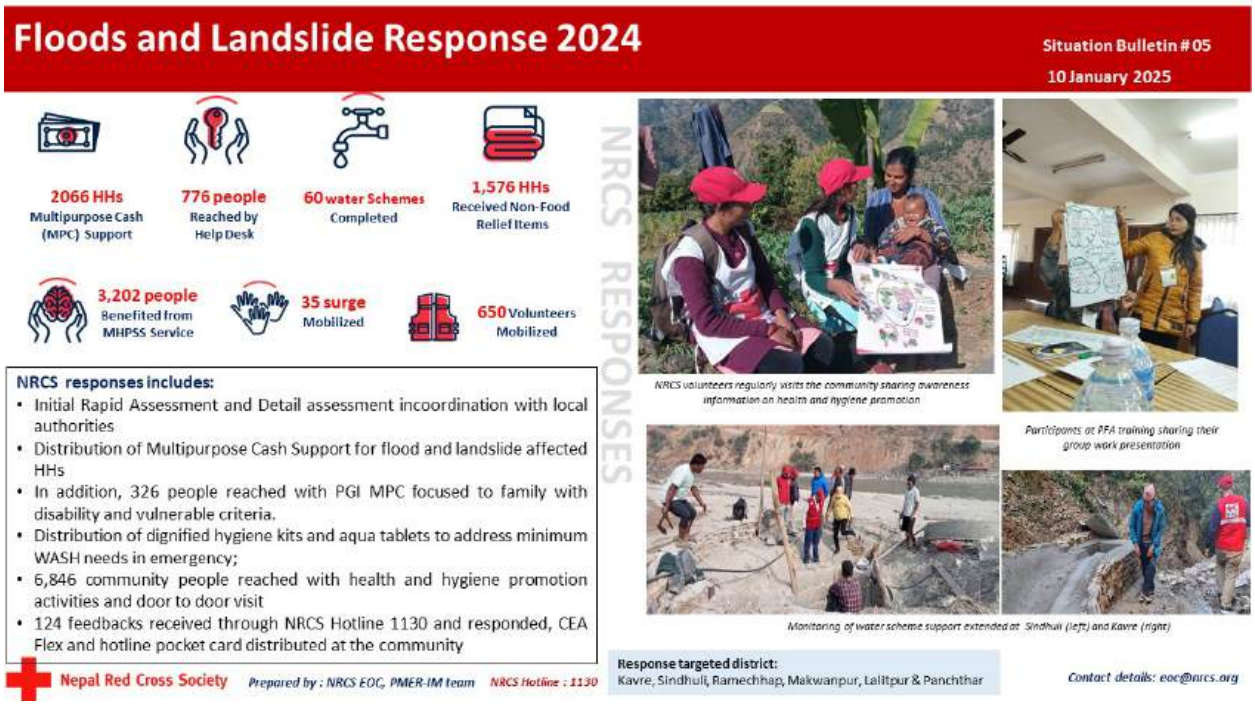
Building code regulations have been introduced in Junichande, Kushe, Shivalaya, and Banfikot rural municipalities of Jajarkot and Rukum West to enhance disaster resilience and safer construction practices. This initiative, led by the National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Authority (NDRRMA) and the Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC), with support from UK in Nepal through United Nations Nepal, aims to standardize building practices, streamline permit processes, and incorporate local expertise from municipal officials, engineers, and ward representatives. The Building Construction Standard and Building Permission Procedure outline critical aspects such as road and land classification and the right of way for water channels, ensuring structured urban development. These guidelines play a vital role in overcoming enforcement challenges and facilitating effective implementation at the municipal level.

Advancing Green Enterprises for Sustainable Reconstruction

sustainable practices in Jajarkot and Rukum West, bringing together 13 local government representatives. The workshop aimed to establish a structured framework for green enterprises, focusing on financial literacy, local resource mobilization, and employment generation.

Led by the National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Authority (NDRRMA) with support from UK in Nepal through United Nations Nepal, these guidelines will serve as a blueprint for local governments to foster green enterprise development.

