

# Community Based Disaster Management Program in Kathmandu Valley (CBDMP-K) Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City

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## BACKGROUND

The project “Community Based Disaster Management Program in Kathmandu Valley (CBDMP – K)” is a logical continuation of lessons and experiences of similar efforts implemented in the past. The Project was implemented by NSET in the selected five wards (6, 8, 12, 18, 20) of Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City (LSMC) with funding support from Oxfam GB, Nepal. The project duration was February –July 2007.

## GOAL & OBJECTIVES

The main aim of the project was to enhance disaster safety of selected communities through awareness campaigns, trainings, and institutionalization of the method in the local governance system. Moreover, the overall aim was to enhance the security of vulnerable communities through appropriate capacity building measures.

The specific objectives were:

- Capacity building of communities and institutions to design and implement disaster risk reduction strategies and preparedness activities.
- Enhancement of capability of municipal/ward authorities and representatives concerning disaster risk reduction, preparedness and effective response.
- Institutionalization of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) initiatives at the two levels of local governance (Ward Level as well as Municipality Level).



## ACTIVITIES

The major activities included:

- Consultations and meetings with municipal authorities and participation of municipal representatives in carrying out all activities of the project
- Orientation and training program for community representatives during Ward assemblies
- Formation of Ward Level Disaster Management Committees (WLDMC) in the selected Wards of LSMC with the following responsibilities
  - monitoring and managing the volunteers’ activities for disaster preparedness
  - updating the database and informing their ward representative regarding disaster preparedness
  - Submitting the timeline of the ward level disaster management
  - Cooperation with municipal authorities to coordinate vulnerability and risk reduction activities at ward and community level
- Conduction of Disaster Management Trainings (DMT) for community volunteers and municipal officials
- Preparation of training packages for community disaster management preparedness and mitigation in order to develop community awareness and preparedness



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- Conduction of Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) Trainings for community volunteers and municipal officials
- Detailed field study for community volunteers for detailed assessment of the community in disaster risk assessment and capacity assessment perspectives
- Action Plan Workshop for volunteers and municipal authorities as well as scenario preparation
- Preparation of ward level action plans

## OUTCOMES

- Acceptation by Municipal Authority to implement the project.
  - Project induction meeting
  - Call for Ward Assembly and facilitation by municipality, assignment of contact person
- Formation of Ward Level Disaster Management Committees in wards (WLDMC).
  - WLDMC formation in selected project wards (as selected by ward representatives, municipal authorities in the project induction meeting), selected Wards (6, 8, 12, 18, 20).
- Capacity enhancement of WLDMC members, municipal officials and community volunteers via :
  - Disaster Management Training – seven days training for community volunteers and municipal officials,
  - Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) – VCA is an investigation into the risk that people face in their environment, the different levels of vulnerability and those risks and capacities they possess to cope with a hazard and recover from it
  - Detailed field studies – the outcome of detail field study was the ward profiles prepared by community volunteers, awareness rising through door to door visits, and community campaigns, community watching by volunteers, understanding the population and physical vulnerabilities
    - Action plan preparation workshop - aimed at preparing action plan for disaster risk reduction at the community level
    - Awareness raising – interaction with community members during VCA detailed studies, orientation programs and distribution of awareness rising materials
    - Institutionalization of the process at municipal and ward level
    - Recognition and endorsement of already formed committees, formation of WLDMC by municipality, involvement of Municipality and Municipal Authorities in process of the implementation of the project.

