

Agenda of Regional Workshop on Social Inclusion in Disaster Risk Reduction in the Himalayan Region – Sharing knowledge and Bridging Gaps 9-11 May, 2007

Workshop objectives

- To provide a platform for interaction and knowledge sharing among key practitioners in disaster preparedness (DP) and management; especially between institutions working on community level and central level respectively.
- To explore opportunities to include local knowledge, innovations and practices in the disaster management process.
- To examine how gender, equity and vulnerability issues can be better reflected and incorporated in the work of disaster management.

Workshop process

- a) presentations of case studies and lessons learned;
- b) moderated discussions;
- c) working groups

TUESDAY 8 MAY

18.30 Registration and ice breaker reception at Hotel Himalaya

DAY 1, WEDNESDAY 9 MAY

Planning for Disaster Preparedness in the region: are vulnerable groups reflected?

8.30-9:00 Vehicle leaves for ICIMOD from Hotel

9.00-9.30 Registration Coffee & Tea available

Session 1: Opening session (Chair: Xu Jianchu)

09.30-09.40	Welcome address	Dr Madhav Karki, ICIMOD
09.40-09.50	Opening remarks	Mr Pratap Kumar Pathak, Disaster Management Section, Ministry of Home Affairs, Nepal
09.50-10.00	Opening remarks	Ms Mohsena Ferdousi, Ministry of Food and Disaster Management, Bangladesh
10.00-10.10	Opening remarks	Mr P.G. Chakrabarti, National Institute of Disaster Management, India
10.10-10.20	Opening remarks	Mr Nawazish Ali Khan, Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority, Pakistan
10.20-10.30	Workshop objectives	Dr Mats Eriksson, ICIMOD
10.30-10.35	Book launch	Launch of the following books: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Gender Matters – Lessons for disaster risk reduction in South Asia 2) The snake and the river don't run straight – Local Knowledge on disaster preparedness in the Eastern Terai of Nepal 3) Herders of Chitral The lost Messengers? Local Knowledge on disaster preparedness in Chitral District, Pakistan

Annexes

10.35-10.50	Introduction of participants and group photograph
10.50-11.10	<i>Coffee and Tea</i>
11.10-11.50	Key note speech 1 From vulnerability to disaster prevention, Professor Ken Hewitt, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada
11.50-12.20	Key note speech 2 Reaching out to vulnerable Populations - issues and considerations in disaster risk reduction, Dr Manjari Mehta, ICIMOD
12.20-12.45	Discussion
12.45-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>

Session 2: Planning for DP in the region (Chair: R.K. Mazari)

13.30-13.45	A brief overview of the Status on DP plans in the region. – Dr Mats Eriksson, ICIMOD
13.45-14.05	Nepal: New tools for disaster preparedness in Nepal: Strategy, policy and Act – how is social inclusion reflected? – Mr Pratap Kumar Pathak, Ministry of Home Affairs
14.05-14.25	India: Social inclusion in the central planning process in India. – Mr P.G. Chakrabarti, National Institute of Disaster Management
14.25-14.45	Bangladesh: Updating the Standard Orders on Disasters – how is social inclusion taken into account? – Ms Mohsena Ferdausi, Ministry of Food and Disaster Management
14.45-15.15	Discussion – Social inclusion in the planning processes
15.15-15.30	<i>Coffee and Tea</i>

Session 3: Outreach, networking and communication (Chair: Beatrice Murray)

15.30-15.50	(15+5 min)	Reporting on disaster preparedness and management – the role of Media, – Mr Kunda Dixit, Nepali Times
15.50-16.05	(10+5 min)	Knowledge networking – are there gaps to be filled? – Mr Vijay Khadgi, ICIMOD
16.05-16.20	(10+5 min)	Regional approach and networking Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) – Mr Aslam Perwaiz
16.20-16.35	(10+5 min)	Duryog Nivaran – a South Asian Network organisation – Ms Tharuka Dissanaik
16.35-17.30		Discussion – the need for networking and regional cooperation
17.30		Vehicle leaves for Hotel

DAY 2, THURSDAY 10 MAY: Gender, equity & vulnerable people in DRR

Session 4: Gender, equity and vulnerable people (Chair: Megh Rai)

9.00-9.10		Summary from Day 1
9.10-9.35	(15+10 min)	The establishment of a regional centre for disaster risk reduction, – Mr P.G. Chakrabarti, SAARC Disaster Management Centre
9.35-10.00	(20 + 5 min)	Participatory Vulnerability Assessment (PVA) for safety nets in disaster risk reduction, – Mr Shyam Jnavaly, Action Aid Nepal
10.00-10.25	(20 + 5 min)	Mainstreaming Disability Issues and Inclusion of Marginalized Group in Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction, – Mr Faizul Kabir, Handicap International, Bangladesh
10.25-10.50		<i>Coffee and Tea</i>
10.50-11.15	(20 + 5 min)	The gender perspective in disaster risk reduction, Mr Deepesh Sinha, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute

11.15-11.30	(15 min)	Ms Jakia Akter, Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS), Bangladesh
11.30-12.15		Panel Discussion and Comments

Session 5: Group Work

12.15-12.30	Introduction to Group Work – Manjari Mehta & Dechenla Sherpa
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do disasters affect more women/children/elderly/poor/Indigenous people? • How can we address these problems? • Who are responsible for the different roles? (Who does what?)
12.30-13.15	<i>Lunch</i>
13.15-15.00	Group Work
15.00-16.30	Presentations of group work
16.30-17.30	Discussion and Summary – Brigitte Leduc & Manjari Mehta

DAY 3, FRIDAY 11 MAY: Understanding Local knowledge and Practices for Disaster Preparedness

9.00-9.10	Summary from Day 2: Manjari Mehta
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Session 6: Local Knowledge for disaster risk reduction, (Chair: Ahsan Uddin Ahmed)

9.10-9.55	Key note speech:	Identifying Local Knowledge for disaster preparedness, Julie Dekens, ICIMOD
9.55-10.20	(20 + 5 min)	Alternative Strategies for community based disaster Risk Reduction: A Case on Displaced Communities by River Erosion in Bangladesh Nazmul Chowdury, Practical Action, Bangladesh
10.20-10.45	(20 + 5 min)	Deepesh Sinha, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute
10.45-11.00	<i>Coffee and Tea</i>	
11.00-11.25	(20 + 5 min)	Disaster Risk Management: Indigenous Solutions Naheed Khan, Focus Pakistan
11.25-12.15		Panel Discussion and Comments

Session 7: Group Work

12.15-12.30	Introduction to group work. – Julie Dekens and Xu Jianchu
12.30-13.15	<i>Lunch</i>
13.15-15.00	Working groups including coffee/tea
15.00-16.30	Group Presentations
16.30-17.00	Discussions – Xu Jianchu
17.00-17.30	Workshop summary and future directions – (Prof Ken Hewitt and Mats Eriksson)
17.30	Transport to hotel Himalaya
19.00	Workshop reception at Soaltee Hotel

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