Nepal Red Cross Society



NHSRP PROVINCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

PROVINCIAL UPDATES - KARNALI

27th Earthquake Safety Day Commemorated in Karnali Province

On January 15, 2025, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (MoIAL) Karnali successfully organized the 27th Earthquake Safety Day Commemorative Event, emphasizing public awareness, preparedness, and resilience-building in the aftermath of the Jajarkot earthquake. The event brought together government agencies,

resilience through knowledge sharing and collaboration. Key discussions focused on technological advancements, policy frameworks, and community-based approaches for disaster risk reduction. The commemoration reaffirmed Karnali Province's commitment to seismic safety, resilient infrastructure, and coordinated disaster response, contributing to the broader goal of institutionalizing earthquake risk reduction and fostering a culture of preparedness across communities.

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Shelter cluster meeting held to strengthen Jajarkot earthquake recovery efforts

On January 17, 2025, the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Urban Development (MoPIUD) in Karnali, in coordination with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), organized a Shelter Cluster meeting to review ongoing recovery efforts and plan future interventions. Chaired by the Honorable Minister of MoPIUD, Mr. Sher Bahadur Buda, the meeting saw participation from the MoPIUD Secretary, representatives from the Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC), national journalist Jagdish Kharel, and various shelter cluster members.

The meeting was divided into two segments. In the first, shelter cluster members shared updates on their progress and outlined future plans for recovery. The second segment, facilitated by Mr. Jagdish Kharel, featured discussions with the Minister and Secretary on strategies for Jajarkot's earthquake recovery and reconstruction. Insights from the development sector enriched the dialogue, reinforcing a collaborative approach to rebuilding efforts in the region.

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Inter-Cluster coordination meeting to strengthen disaster preparedness in Karnali

On January 29, 2025, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (MoIAL) Karnali convened the Inter-Cluster Coordination Meeting to review and enhance disaster preparedness and response efforts in the province. The meeting brought together cluster leads and co-leads, representatives from UN agencies, I/NGOs, the development sector, the Federation of Nepali Journalists, and other key stakeholders, reflecting a collective commitment to strengthening disaster resilience in Karnali. Key agenda items included updates on the Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan (DPRP), with discussions on necessary revisions and the formation of a task force for its update. Clusters shared progress on sectoral interventions, highlighting achievements, challenges, and areas requiring inter-cluster collaboration. The importance of accurate and timely 5W (Who, What, Where, When, and for Whom) reporting was emphasized to improve coordination and response efficiency. Additionally, plans for upcoming simulation exercises were discussed to enhance emergency preparedness. The outcomes of this meeting will guide inter-agency coordination, ensuring a more robust and well-integrated disaster preparedness and response mechanism in Karnali Province.

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Strengthening Loss and Damage Data IntegrationEarthquake Safety Day Celebration in Lumbini Province

On 28th January 2025, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (MoIAL) organized the inaugural Earthquake Safety Day interaction program in Lumbini Province, Nepal. This event, themed "Lessons from Past Earthquakes: Resilient Structures and Better Preparedness," aimed to enhance awareness and preparedness for earthquake safety among various stakeholders. The program attracted 41 participants from different ministries, local NGOs and INGOs, security focal points, and private organizations.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Mr. Bhup Bahadur Mall, Section Officer at MoIAL, who underscored the critical importance of collaboration and proactive measures in earthquake preparedness. Following the opening remarks, Mr. Rabin Chaulagain, National Technical Coordinator from the National Housing Settlements and Resilience Platform (NHSRP), delivered a keynote presentation. His talk covered the causes and effects of earthquakes, essential safety protocols, and highlighted Nepal's global standing in earthquake preparedness and resilience.

The program also featured a discussion session where participants shared personal experiences from past earthquakes, fostering a collective understanding of the importance of collaboration in building resilient structures and adhering to established building codes. Attendees committed to designating open and safe spaces within their offices for emergency situations. In the afternoon, a Knowledge Sharing Program was held at Suvatara High School, engaging over 50 higher secondary students and teachers. Participants learned essential safety techniques and discussed the importance of establishing assembly points and conducting regular drills to reinforce earthquake safety.

Overall, the Earthquake Safety Day program successfully united various stakeholders to enhance earthquake preparedness in Lumbini Province. The insights and collaborative efforts generated during the event are expected to contribute significantly to building a more resilient community. The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law, in partnership with NHSRP, remains dedicated to promoting earthquake safety and resilience across Nepal.

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27th Earthquake Safety Day Celebration at Gandaki Province on 15th January 2025

Earthquake Safety Day interaction program was organized by the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport on 2nd of Magh, 2081. The participants of the event were engineers and technical staff from local levels of Kaski district, representatives from the District Administration Office, Disaster Focal Persons and technical staff from all ministries under the province and representatives from the Office of the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers. The program was chaired by Er. Kamal Kumar Adhikari, Secretary of the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport. Executive Director of Gandaki Technical Education and Vocational Training Institute, Mr. Som Nath Sapkota presented on earthquake history in Nepal and its effects. Also, engineers from Pokhara Metropolitan City provide presentations in the event.

