



EARLY RECOVERY (ER) IN NEPAL

BACKGROUND

As one of the 20 most disaster-prone countries in the world, Nepal is considered a global natural hazard “hot-spot” due to its susceptibility to a wide range of risks from natural hazards. Once immediate relief has been provided, Early Recovery (ER) action helps people rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

UNDP’S ROLE

To better prepare for Early Recovery in Nepal, the UNDP Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Programme plays a lead role in establishing systems and enhancing capacities within the UN, development agencies, and the Government of Nepal. UNDP combines

overarching programmatic goals of developing a National Framework for Early Recovery and a Kathmandu Valley Early Recovery Plan with ongoing ER activities within District and Village Development Committees (DDCs and VDCs).

ACTIONS TAKEN/ FUTURE OUTLOOK

To enhance Early Recovery programming in the Government of Nepal, CDRMP aims to strengthen the ER networks and clusters, introducing a number of recovery mechanisms, such as need assessments and ER coordination structures. UNDP also aims to introduce ER techniques into the humanitarian and development agendas, strengthening

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Children and youths play a key role in raising awareness for disaster risk reduction. (Photo: UNDP)

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Earthquake-damaged buildings are rebuilt as per standard design and guidelines to be seismic resilient, helping protect development achievements.
(Photo: NRRC)

existing ER capabilities in the UN system through advocacy and knowledge management at both the local and national level. UNDP projects such as the integration of ER activities into the disaster cluster contingency plans is a salient example of ER activities within various agencies working in Nepal.

UNDP looks to create more resilient VDCs and DDCs by increasing awareness, integrating Early Recovery projects budgeting and planning, and providing training to community members through projects such as local masons' trainings. UNDP also provides support to ER activities currently underway, such as the Early Recovery efforts focusing on districts in Eastern Nepal impacted in the September 2011 earthquake. A joint effort between UNDP, the Government, and a number of NGOs, this project aims to simultaneously re-establish regular education, reconstruct and renovate earthquake-damaged schools to be seismically-resistant, and improve preparedness through community based DRR initiatives.

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I am very satisfied with the training as have learned new techniques to build earthquake resistant construction. Now after the training, I am committed to building earthquake resistant construction.”



– **PUSHPA KHEWANG**, a Janajati from Panchthar District who took part in the 5 days Mason Training in Panchthar District, as part of UNDP/CDRMP with the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) and Department of Urban Development and Building construction (DUDBC) to 'build back better in the 12 affected districts. (Photo: UNDP)

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