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3.1. Disaster sector

- [Ministry of Home Affairs/ National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Authority \(NDRRMA\)](#) - Lead the overall response program after the disaster. Focal ministry for disaster risk reduction and management.
- **Nepal Army/ Armed Police Force/ Nepal Police** - Are the first responder on disasters. Involved in Rescue and Relief activities. Also involved in environmental protection and disaster risk reduction.
- **Local governments** - Focal point for response and recovery program, including humanitarian shelter and housing programs, environmental protection, pollution control, waste management and DRR.
- [Department of Urban Development and Building Construction \(DUDBC\)](#) - Lead of Nepal shelter Cluster, Ministry of Urban Development implements the shelter and settlement program through this department.
- **Shelter Cluster Nepal / Global Shelter Cluster** - Forum for shelter and settlement programs
- **NRCS/ IFRC** - Supports communities and Governments to prepare for the impact of natural hazards and to mitigate negative effects on shelter and settlements'. Also, the NRCS/IFRC facilitates the Shelter Cluster Nepal as co-lead.
- **UNRCO/ UN agencies** - Supports communities and governments to prevent and combat disasters. Support in response and recovery of shelter and settlement programs, environment management and climate change adaptation.
- **I/NGOs** - Habitat for Humanity, Care Nepal, WHH, CRS, Caritas, Oxfam, Lumanti, Unicef, UNOPS, Oxfam, Caritas, Mercy Corps, NHSRP, LWF, AWO International, Plan International, People in Need, UMN, Save the Children, LUMANTI, World Vision International, UNDP, CSRC, WFP, UNFPA, UNEP, DCA, Welthungerhilfe, FCDO, NSET, CSRC, Action Aid, CRS, ASF Nepal, DPNet- Nepal, Chaudhary Foundation
- **Academia (Tribhuvan University (TU), Kathmandu University(KU), Purbanchal University (PU))** - Universities involved in research and design for shelter and settlement programs, environment, DRR, climate change, etc.

3.2. Housing sector

- **Ministry of Urban Development** - Focal ministry for shelter and settlement programs
- **Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC)** - Ministry of Urban Development implements the shelter and settlement program through this department. Housing and settlements programs are supported by DUDBC.
- **Academia (TU, KU, PU)** - Universities involved in research and design
- **NHSRP** - Forum for shelter and housing programs
- **UN- Habitat** - UN agency working in housing and settlements
- **INGO/ NGOs** (Habitat for Humanity, Care Nepal, WHH, CRS, Caritas, Oxfam, Lumanti) - Involved in shelter and settlement programs

3.3. Environment sector

- **Ministry of Forest and Environment** - Focal ministry for forest, protected areas, biodiversity, pollution control, environmental assessment and climate change. Approves environmental assessment reports, review environmental management plan, monitoring report and conducts environmental audits
- **Department of Environment** - Ministry of Forest and Environment implement pollution control and monitoring through the department.
- **Academia (TU, KU, Pokhara University, Purbanchal University)** - Universities involved in research and design
- **International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)** - Organization involved in research study and protection of environment and climate change of Hindu Kush himalayan regions
- **World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)** - Organization involved in research, study and protection of environment and biodiversity
- **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** - Organization involved in research, study and protection of biodiversity

3.4. Other relevant key actors

- **Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens** - Focal ministry for GEDSI
- **Ministry of Water Supply / **Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management**** - Focal institution of government of Nepal for implementation of water, sanitation and hygiene program in Nepal
- **Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation,**
- **Ministry of Land Management, Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation**
- **Ministry of Education, Science and Technology**
- **Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport**
- **Ministry of Health** - Focal ministry for health- disease control, prevention and cure
- **Ministry of Education, Science and Technology** - Focal ministry for knowledge and technology transfer
- **Ministry of Land Management, Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation-** Focal ministry for land administration and management. It ensures efficient and effective

administration and sustainable management of available land resources throughout the country.

- **ADB/World Bank/ USAID/ DFID,European Union-** Donor organisations which support GoN, organisations and other key actors for shelter, environment and DRR programs in Nepal.