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Orientation on Monsoon/fire induced reconstruction guideline and RMIS system at Lamjung

On 5th January 2025, technical staff/DRR focal person of all municipalities and DRR focal person of DAO Lamjung were oriented on NDRRMA monsoon/fire induced reconstruction guideline and RMIS system. The District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) meeting was conducted by DAO Lamjung and relevant stakeholders attending the orientation. The orientation was focused on the survey, enrollment, inspection so that beneficiaries can receive the amount smoothly. Also, the individual role of local level and district level in RMISI system was orientated.

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UPDATES FROM BAGMATI

Provincial disaster management council meeting, 1 January 2024

Province, in the presence of the Honorable Chief Minister, Minister, and secretaries from various ministries of Bagmati Province. The meeting endorsed the discussions from the Disaster Management Executive Meeting.

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Interaction Program on Lighting Hazard Risk Reduction, 13 January 2025

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (MoIAL), Bagmati Province, organized an interaction program on Lightning Hazard Risk Reduction at Hotel Avocado, Hetauda. The event was attended by the Honorable Minister of MoIAL, the Province Secretary, senior ministry officials, chairpersons, vice chairpersons, and other representatives from Raksirang and Makwanpurgadhi Rural Municipalities, along with delegates from various provincial ministries. During the discussion, Shriram Sharma, Chairman of the South Asian Lightning Network (SALNet), presented measures for lightning risk reduction. It was highlighted that Makwanpur district is among the most affected areas and at high risk of lightning hazards. The discussion also focused on potential interventions by the ministry to mitigate these risks.

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Workshop for Health Contingency Plan Prepare and Update, 11 January 2025

The Health Directorate, Bagmati Province, organized a workshop on the preparation and update of the Health Contingency Plan in Teku, Kathmandu, on January 11, 2025. During the workshop, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (MoIAL) presented its priorities and programs, while the NHSRP introduced the BIPAD portal.

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Earthquake Safety Day Celebration at Hetauda, Bamati Province, 15 January 2025

On Earthquake Safety Day, various programs were organized in Hetauda, Bagmati Province. The District Administration Office conducted a rally, while the Hetauda Sub-Metropolitan City organized an exhibition featuring a competition on models related to earthquake risk reduction.

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PROVINCIAL UPDATES - KOSHI

Impact of the Earthquake Centered in Dinggye, China on Koshi Province: Situation Report

On January 7, 2025, a powerful 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck at 06:50 AM, with its epicenter in Dinggye, China, affecting various regions, including Koshi Province in Nepal. Fortunately, there were no reported human casualties, injuries, or missing persons in the province. However, the earthquake caused significant damage to both private and government buildings. In Okhaldhunga, the one-story house of Indra Bahadur Pariyar in Sirise, Chisankhugadhi-5 was completely destroyed, while seventeen other private residences across several districts sustained partial damage. In Solukhumbu, Ang Ngima Sherpa's house in Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality-5 suffered structural damage, with one wall collapsing. Additionally, five government buildings faced partial damage, including the Thame Post Office under Sagarmatha National Park, Shree Suryodaya Secondary School in Lafla, Shree Saraswati Basic School in Thulung Dudhkoshi Rural Municipality-1, Shree Basic School in Lekhani, and the mess building of the Area Police Office in Dovan, Taplejung. Despite the physical damage, no loss of life has been reported, and recovery and relief efforts are ongoing.

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For More Details : https://moial.koshi.gov.np/files/notice/20250109153835.pdf

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Provincial Level Discussion Program on the occasion of the 27th Earthquake Safety Day 2081 Celebration program

The Provincial Level Discussion Program was organized by the MoIAL, Koshi Province, on the occasion of the 27th Earthquake Safety Day on 15th January 2025, in collaboration with provincial ministries, development partners, and other stakeholders. The event took place at the MoIAL meeting hall. The program was hosted by Mr. Baburam Sharma Luitel Under Secretary and Head of the Peace, Security, and Disaster Management Division, MOIAL and began with an opening address and welcome remarks by Mr. Kamal Bahadur Thapa, Acting Provincial Secretary of MoIAL. The event was chaired by the Honourable Minister of MoIAL, Hon. Revati Raman

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Honorable Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak Visits Koshi Erosion-Affected Areas, Commits to Long-Term Solutions

Belaka, Udayapur – On January 22, 2025, Honorable Home Minister of Nepal, Mr. Ramesh Lekhak, visited the flood-affected areas of Belaka Rural Municipality-8, Udayapur. Addressing the local concerns, he assured a strong commitment to resolving the issues faced by the Koshi-affected communities.

