

Strengthening the Health Sector Response Capacity of Ministry of Health and Population to Respond to the Humanitarian Health Needs in the Event of Mass Casualty Incidents in Kathmandu Valley (DIPECHO-VIII)

Status: Ongoing

Project Partner: Oxfam

Project area: 19 wards of Mahalaxmi Municipality and Bir Hospital

Project Duration: August 2015- August 2016

Aim:

To enhance the response capacity of health authorities, health institutions and community to provide better medical and E-WASH services during and immediately after the disaster.

Project Description:

DIPECHO-VIII project is a consortium approach funded by European Commission and lead by WHO. ENPHO implemented “DIPECHO-VIII” at one hub hospital and Mahalaxmi municipality with the objective to strengthen health response system and to reduce the preventable mortality, morbidity and disease associated with the mass casualty incidents in Kathmandu Valley. The consortium during DIPECHO-VIII will further support Mahalaxmi



Municipality to form/reform LDMC, CDMC and to review/ prepare emergency WASH plan incorporating health plans. Baseline and end line survey will be carried out to access the increase in knowledge and skills of community people on E-WASH and DRR. This cycle will also support municipality to review/ prepare municipal level LDRMP incorporating health and emergency WASH plan.

Project Outputs:

- Conducted baseline survey at Imadol (5 wards- 15,16,17,18 and 19)
- Conducted capacity building training for staffs on Strategic Approaches and Government Planning Processes.
- Formed 19 WDMCs in 19 wards

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- Prepared draft of E-WASH plan of 16 communities (Lamatar, Lubhu, Imadol, Siddhipur and Tikathali) which has been incorporated on Municipal level LDRMP.
- Conducted orientation on annual development planning process in 19 wards (5 joint wards)
- Developed IEC materials.
- Oriented and mobilized volunteers for awareness raising campaigns in communities.
- Conducted refresher training for Health facility staffs of Bhaktapur (Bhaktapur Hospital, Duwakot HP, Chnagunarayan PHC, Jhaukhel HP), Kathmandu (Bishnudevi PHC, Syuchatar HP, Ichangunarayan HP) and Lalitpur (Patan Hospital, Imadol HP, Siddhipur HP and Lubhu PHC) and refresher training on E-WASH for WASH task team of community.
- Conducted Emergency WASH vulnerability and functional capacity assessment at Bir Hospital.
- Conducted ToT on E-WASH for Hub hospital- Bir and its Satellite Hospital.
- Prepositioned Emergency WASH materials at Bir Hospital.
- Conducted one-day operation and maintenance training to Hospital WASH task team.

Project Achievements:

- Establishment of well-defined Incident Command System, fully functional Health Emergency Operation Centre and well-coordinated network of health institutions.
- Health Sector Disaster Management training institutionalized with a particular focus on strengthening the network of health institutions (hub hospital), including the early deployment mechanism.
- Community health sector preparedness and response plans mainstreamed into the local level planning process via open spaces planning in the Kathmandu valley.
- Allocation of budget by municipality for Disaster Risk Reduction activities.
- Inclusion of Disaster Risk Reduction plans of community in Municipal Annual Development plan.

Beneficiaries:

- Conducted baseline line survey at 149 households.
- 310 health facility staffs, government staffs, WASH task team members were trained on strategic approaches and government planning process, refresher training, ToT on E-WASH, and desktop simulation.
- 345 CDMC members were oriented on WASH and DRR.
- 7181 community people and volunteers were oriented on WASH, DRR and 337 stakeholders were oriented on annual development planning process.
- 101 participants were trained on Community E-WASH plan workshop.
- DIPECHO-VIII project reached to 11,79 people by the knowledge on WASH and DRR through day celebration events such as Toilet day and National Earthquake Safety day.