

Major highlights of second quarter



Oxygen generation plant handed over to Chainpur hospital in Sankhuwasabha

National Business Initiative (NBI) and Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) handed over an oxygen plant of 6 Nm³ for 25 bed capacity to Chainpur hospital in Sankhuwasabha district. The plant was provided as part of COVID-19 Emergency Response activity within the ongoing "Establishment of Multi-sector Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction to support resiliency of Disaster-prone Communities (EMPD)" project, which is funded by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan. The handover program was organized on 12th February, 2022 amidst the presence of Mayor of Chainpur Municipality, representatives from hospital management committee, district chamber of commerce and industries, community residents and media. An MoU was exchanged between NBI and the municipality, signed by NBI President Mr. Kush Kumar Joshi and mayor of Chainpur Municipality, Mr. Bharat Khatri. The plant was officially inaugurated by NBI president. The hospital directly provides service to more than 25,000 residents of Chainpur municipality as well as other surrounding municipalities including Dharmadevi municipality, Madi municipality and Panchpakhan Municipality. In addition, COVID relief materials including masks, PPE sets, sanitizers, oximeter etc. were also supported to the hospital.



Resource mapping workshop conducted in Kathmandu

NBI, in collaboration with A-PAD, organized a two days' emergency preparedness, response planning and resource mapping workshop on 20th and 21st February in Kathmandu. Major agendas of the event were to identify relevant stakeholders and map out the available local resources for emergency preparedness and response. The participants were oriented on basic concepts of disaster management cycle, humanitarian standards, existing laws and policies in Nepal regarding disaster management as well as the role of various stakeholders, especially the private sector, in preparedness and risk mitigation. Group works were conducted to identify relevant stakeholders and list out available local resources. A resource mapping template was shared amongst participants for them to fill it later. The list of resources thus obtained will be compiled into online database and shared with all the stakeholders. 16 participants including disaster management focal persons from various municipalities of Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts, CSOs and few representatives from private sector actively participated in the workshop.



Coordination meetings continued for platform building



After completing around 10 platform coordination meetings with various stakeholders from government, academia, CSOs, media and private sector, a National Platform Preparatory Meeting was conducted on March 21st in Kathmandu. A total of 22 participants attended the event. This meeting focused on sharing the summary of the discussions from these coordination meetings and generating uniform understanding on what the platform will shape up to be. Between February and April, 12 more coordination meetings were conducted. Based on these meetings, another National Platform Preparatory Meeting will be organized on May to speed up the platform building process and developing an early framework. So far, 82 participants have participated in coordination meetings.

Youth Development Center (YDC), conducted similar workshop in Sunsari, in collaboration with A-PAD on March 24 and 25, 2022. Program participants included the valuable representation from chief/coordinator of 12 local governments of Sunsari district, Federation of Nepalese Journalist, Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS), Civil Society organization (dialogue group), Voice of Children (NGO) and Itahari Hospital. The aim of the workshop was to review and discuss on existing status of local disaster preparedness plan and resources available (both goods and services) with local government. The two days' workshop was focused on the basic concept on DRRM, review of existing DRR resources with local government, who are the stakeholders, how local government of Sunsari district is tackling with disasters, and how much budget has been allocated to the local government for disaster management. The participants provided commitment for future collaboration with diverse stakeholders including YDC and A-PAD to effectively work in disaster management.



Completed orientation to volunteers in Sunsari

YDC, in collaboration with A-PAD, organized two days' orientation on April 11 and 12, 2022. A total of 70 volunteers participated in the program. The participants were selected via Google form requests and collaboration with local government. Objectives of the orientation was to share basic concept of DRR and the role of volunteers. The orientation aimed to motivate young volunteers to respond to disasters in their area effectively. The discussion was participatory and participants shared their opinions and commitment for volunteering. The participants were already contributing having collaborated with local government before, however, this orientation further encouraged them to be proactive to collaborate among stakeholders in their municipality.