During the visit, Mayor Ashok Karki highlighted how annual floods and erosion caused by the Koshi River have severely impacted Belaka Municipality. He urged the Home Minister to take necessary steps for a long-term solution. Likewise, Honorable Dr. Narayan Khadka emphasized the recurring disasters caused by the Saptakoshi River and requested urgent government intervention for a sustainable resolution.

Mayor Karki provided on-site briefings to Home Minister Lekhak and Dr. Khadka, explaining the extent of damage caused by the river erosion. Accompanied by former Foreign Minister Dr. Narayan Khadka, the Home

master plan for long-term flood and erosion control within this fiscal year.

The inspection team included Honorable Dr. Narayan Khadka (MP, Udayapur-1), Dr. Bhishma Bhusal (Chief Executive, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority), Engineer Ramesh Bhattarai (Koshi-Bakraha River Control Project), Mayor Ashok Karki of Belaka Municipality, along with ward chairpersons and other local leaders.

The government aims to mitigate the long-standing issues of Koshi River erosion by implementing sustainable measures, ensuring the safety and security of over 15,000 residents at risk across wards 2, 3, 8, and 9 of Belaka Municipality and parts of Saptari's Saptakoshi Municipality.

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September Flood and Landslide Response

Samjhana Rai, Sandakpur RM-2, Ilam and Rita Kumari Rai Deusali, Sandakpur RM-1, Ilam Constructed Temporary Shelter

Belaka, Udayapur – On January 22, 2025, Honorable Home Minister of Nepal, Mr. Ramesh Lekhak, visited the flood-affected areas of Belaka Rural Municipality-8, Udayapur. Addressing the local concerns, he assured a strong commitment to resolving the issues faced by the Koshi-affected communities.

In response to the devastating September floods and landslides, Caritas Nepal has been actively providing relief to affected communities. Temporary shelters have been established for families such as Samjhana Rai in Sandakpur RM-2 and Rita Kumari Rai in Sandakpur RM-1, both in Ilam, offering them much-needed refuge. Additionally, Caritas Nepal has distributed Non-Food Items (NFI) to 365 households across Rajapur and Gadhimai municipalities in Rautahat District. The distribution took place on 24th and 25th January, benefitting 316 households in Rajapur Municipality and 49 households in Gadhimai Municipality. Each household received essential relief items, including 2 fiber quilts, 2 cotton mattresses, 2 cotton pillows with covers, 2 bed sheets, 4 meters of P. Foam, and 1 water filter. This initiative aims to ease the hardships faced by flood-affected families and assist them in rebuilding their lives.

For more information, contact Mr Birendra Shrestha, Provincial Technical Coordinator, on birendra.shrestha@hrrpnepal.org

