PROJECT: Strengthening Community Preparedness, Rapid Response and Recovery Programme in Asia-Nepal Project (SCOPR-3)

PURPOSE

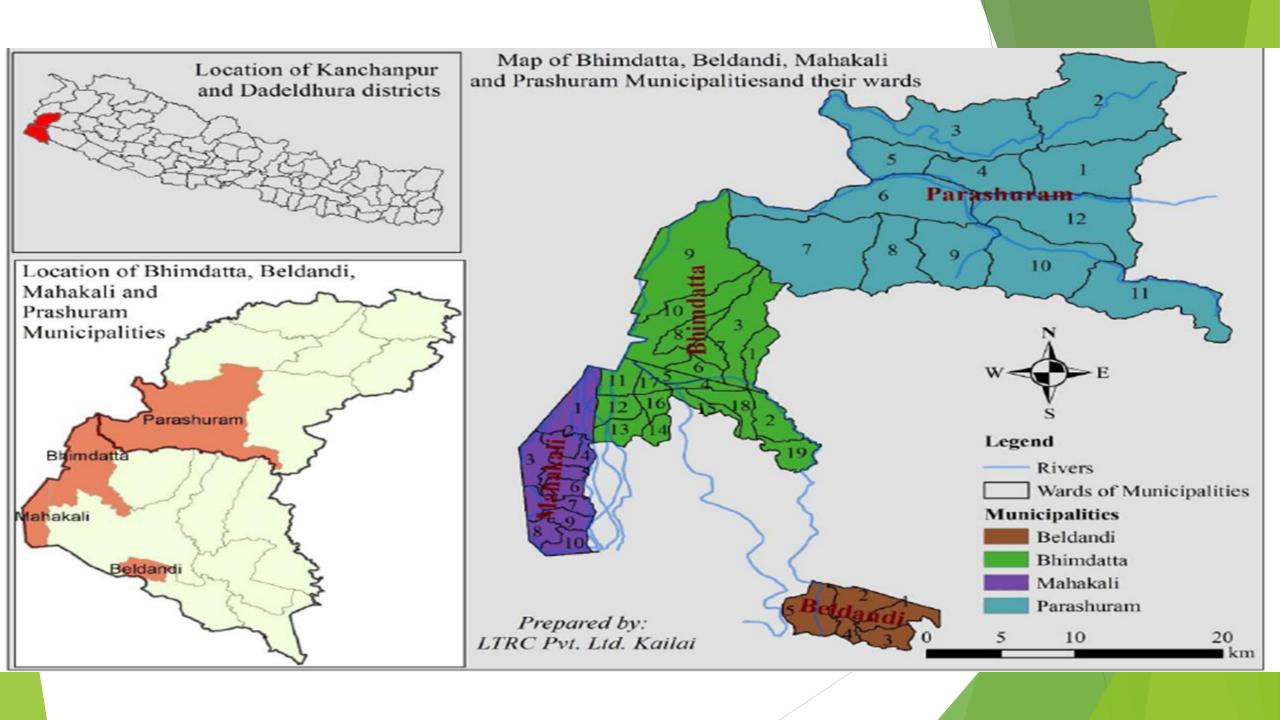
Ensure that communities affected by recurrent disasters in highly vulnerable areas have enhanced capacities for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, and are better equipped to co-lead on relief and recovery efforts in collaboration with local authorities.

Budget: USD 700,000.00

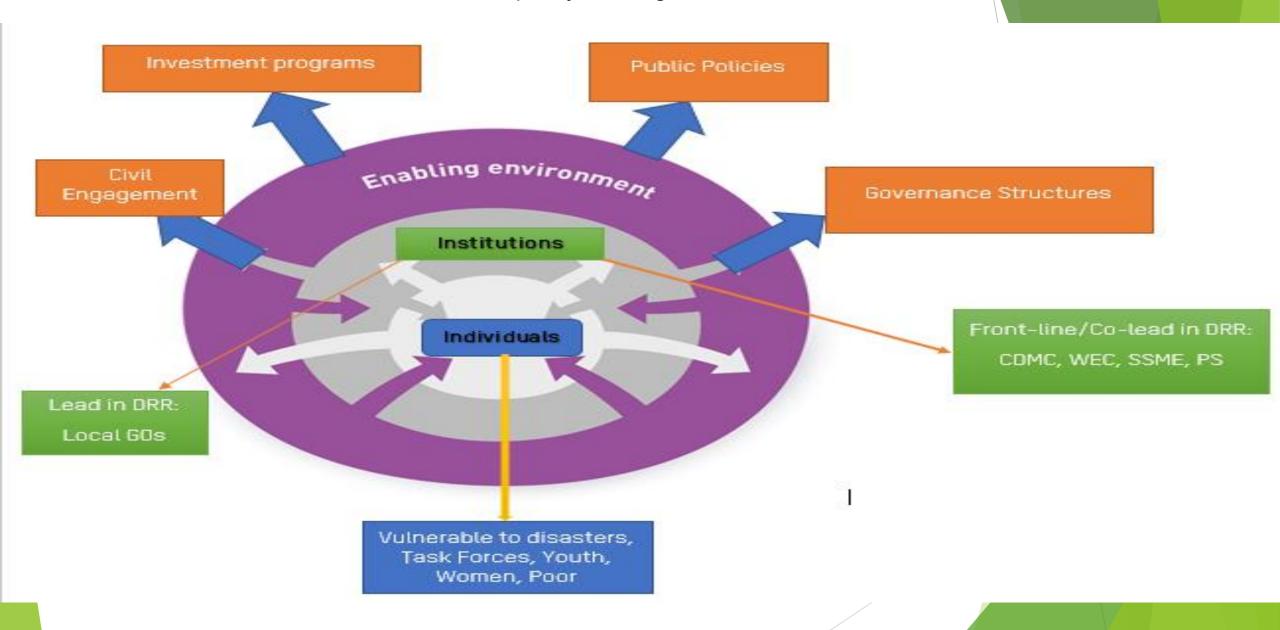
Duration: October 2020 to December 2023

Project Areas: 40 communities from Bhimdatta, Dodhara Chandani and Beldandi from

Kanchanpur and Parsuram from Dedeldhura, reaching 19,300 population.



