
Report on 17th National Earthquake Safety Day

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This report provides an essence on Disaster Risk Reduction and its implementation in the emergency program at Dailekh district. Furthermore, provides some key recommendation and experience based on DRR and practical based experience for the successful completion of the project.

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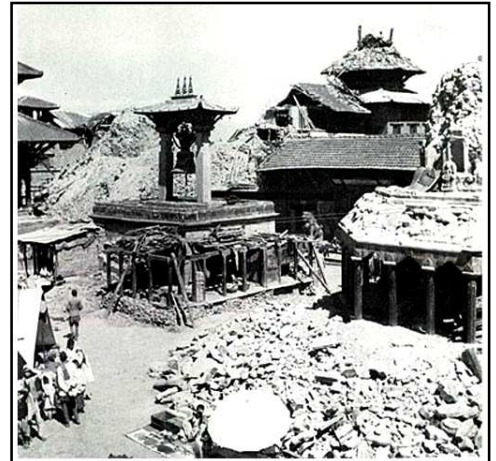
1. BACKGROUND

Nepal is marking its 17th Annual National Earthquake Safety Day (NESD) at January 16, 2015. The National Earthquake Safety Day is a day to raise awareness and share information and experiences on disaster/earthquake risk reduction. The NESD is actually the culmination of earthquake risk management works implemented in the country in the preceding 12 months, and thus allows taking stock of the achievements and shortcomings. The country celebrate the Earthquake Safety Day this year with the main slogan: **"Earthquakes may strike any time, be ready and prepared every time"** in Nepali **"नसोधेकै बेला आउंछ है भुईँचालो, पूर्व तयारीमा जुटने हाम्रो पालो ।"**

Raising awareness among people and authorities on impending earthquake risk and on ways to mitigating the risks is a key for reducing the risk. Realizing this, Nepal has been observing every year on 2nd day of the Nepali Month Magh (that falls on 15th or 16th of January) as the Earthquake Safety Day with several earthquake awareness-raising activities since past 16 years. The day is observed in commemoration of the devastation caused by 1934 Nepal- Bihar earthquake that occurred on January 15, 1934.

Government of Nepal is declared Earthquake Safety Day in 1999 and established an Earthquake Safety Day National Committee for observing the Day annually throughout the country. ESD (Earthquake Safety Day) National Committee led by Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) is accompanied with representatives from various government and nongovernment agencies related to Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Response and Critical Facility Management. Two sub-committees are formed separately chaired by DUDBC for publicity campaigns and host Municipality for event management. The National Society for Earthquake Technology- Nepal (NSET) serves as the member secretary of the Earthquake Safety Day National Committee (ESDNC).

ESD is not only a single day event but series of weeklong activities that may extend even for more days. It has been realized that the celebration of such a day with several activities has contributed much to revisit year-long efforts, renew national commitments toward earthquake safety promotion and help raise in public awareness. The year 2013 is the seventy ninth year of the Great Bihar- Nepal Earthquake (Magh 2 1990 BS, 1934AD), one of the devastating earthquakes in the living memory. In the earthquake more than eight thousand people lost their lives with massive destruction of property.



Patan's Darbar Square in 1934 after a magnitude 8.3 earthquake levelled it, and on Wednesday at noon (bottom). January 16 is Earthquake Safety Day in Nepal, and experts say a similar earthquake today would destroy up to 70 per cent of the Valley's buildings and kill upwards of 300,000 people.

As in the previous years, various events are planned to observe the ESD throughout Nepal as collaborative effort of various stakeholders under the leadership of Government of Nepal.

Resilient Livelihood & Sustainable Food Security (RLSFS) Project is directly funded programme through Lutheran World Federation, Nepal from 2013. This Program leads to support for target communities on basic services, DRR and livelihood support activities. The overall goal of RLSFS-P is Contribute to resilient livelihoods and sustainable food security of excluded and marginalized women and men in Dailekh and Doti Districts.

At Dailekh district The Lutheran World Federation, Nepal jointly supported to celebrate the 17th National Earthquake Safety Day-2071 through District level partner SOSEC Nepal Dailekh. The national earthquake safety day has been celebrated at Rakam and Pipalkot with the coordination with VDC, Area Police Office, CBDRMC, LDRMC and local institutions as well.

2. OBJECTIVE OF CELEBRATION DAY:

The objectives of the Day Celebration are as following:

- To Increase awareness and knowledge on Risk reduction from Earthquake.
- To give ideas on safe live and property.

3. PERFORMED ACTIVITIES:

By setting above mentioned objectives, District level rally on 17th Earthquake Safety Day-2071 has been successfully conducted as well as demo activities. The detail about aforementioned activities has been described as following.

3.1. Rally:

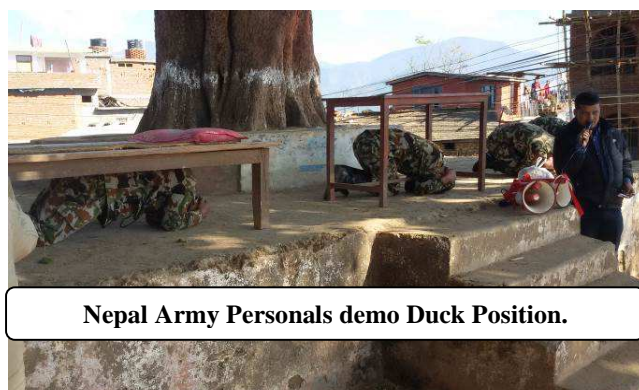
Rally was started at 12:00 AM with about 150 participants as well as Coordinator of District Disaster Risk Committee, Chief District Officer Mr. Sagarmani Parajuli, Representatives of Governmental Organizations, Nepal Army, DSP Mr. Madahav Pd. Shrestha & Staff of SOSEC and Everest Club Dailekh, Teachers & Students of Schools, INGOs & NGOs officials.



Rally was started from in front of Kadachour, Dailekh and moved bazaar area and gathered at Tudikhel Purno bazaar. After end of rally, team of Nepal Army has been demonstrated Duck, Cover & Hold to safe live during Earthquake. Participants have been watched demo.

This program was hosted by Mr. Hira Singh Thapa Chairman of SOSEC Nepal, Dailekh & requested to participants for mock drill at 2:00 PM at same time when tune ringed from media houses.

At 2:24 PM of this day all the participants were did mock drill of Duck, Cover & Hold demonstrated by Nepal Army team before ring tone. Coordinator of DDRC & CDO Mr. Sagarmani Parajuli declared on 17th National Earthquake Saftey Day- 2071 program at the end.



Nepal Army Personals demo Duck Position.

3.2 Distribution of Extension Materials:

Extension materials and play cards has been prepared for the day and all the materials were distributed to schools, offices (GONS, INGOs, NGOs, Clubs) and local peoples for raising aware on earthquack and preparedness for the natural disaster risk reduction.

3.3 Video and Photographs Exhibition:

The DDRC minuted for exhibition of Video and Photograph show in between magh 15 in different area, such as Narayan Municipality, Dullu Municipality and other VDCs of Dailekh.

4. Annex 1: Photographs



Main Banner of Earth quake Safety Day 2071



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