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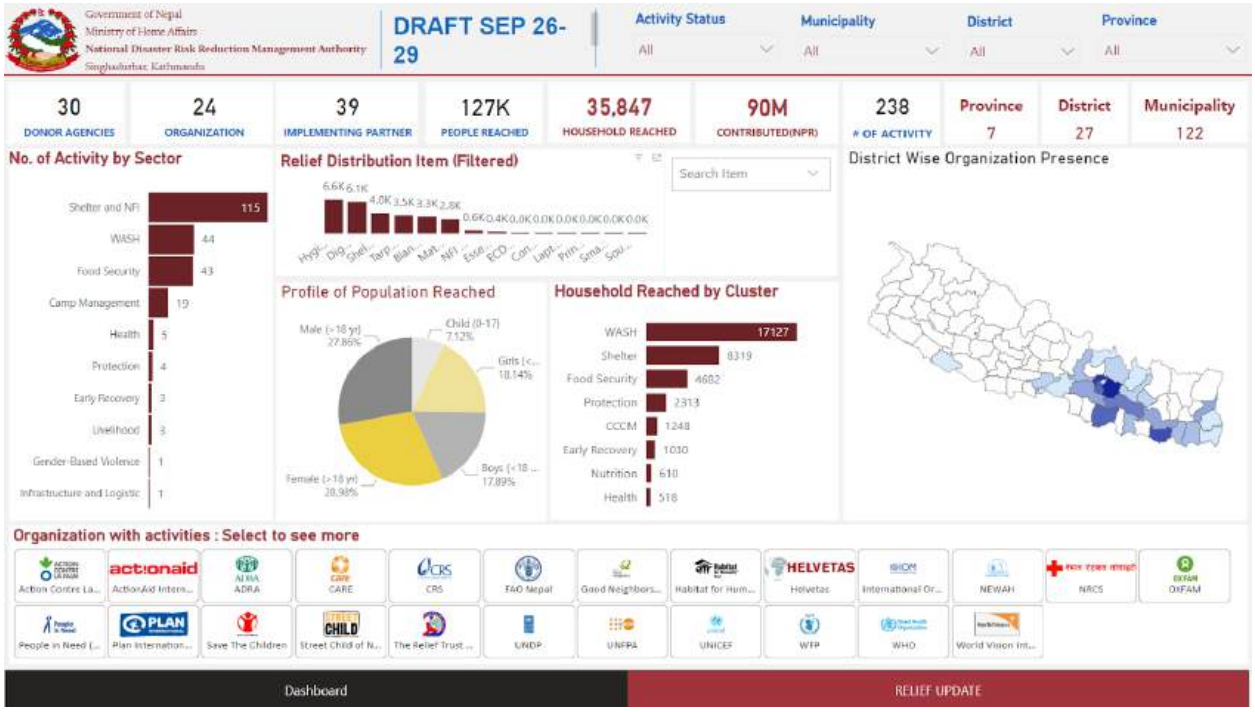
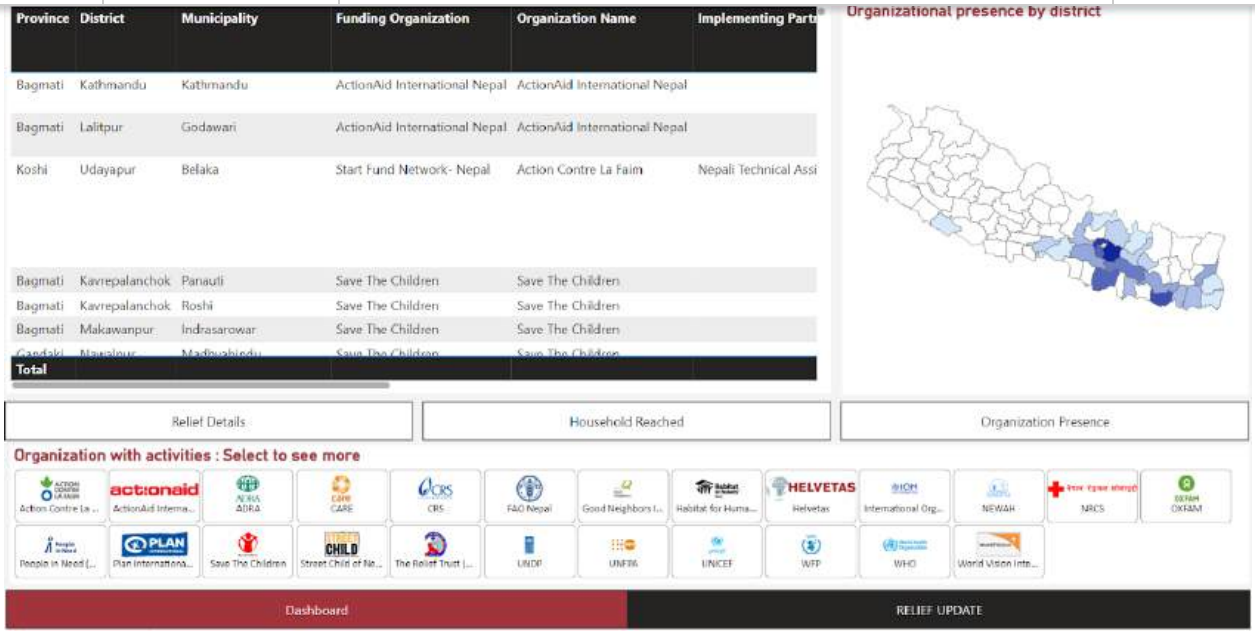
5W Dashboard of floods and landslides