3.5. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

The Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Act, 2017 and Local Government Operation Act (LGOA), 2017 provide the framework for all levels of government to work together on disaster risk reduction and response. The National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Authority (NDRRMA) was established as per article 10 of the DRRM Act, 2017 with mandates to lead, facilitate and support federal, provincial and local governments on disaster risk reduction, relief & response and reconstruction. NDRRMA manages the information of disasters and response through an online portal based on sets of databases. These database includes DRR database for information of people impacted by the disaster; VMS database for information of volunteer mobilization; GODAM database for resource (tools, equipment and stockpile) mapping; MDSA database for organization and finance mapping; RIMS database for information of supported instalments to impacted households; and NDRRMA -KOBO application for field data collection.

The Ministry of Health Affairs (MoHA) has institutionalized National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC), a coordinating arm for all disaster information management across the country. NEOC is established to enhance national emergency and seismic response capacity in Nepal through effective operation of national and district emergency operation facilities and data systems. NEOC performs its services through its network of 6 provincial EOCs, 70 district EOCs and 2 municipal EOCs which is presented in the figure below.

3.6. Disaster Response and Management

The first responders after the disaster are community members themselves, neighbours pulled neighbours out of the rubble and people shared their scarce resources with those in need[6]. In each disaster in Nepal after the communities, the first responder for rescue and relief are the security forces mobilized by DDMC led by the Chief District Officer. After the

disaster, Nepal Red Cross Society in coordination with district administration conducted the Initial Rapid Assessment for the relief work. The stock pile along with the district disaster management fund is used for the rescue and relief work along with the support from agencies working in the area. In large-scale disasters like the earthquake of 2015, the GoN declared a State of Emergency and made an international appeal for support. With help from donors and supporting organizations, the GoN responded to deliver critical life-saving aid, emergency kits, cash and technical assistance to complement the efforts and resources of the affected communities.

3.7. Preparedness and Response Plan

NDRRMA has developed a Monsoon Preparedness and Response National Action Plan, 2022 and all seven provinces have also developed their Monsoon Preparedness and Response Plan, 2021 respectively for preparedness and response of each year occurring monsoon-based hazards. The Monsoon Preparedness and Response plan was developed based on the plan of all ministries, security forces, humanitarian and development partner organizations and other related stakeholders. The plan is developed based on the past experiences and aims to forecast the likelihood of futures hazards; forecast the probable population to be affected by the disaster; coordinate and integrate the response plan of different ministries, departments and partner organizations and support the development of Monsoon Preparedness and Response Plan in province and local level¹.

3.8. National Platform and Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

The National Platform for DRR (NPDRR) was established in 2009 with the operational guidelines to enhance the coordination among the stakeholders of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM). The Chief Executive of the NDRRMA Chairs the National Platform and Disaster Preparedness Network- Nepal (DPNet-Nepal) execute the role of secretariat of NPDRR. The platform has nine thematic groups involving various stakeholders – government, semi-government, Red Cross, UN and bilateral partners, international non-government organizations, national and local non-government organizations, media, disaster affected communities, academia and private sector.

Nepal prepared a country paper on Risk to Resilience: Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Nepal in the context of seventh Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

¹ Monsoon Preparedness and Response Plan, <https://bipad.gov.np/en/plan>

(GPDRR2022) held in Bali, Indonesia on 23-28 May 2022. The Global Platform facilitates the governments, the UN system and all stakeholders review progress on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The report on Risk to Resilience: Disaster Risk Reduction and Management documented disastrous events which caused massive loss of lives and properties in Nepal and developed a way forward for coming days which is stated below².

- Nepal to focus on strengthening DRRM governance and technical capacity at federal, provincial and local levels through localizing national DRRM strategic action plans, multi-hazard risk assessment tools and methodologies, preparing risk sensitive development plans with inclusion of vulnerable communities and groups.
- Strengthen NPDRR and establish a platform at local levels to enhance the coordination between stakeholders at grassroots.
- Enhance and strengthen regional and global coordination along with UN and relevant partners for building national capacity to mark international standards.
- Government to invest in DRRM research and education along with assessment of multi-hazard disaster risk at national, provincial and local levels for risk information.

The environmental country profile shall help to better inform and mainstream the environment while developing the plan and country paper. Mainstreaming of the environment shall help in better conservation of natural resources and minimise the environmental footprint of response and recovery.