Outcome 1: Capacity Sharing

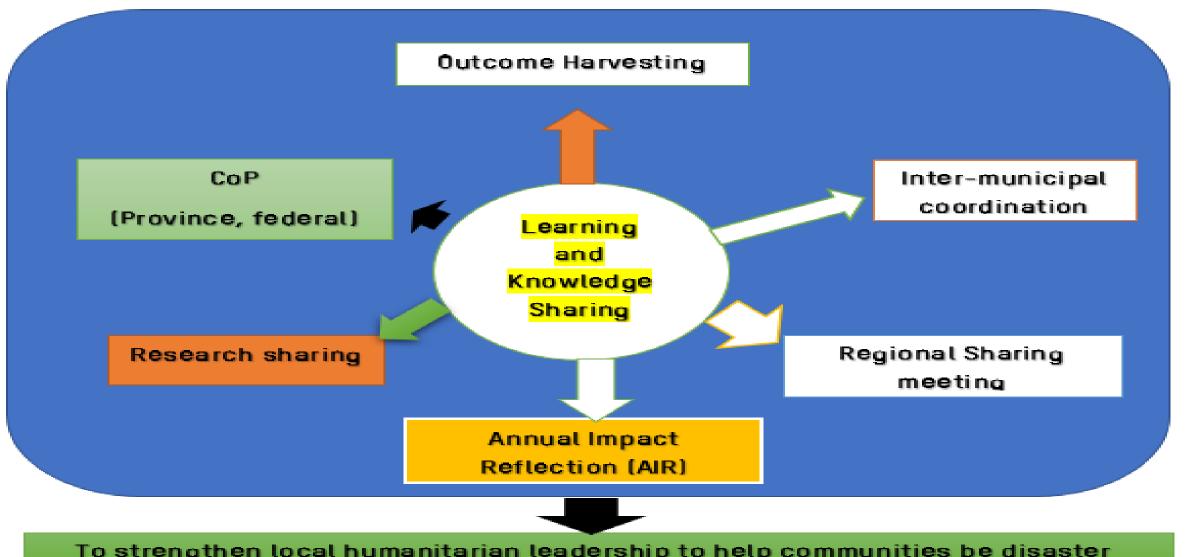


River Basin Investment Plans Access to Micro-Finance



Risk Transfer-Insurance Micro Enterprises, support to economic Stability-IGA

Outcome 3: Learning and Sharing



To strengthen local humanitarian leadership to help communities be disaster ready.

Key Results Observed

- ❖ Project municipalities equipped with policy/legislatives and initiated to allocate annual budget for DRR.
- **❖** 40 CDMCs formed, affiliated and found active engagement in flood response.
- **❖ 120** Task forces are trained and equipped with basic life-saving materials.
- **40** Women Empowerment Center (WECs) established.
- ❖ 40 Saving and Credit groups established and trained in financial literacy; Now are being mobilizing NPR 1.1million.

Results Observed, Contd...

- **35 CDMCs established Emergency Response Fund (EFR) by their own initiates.**
- ❖ 10 types of micro-enterprises are established, and near about USD 10000.00 transaction is observed.
- Private sector engagement is initiated, e.g., agreement with sugar mill to support sugarcane farmers.
- Four River Basin Investment Plans are being implemented one in each municipality.
- More than 100 families are being engaged in tunnel vegetable farming-flood resistant.

New Initiatives

- Group Cash Transfer (construction of fishpond, Fencing in common vegetable farming, riverbank protection applying nature-based solution, community toilets construction)
- ❖ Automated rain gauge installation in watershed areas of CHAUDAR river with DHM

Overall Learning of the Project

- **❖ Evidence-based investment**: SCOPR3 has initiated a number of research-based initiatives which has shown tangible progress towards achieving project goals (PCMA, BCP, RBIP, Scoping of SSMEs and so on).
- A small initiation shows promising results: Local Humanitarian Leadership (LHL) by applying feminist principles, especially power balance. Oxfam/NEEDS learned that such initiatives are fundamental to DRR projects from two perspectives-championing the agenda of leadership and localized humanitarian activities.
- Engagement of private sector in preparedness and response without win-win approach is an uphill task.

Overall Learning of the Project, Contd...

- **❖ Application of appropriate mix approaches**: Social preparedness of the poor and vulnerable communities is a prerequisite for ensuring both- disaster preparedness and effective take-up of economic activities. Community mobilization, social preparedness, and economic stability are progressive processes. Internalizing such learning is beneficial for achieving outcomes 1 and 2 of SCOPR3.
- ❖ Flood EWS and learning from the flood of October-021: newly established DRR units of municipalities lack the necessary mechanisms and expertise to get the job done. Questions remain around whether communities really believe and rely on the data they receive.
- A high degree of project flexibility: complementary to government priorities are found to be very costeffective, have high ownership levels, and are easy to implement.

Thank you!