Public Service Announcement (PSA) to safeguard against Air Pollution

Public Service Announcement (PSA) to safeguard against Cold Waves

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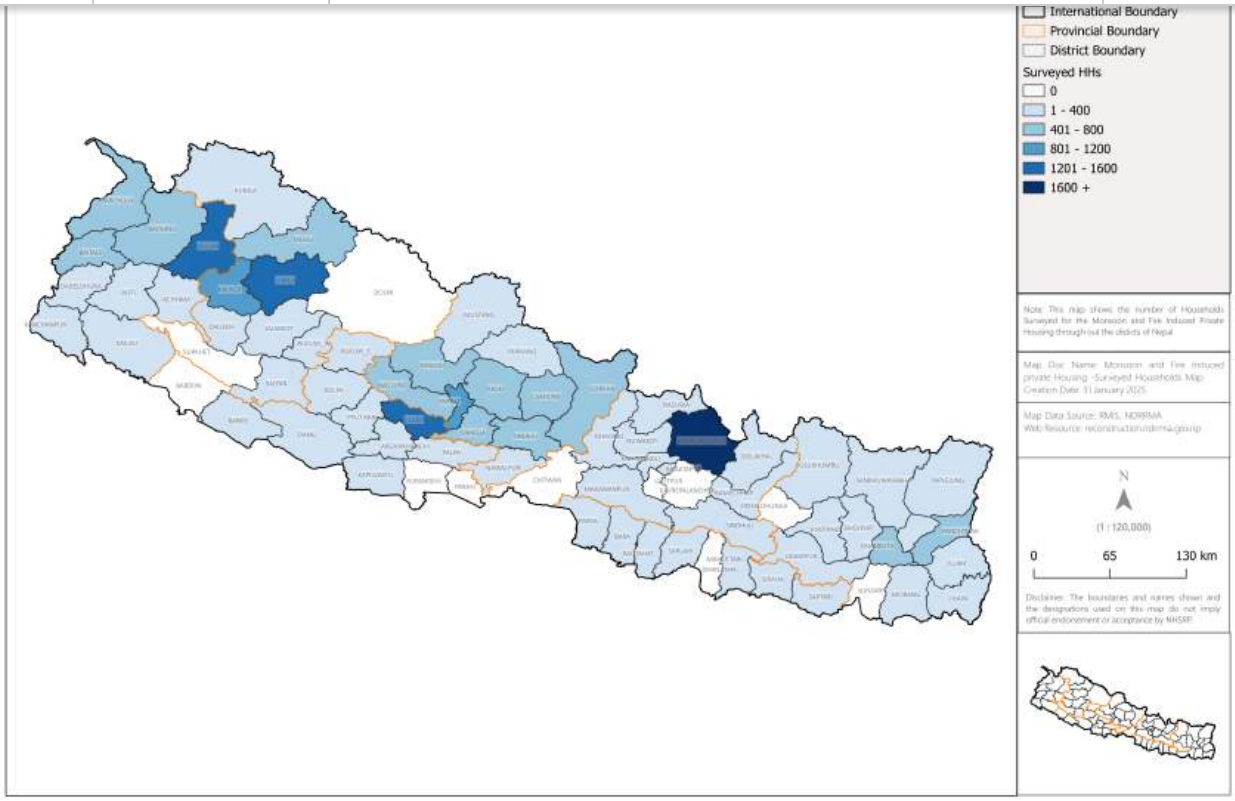
Surveyed Households of Monsoon and Fire Induced Private Housing Reconstruction (31 January 2025)



