Areas of Intervention

Socio technical facilitation support for housing reconstruction is being provided to 26,912 house owners in Gorkha district. The project area is divided into 42 wards of 6 gaupalikas and 2 nagarpalikas. The number of houses in each GP/NP is listed below:

1. Dharche Gaupalika (3 wards)
   No. of houses: 1,669

2. Aarughat Gaupalika (2 wards)
   No. of houses: 1,847

3. Ajirkot Gaupalika (2 wards)
   No. of houses: 986

4. Siranchowk Gaupalika (5 wards)
   No. of houses: 3,590

5. Palungtar Nagarpalika (10 wards)
   No. of houses: 8,065

6. Gorkha Nagarpalika (12 wards)
   No. of houses: 6,933

7. Sahid Lakhan Gaupalika (5 wards)
   No. of houses: 2,111

8. Gandaki Gaupalika (3 wards)
   No. of houses: 1,711
OBJECTIVE

To reduce future risks through reconstruction of safe houses for the affected families who have lost their houses in the 2015 earthquake. Government of Nepal (GoN) reconstruction initiative will support about 700,000 affected households in 14 most affected districts whose houses will be reconstructed. Through Government of India (GOI) support 26,912 houses will be supported in Gorkha district.

The project will provide socio-technical facilitation to house owners constructing their houses through GoI assistance. It is envisaged that house-owners would complete the construction satisfactorily in next two and half years with available financial assistance and socio-technical support.

APPROACH

Following the approach of Owner Driven Reconstruction, UNDP will work in the former 27 VDCs in Gorkha district, to enable owners to reconstruct their houses with adequate information, knowledge, guidance and handholding support on administrative and technical aspects through appropriate personnel at community, district & national level.

ARCHITECTURE OF IMPLEMENTATION

The socio-technical facilitation activities will be implemented through the project team, with clearly assigned roles and responsibilities. There will be five teams organised at three distinct levels. The Gaupalika Facilitation Team will be working directly with the house owners, facilitating administrative process, providing on-site advice and training of masons. At district level, the District Support Team will lead coordination, management of the project with well-established quality assurance and documentation mechanism. The Core-Technical Team will provide necessary technical guidance, mentoring and hand-holding to the project teams. At central level, the Project Management Team will provide overall guidance and managerial support including liaison, coordination, reporting to GOI and GON. The Project Board will ensure overall oversight, accountability and delivery.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- Gaunpalikas/Nagarpalikas
- NRA
- CLPIUs
- DLPIUs
- Local NGOs (at District Level)
- CDRMP/UNDP Nepal
- ODRC
**KEY SOCIO-TECHNICAL FACILITATION SUPPORT SERVICES**

The project aims to provide socio-technical facilitation services in compliance with GoN policies through enhancement of homeowners' awareness, ensuring adequate skill building of artisans, enabling house owners to incorporate disaster resistant features in the house and comply with the government norms. Following are the key components of the project.

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<td><strong>Facilitating administrative procedures regarding inclusion, grant release and certification:</strong> The house owners will be supported on administrative procedures, and in complying with the government norms and objectives to mitigate disaster risks. UNDP will interact with NRA to support developing efficient and people friendly processes and liaise with the relevant government agencies at gaupalika, district and national level.</td>
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<td><strong>On-site technical advice and guidance to house owners:</strong> Onsite technical advice on construction technology, design options, disaster resistant features, government norms, material and construction management will be provided to the house owners through the trained masons to ensure quality construction and improving performance of the buildings in disasters.</td>
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<td><strong>Technical services of design drawings, preparation for building permit process:</strong> Facilitation support will be provided to the owners in the two municipalities-Gorkha and Palungtar (with 14,701 beneficiary households) to prepare designs/drawings of their houses for submission and approval from municipality.</td>
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<td><strong>Capacity building of all project participants, particularly house owners and masons:</strong> Capacity of the project teams will be enhanced through IEC, awareness and skill training activities at all levels providing them both technical, social orientation and programmatic and management skills to ensure that they can provide high quality socio-technical facilitation to house owners.</td>
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Concurrent monitoring and quality assurance: Concurrent monitoring and quality assurance audit will be part of a periodic monitoring system set up by UNDP for reconstruction work, thereby helping the project team to take timely remedial actions on quality and safety as per GON’s technical guidelines.

Facilitating Use of Appropriate Disaster Resistant Technologies: A technology approach that will make available to people a wide menu of options so that most suitable option may be chosen by the owners. Depending upon the extent of damage and resources available, options of new construction or retrofitting, as per the government reconstruction program, will be offered.

Development and dissemination of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials and products will constitute a major part of project implementation, which will be based on the need of audiences at gaupalika/nagarpalika, district and central level, with main focus on home owners, communities, the gaupalika officials and ward representatives.

RECONSTRUCTION MIS / DATA GATHERING MECHANISM

RIMS, customized as project MIS, will be used as digital real-time data capturing mechanism, with features to track reconstruction status of individual house owner including all activities implemented by the project, along with creating roster of trained masons, connect the field directly with the core technical team and central team for proving immediate solution to socio-technical issues in the field.

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