Conducted Provincial Platform Preparatory Meeting

The Youth Development Centre (YDC) organized three provincial level platform preparatory meetings; 1st on February 25, second on March 22 and third on April 21, 2022 respectively, in Itahari, Sunsari. The major objectives of Provincial level platform coordination meeting were to collect ideas and feedback for establishing regional DRR platform in Nepal and to enhance the understanding of significance and relevancy of multi-sectoral DRR regional platform in Nepal. The multi-sectoral representation included private sector, security forces, business sector, media, CSOs and academia. The 3rd platform coordination meeting was organized in premises of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law, Province No. 1. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Kali Prasad Parajuli, secretary of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law. The focal persons of DRR working group were invited and their ideas and view were taken for forming regional level platform in Province 1, and its possibility and urgency was discussed. The total number of participants in all three meeting was 60. From these meetings, stakeholders have advised that the multi-stakeholder provincial level DRR platform is required. However, the A-PAD and YDC have to conduct research based on the scope of work through task force and both organizations should think about the legal background of the platform and its sustainability. Government itself has initiated DRR platforms from National to Local level. So, the relationship with the Government or CSO initiated DRR platform / network should be taken into serious consideration.



Completed 3 days Intensive volunteer Training

Three days intensive training to volunteers on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management on the 22-24 April, 2022 in Itahari, Sunsari has been organized by Youth Development Center under the project. The objectives of the training were to increase the knowledge, skills and understanding on basic concept of Disaster Risk Reduction and DRR cycle, enhance the knowledge of the participants on government mandate and DRR governance in Nepal, motivate the volunteers on DRR volunteerism, have common understanding on vulnerability capacity assessment process and tools, increase basic knowledge and skills on DRR measures (flood, fire and landslide), share the existing process and steps of emergency situation and need assessment, and develop volunteer networks in Sunsari district to respond to the disasters and natural hazards, which will contribute to local government plan, policies and priorities on DRRM at the local level. In the 3 days' training, the sessions were divided as: basic concept of DRR (DRR definition, concept, terminologies, paradigm shift and DRR cycle, volunteerism, significance of volunteerism in DRR and roles of volunteer, community based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and roles and responsibilities of stakeholder, local government Disaster Risk Reduction Planning (community DRR Planning process and overview), emergency situation and concept and brief process of assessment of disaster (IRA, MIRA, PDNA), hazards and disaster scenario in Nepal and government mandate/framework in DRR, Hazard Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (HVCA) process and overview, elements at risk and HVCA matrices, HVCA methodology & tools, basic concept on how to prepare and respond to landslides, flood and fire locally, Bucket Drill and brief introduction of First Aid and its importance. Pre-test and post-test including numbers of group works, role play and other creative/innovative training methodologies were applied in the training. More than 40% of

participants secured 100% score after the training and all the participants secured at least 80% score. The training encouraged the young volunteers of Sunsari district to explore the DRR plan, policies, strategies and budget in their municipality, enhanced knowledge, skill and capacity to respond disasters in their regions, enhanced knowledge and skills on disaster assessment, and enhanced knowledge and skills on how to tackle disasters like fire, landslide, floods and earthquake. Also the participants had increased knowledge on basic first aid and how to handle the injuries. The total participants were 21 from all 12 municipalities of Sunsari district.



DIMS equipment handed over to Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) in Udayapur, Dhankuta, Sunsari and Morang districts

NBI and A-PAD had collaboratively organized a review workshop on December 2021 to assess the status of equipment and devices available with the Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs) in Dhankuta, Sunsari, Udayapur and Morang. Based on the information received, the EOCs seemed to lack complete sets of devices for a robust DIMS to link up with National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC) in Kathmandu. So, based on the assessment, the following sets of information, communication and technological (ICT) devices were provided to the EOCs in above mentioned district as part of the project.

ICT devices provided to District Emergency Operation Center in Dhankuta, Udayapur and Sunsari:

A complete set of devices provided to each EOC comprising of:

- 1 complete VHF base set
- 5 units of VHF handheld sets
- 1 complete HF base set
- 1 unit of display monitor
- 2 units of Solar PV panels – 190W
- 4 units of batteries – 12V 200A
- 1 unit of Solar Hybrid UPS – 3.5 KVA
- 1 unit of printer
- 1 unit of DIMS operating computer (laptop)
- 1 year of internet (wifi) service



ICT devices provided to Provincial Emergency Operation Center in Morang:

- 2 unit of Solar PV panels – 190W
- 4 units of batteries – 12V200A
- 1 unit of solar hybrid UPS – 3.5KVA
- 1 unit of DIMS operating computer (laptop)
- 1 unit of TV