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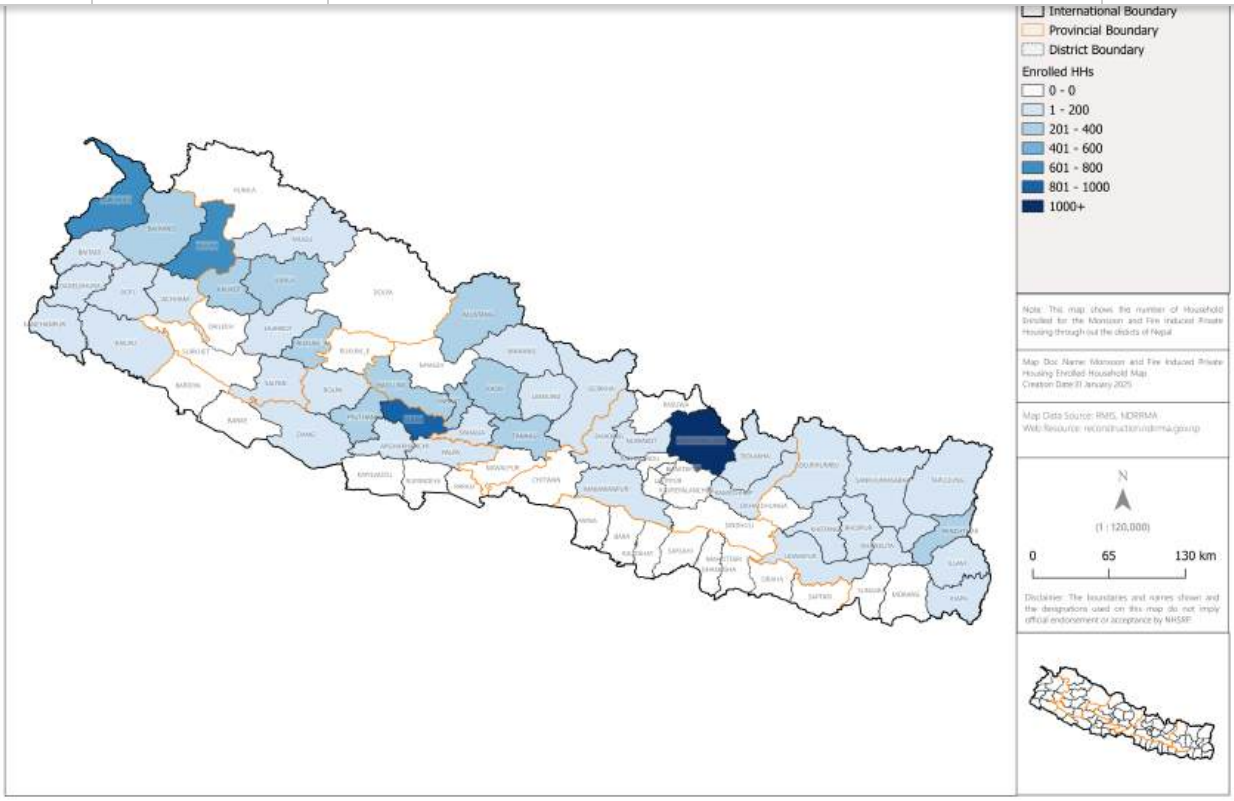

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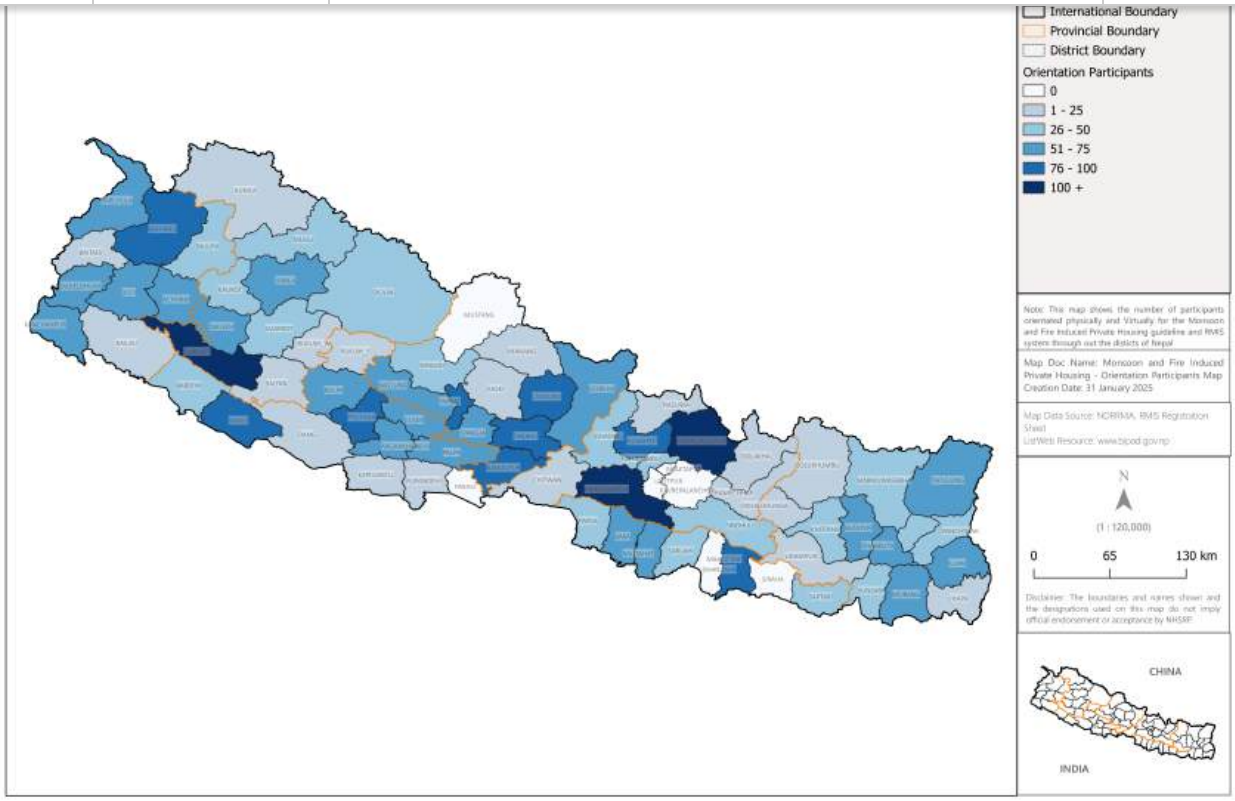

