# **Policy Review: Loss and Damage**in Nepal



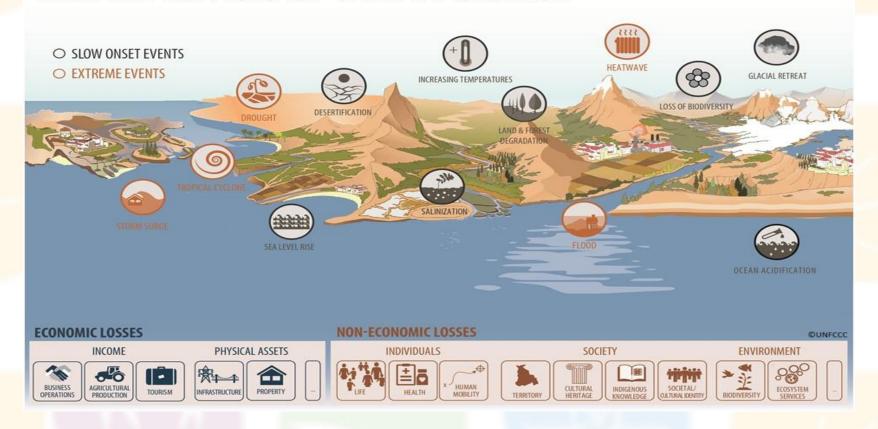
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#### **Conceptual Framework: Loss and Damage**

### LOSS AND DAMAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE







### Policy Documents Reviewed

Climate Change Policy documents	Disaster Risk Reduction Policy documents
National Climate Change Policy, 2019	Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act and Regulations, 2076
Nationally Determined Contribution, 2020	National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy , 2075
National Adaptation Plan 2021-2050, 2020	Disaster Victim Rescue and Relief Standards (Sixth Amendment), 2074
National Framework on Climate Change Induced Loss and Damage, 2021	Disaster Victims Rehabilitation Operation Procedure, 2071
Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Reports , 2021 (Agriculture and Food Security, Industry, Transport and Physical Infrastructure, Rural and Urban Settlements)	Prime Minister Natural Disaster Relief Fund Operation Regulations, 2063
	Disaster Assessment Guideline, 2072
	National Emergency Operation Center, 2072

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Loss and Damage is defines as

"represents the actual and/or potential negative manifestations of climate change on sudden-onset extreme events, such as heatwave and extreme rainfall and slow-onset events such as snow loss, droughts, glacial retreat to which people in Nepal's mountains, hills, and Tarai are not able to cope with or adapt to as the country's natural ecosystem, infrastructure and institutions are overwhelmed leading to the losses of life, livelihoods, and cultural heritage."



#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Loss and Damage Finance :** No clear definition. Few key words or phrases captures the essence.

- The developed country parties must fulfill their promise to enhance action and support to address L&D ...
- new and additional climate finance and mechanism for L&D ...
- separate L&D finance in the post-2025 climate finance architecture ...



## THEMATIC FOCUSES – Climate Change

- Nine Priority Sectors for Adaptation: Agriculture & Food Security; Disaster Risk Reduction and Management; Rural and Urban Settlements; Health, Drinking Water and Sanitation; Forest, Biodiversity and Watershed Conservation; Water Resources and Energy; Tourism, Natural and Cultural Heritages; Industry Transport and Physical Infrastructure; GESI, Livelihoods and Governance
- Inter thematic areas: Awareness Raising and Capacity Development; Research, Technology Development and Expansion, Climate Finance Management



#### POLICY FOCUS – DRR

- Post disaster impacts (loss and damage)
  - Assessment Methods and Tools IRA,
     MIRA, CSDA, PDNA
  - Rescue and Relief Standards
  - Rehabilitation

Disaster Relief Fund



#### INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT

- Council for policy coordination at national level and functional coordination by MOFE
- Inter-ministerial coordination committee under MoFE
- Climate change section, unit or focal person at local level, concerned thematic ministries at provincial and federal level
- Climate Change Research Centre



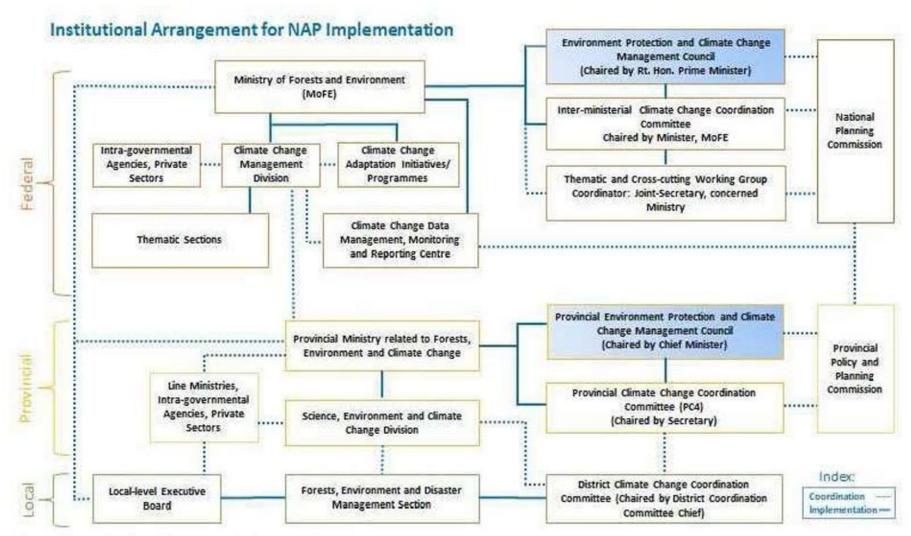


Figure 9: Institutional framework for Nepal's NAP process

SOURCE: National Adaptation Plan (NAP) 2021 – 2050 SUMMARY FOR POLICYMAKERS, MOFE, 2020.



#### INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT

- National Council on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management led by Rt. Hon. Prime Minister.
- Executive Committee led by Hon. Minister of Home Affairs
- National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA)
- Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee
- **District** Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee
- Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee



#### INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT

#### A Fund Management Committee shall consist of:-

- (a) Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission -Coordinator
- (b) Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs Member
- (c) Secretary, Ministry of Local Development Member
- (d) Secretary, Ministry of Health and Population Member
- (e) Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources Member
- (f) Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives Member
- (g) Secretary, Ministry of Physical Planning and Construction Member
- (h) Secretary (Coordination), Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers Member-Secretary



#### POLICY PROVISIONS ON L&D

- DRR and Management talks about the policy to reduce loss and damage occured from climate change induced disaster..., (NCCP, 2019)
- Research, Technology Development and Expansion sector's strategies and working plan talks about the research on economic and noneconomic loss and damage caused by climate change (NCCP, 2019)
- By 2025, a national strategy and action plan on Loss and Damage (L&D)
  associated with climate change impacts will be devised. (NDC, 2020)
- It aims to reduce the loss and damage from climate-induced disasters and extreme events to less than 90% by 2050 and build the resilience of all the vulnerable communities, risky settlements, infrastructure, and livelihood resources. (NAP as cited in NDC Implementation Plan, 2023)