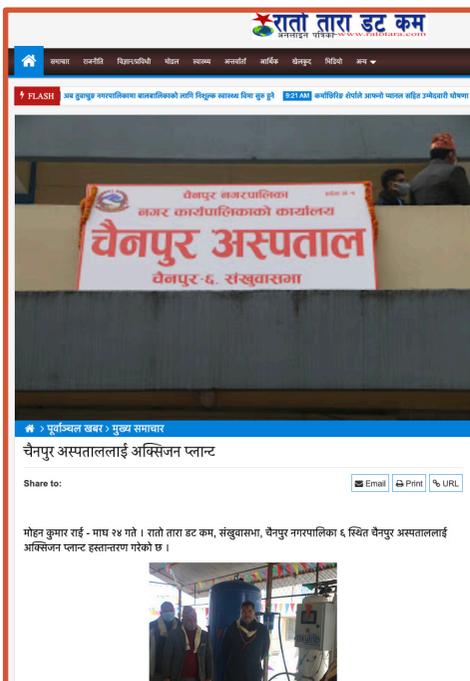
ICT devices provided to National Emergency Operation Center in Kathmandu:

- 1 unit of interactive display board
- 1 unit of high-end GIS processing computer (laptop)
- 1 unit of DIMS operating computer (laptop)
- 1 unit of DIMS operating computer



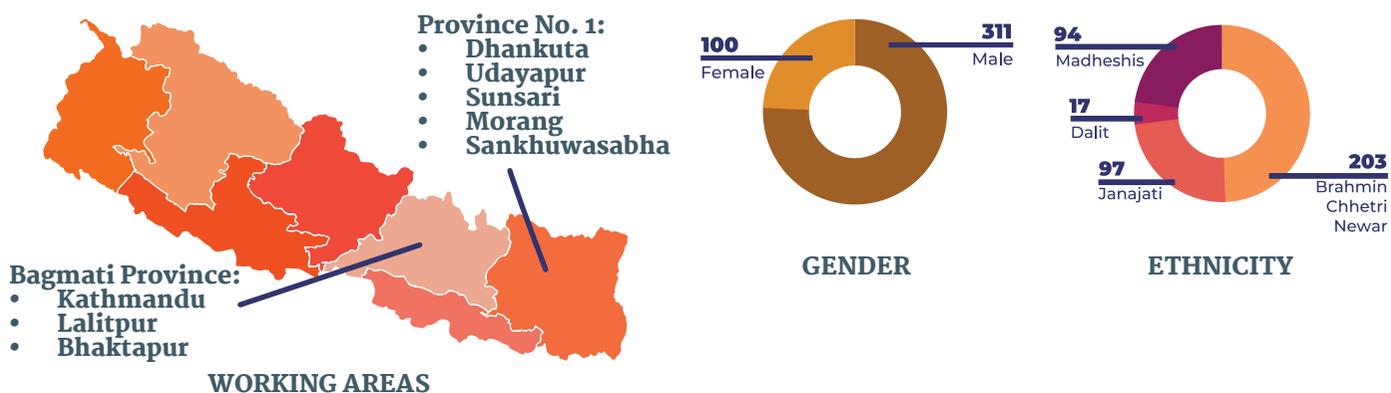
The procurement process started in January 2022 with a target to complete the handover by March. But due to the COVID setback, the plan got delayed by a month. MoU was signed with IMS Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. on 21st January, 2022 for supplying the equipment. IMS installed these equipment prior to the handover program. Due to technical issues with antenna for HF sets, it was installed later on in May, after completion of the handover programs in April. The handover program was conducted in coordination with District Administration Office in Udayapur on 19th April 2022, District Administration Office in Dhankuta and Sunsari on 20th April 2022 and Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law, Province No.1 in Morang on 21st April 2022. Relevant stakeholders like security agencies, NRCS, district chambers and other CSOs were invited to the handover program. An official handover letter was presented to the CDOs of Udayapur, Dhankuta and Sunsari by NBI president Mr. Kush Kumar Joshi. NBI Secretary and the focal person for this project from NBI Board Members, Mr. Suresh Pradhan, presented a handover letter to the Secretary in Morang. The program was concluded with a visit to the EOCs and test run of the equipment.

Media Coverage



Infographics

Working areas and demographic profile of participants who participated in the platform coordination meetings, national platform preparatory meetings, stakeholder and resource mapping workshop, volunteer's orientation programs, volunteers' training programs and DIMS review workshop is presented below:



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