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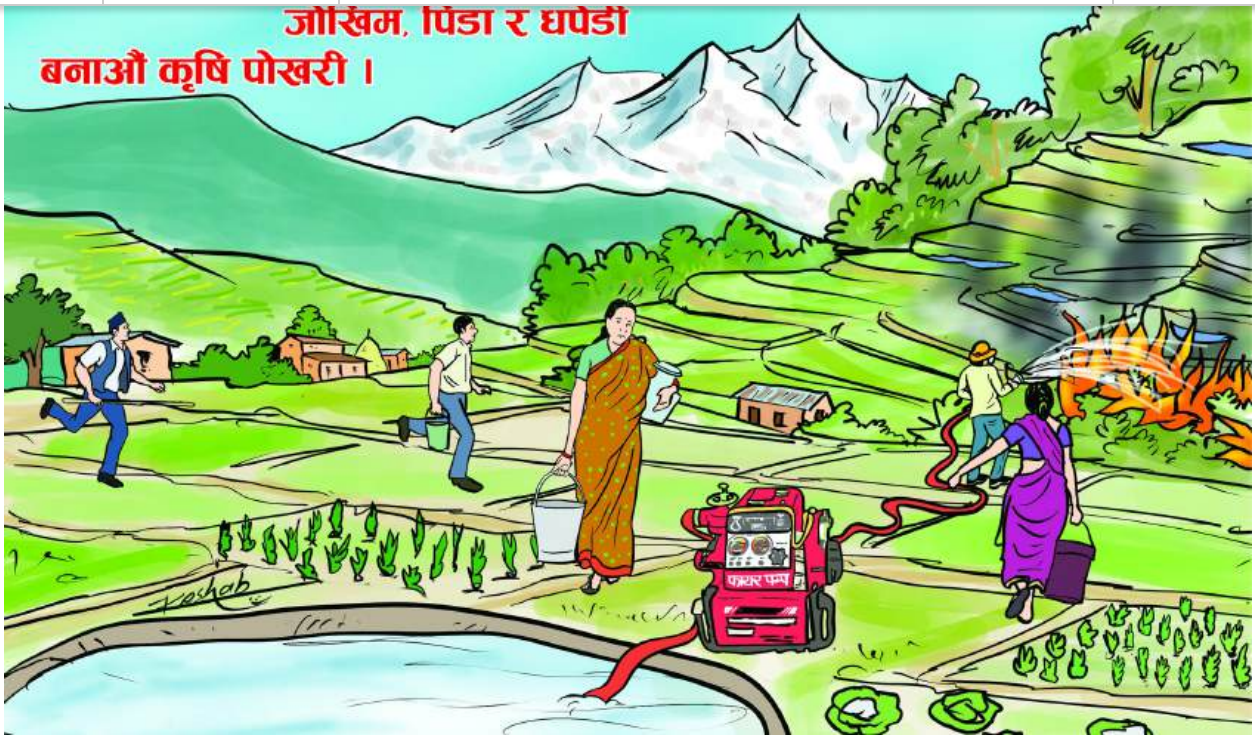

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