

### Implementing Organizations and its role

This being a National Implementation (NIM) project of UNDP, the implementation responsibility of the project will be with the Government of Nepal. From the perspective of project management the following government organizations will be involved :-

- **Ministry of Physical Planning and Works Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (MOPPW / DUBBC) :** Responsible for the overall implementation of the project as the focal agency in GoN for Nepal National Building Code implementation
- **Ministry of Home Affairs:** Responsible for inter-ministerial coordination as the nodal agency in GoN for disaster management
- **Ministry of Local Development:** Responsible for inter-municipality coordination as the focal agency in GoN for all local level coordination
- **Selected Municipalities:** Responsible for the municipality level activities of the project

**Project Assurance:** Project assurance would be undertaken as per the monitoring systems established by the new Results Management Guide and Monitoring and Evaluation unit of the country office using appropriate tools developed for the same. The reporting mechanism will include Quarterly Progress Reports (QPR) and Annual Progress Report. These reports will be the part of the annual review process.

### Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring will involve field travel to the project municipalities for reviewing compliance with the annual work plan aimed at achieving the results as established in the project document.

#### Output indicators:

Earthquake risk and vulnerability of project areas and capacity of central and respective local institutional mechanism in reducing the same assessed; Capacities of focal line ministries and selected municipalities enhanced in earthquake risk reduction; Recovery preparedness framework prepared; Lifeline buildings retrofitted and / or demonstrative houses will be constructed.

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## Earthquake Risk Reduction & Recovery Preparedness Programme for Nepal

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**Introduction:** This project is a part of a five country regional programme in South Asia that seeks to support regional cooperation through knowledge sharing and development of best practices in the context of the SAARC Comprehensive Framework on Disaster Management agreed in February 2006.

Earthquakes remain a major concern in Nepal, especially in urban areas. In fact, according to BCPR's (Bureau of Crisis Prevention and Recovery) 2004 report, *Disaster Reduction: A challenge for development*, Nepal is the 11th rank in the world in vulnerability to earthquakes hazards and seismic faults passing through Nepal makes the entire country susceptible to this phenomenon.

The country programme is designed to strengthen the institutional and community level capacity to plan and implement earthquake risk reduction strategies and disaster recovery preparedness in Nepal. The recovery of the cost incurred is essential for the sustainability of the project. Hence, some recovery means should be adopted like ticketing from the park users. Further details are essential to be done for the proper management of the park to be done in future.

**Project Duration :** October 2007 to May 2009

**Programme Period :** 2007 to 2010

**Award ID :** 00047754-NEP/07/010 (00057599)

**Management Arrangement:** National Implementation (NIM) project of UNDP

**Programme Component :**

MYFF (Multi Year Funding Framework) Service Line 4.5 - Natural Disaster Reduction

**Source of Fund :** Government of Japan

**Goal:** To reduce the impact of potential earthquakes on seismically vulnerable communities in Nepal

**Purpose:** To strengthen national capacity (institutional and community level) for pre-disaster preparedness and mitigation and post-disaster recovery planning with a focus on targeted earthquake-prone urban areas of Nepal

**Overall Output :** Capacity of the key line ministries, local bodies, civil societies and urban/rural communities enhanced for planning and implementation of disaster risk management, emergency response and early recovery.

**Key Activities:**

1. Earthquake risk, vulnerability and capacity assessment conducted in the project areas, especially from gender and poverty perspective, to support the government and communities
2. Capacities of government institutions and communities living in high risk areas enhanced to adapt and implement earthquake preparedness planning and safe construction practice using appropriate earthquake resistant construction guidelines
3. Capacities of the government strengthened in disaster recovery preparedness to support enhanced recovery operations in post-disaster situations
4. Capacities of the government developed to implement national disaster management framework by supporting locally appropriate solutions for earthquake risk reduction proposed by Nepal

**Selected municipalities for the project implementation:** The Project Appraisal Committee has approved the following municipalities to be covered under this project.

1. Central Region **Hetauda** municipality
2. Eastern Region **Biratnagar** sub-metropolis
3. Western Region **Pokhara** sub-metropolis (including the transferring of the technology to the technical staff of the adjoining Lekhanath municipality
4. Mid-western Region **Birendranagar** municipality
5. Far-western Region **Dhangadhi** municipality

**Municipality Selection Criteria**

Following are the criteria for selection of municipalities:

- Municipality located in high vulnerability zone from a seismological perspective
- Municipality with higher total and density of population and faster urban growth
- Municipality possessing demonstrative effect for replicability of the project results
- the capacity of the selected municipality to institutionalize the knowledge gained from the project
- Preferably, one municipality from each of the development region to balance the geographical coverage