

Building back better, Institutionalizing and Strengthening WASH sector for urban resilience (BISWASH) Project

Status: Ongoing

Project Partner: Practical Action Nepal

Project Area: Panauti Municipality (Malpi, Khopasi, Sunthan Sarada, Taukhal, Devasthan, Subbagaon and Panauti VDC)

Project Duration: May 2016 - October 2017

Aim:

To contribute in making disaster resilient municipalities in Nepal.

Project Description:

Preparedness and response capacities at community and municipality level are insufficient due to the lack of trained professionals, financial resources, political issues, lack of coordination, inadequate policies and lack of systematic information and coordination mechanism. Vulnerabilities in case of a disaster are still unaddressed. Operational linkages, preparedness and response plans among Local Disaster Risk Management Plan (LDRMP)/ District Disaster Risk Management Plan (DDRMP)/ Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan (DPRP) seem futile.



Particularly in Panauti municipality of Kavre district, the existing situation of Disaster Plan (DP)/Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is alarming specially due to i) lack of municipal Disaster Risk Management (DRM) plan and subsequent resource allocation; ii) limited knowledge resource and inadequate capacity of the community and market to respond to an event of disaster; and iii) high vulnerability of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) components in Panauti municipality. All these demand immediate attention towards it. To improve the situation, Practical Action and ENPHO is implementing this project. The specific objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of stakeholders in creating disaster resilient Panauti municipality with a focus on WASH and support for replication of good practices in all municipalities within Kavrepalanchowk district.

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Expected Outputs:

- Strengthened capacity of stakeholders at ward and municipal level committees in developing municipal DRM plan and integrate into annual municipal plan
- Enhanced capacity of communities in developing and implementing CBDP in DRM along with strengthened WASH focused market system for disaster response
- Developed a comprehensive emergency WASH plan and demonstrated disaster resilient WASH facilities
- Developed and disseminated knowledge objects on WASH during emergency and support to replicate good practices for DP, DRR and Resilience

Target Beneficiaries:

- 27,358 individuals