² Risk to Resilience: Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Nepal, The Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, MoHA, 2022

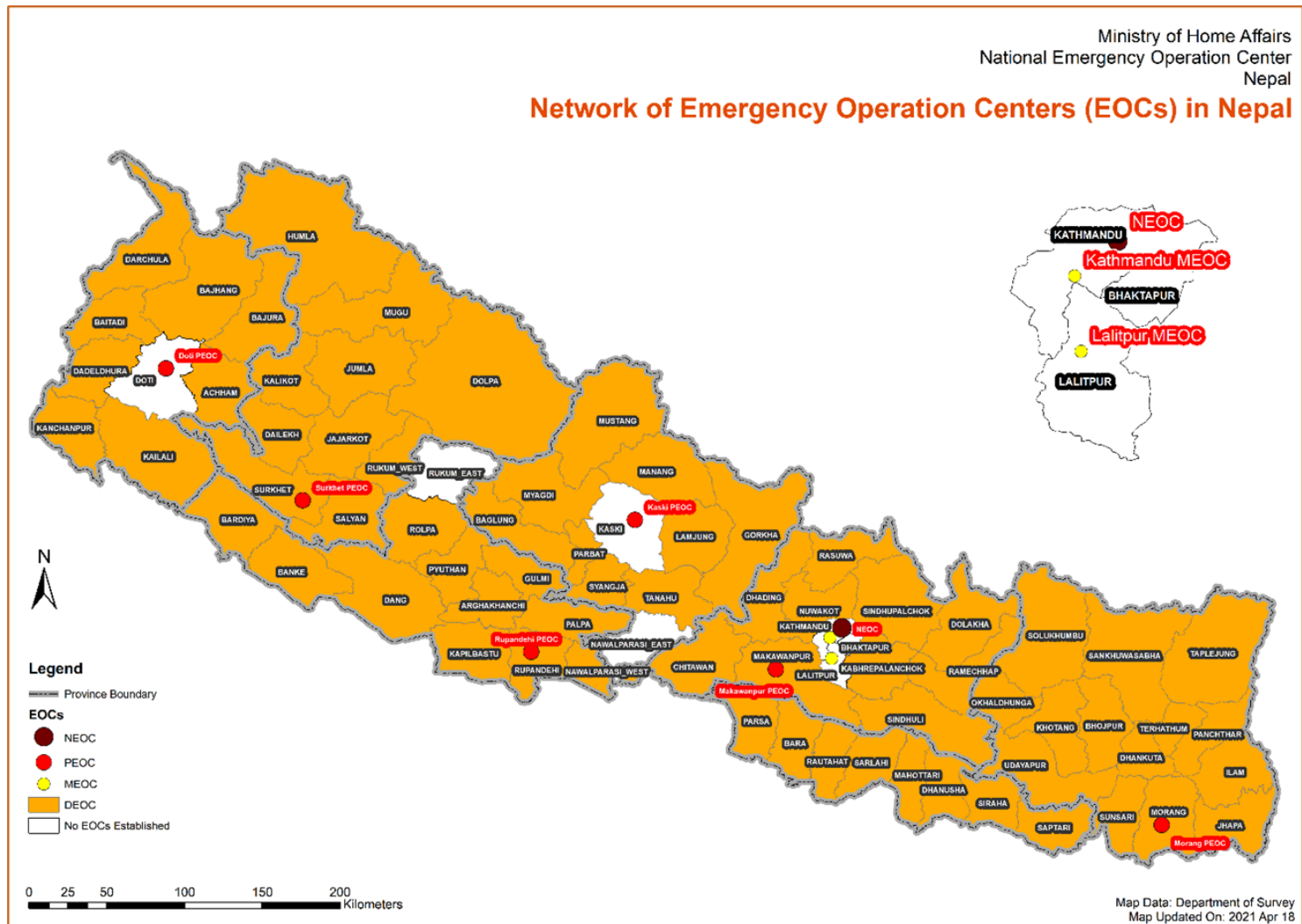


Figure 3-1 : Network of Emergency Operation Centres in Nepal (Source: MoHA, <http://www.drrportal.gov.np/home>)

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