



Government of Nepal
Ministry of Home Affairs
National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Authority

Third National Dialogue on Anticipatory Action: Nepal 2024

Towards a National Framework for Anticipatory Action

CONCEPT NOTE:

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) is set to host the Third National Dialogue on Anticipatory Action on 9-10 May 2024 in Kathmandu, Nepal. This conference will bring together participants from diverse facets of disaster management to set the direction for AA in Nepal. The theme for this year is “Towards a National Framework for Anticipatory Action”.

The Third National Dialogue on AA builds upon the successes of the first (2022) and second (2023) dialogues. Nepal hosted the Seventh Asia-Pacific Dialogue Platform in Kathmandu, Nepal in June 2023, and participated at the Global Dialogue Platform held in Berlin, Germany in October 2023. At the second dialogue, NDRRMA expressed commitment towards institutionalizing AA within the broader disaster risk reduction and management. The third dialogue will initiate a process to develop a National Framework for AA.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

Over the past years, Nepal has accumulated rich experience on anticipatory action. Now, there has been a collective reflection that a guiding policy is required to scale up the approach across the country and harmonize the work of different actors. The third National Dialogue is initiating the conversations around the national framework on anticipatory action. This event will seek inputs from the wider stakeholders and participants around the process of formulation and endorsement of national framework including ideas around the areas and content that should be covered by the national framework. Following this Dialogue, NDRRMA will layout an institutional process and plan for the development of national framework on anticipatory action including an initial outline of the framework, that will be further developed over a course of time through a multi-stakeholder consultation at all levels.

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THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS:

A. Multi-hazard early warning system (MHEWS): The NDRRMA is developing a National Multi-hazard Early Warning System (MHEWS) framework that is also aligned with the Early Warning for All Initiative. Under this topic, we will learn about the government’s action plans towards developing an End to End EWS that puts the end users of the early warning messages and their knowledge and experience at the center. We will also unpack challenges and opportunities of forecasts, risk communications and much more.

B. Financing and resourcing for anticipatory action: For institutionalization of anticipatory action, there needs to be predetermined financing sources that can be rapidly released based on the forecast triggers. Under this topic, we will learn about the various predetermined financing mechanisms that are available such as Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) and Start Network’s Start Fund. We will also unpack the barriers and opportunities in releasing the government's disaster management fund for anticipation action.

C. Early Actions: practices, protocols, and proofs: Nepal has accumulated rich experience on anticipatory action. Collectively, we have progressed from testing and piloting, to developing early action protocols and standard operating procedures. These protocols and procedures have been tested through simulations and activated during un/seasonal floods. Under this topic, we will also gain insights into the evidence generated from the simulations and activations.

D. Linking anticipatory action with social protection : All social protection programs are in some sense shock responsive as they deal with shocks that negatively affect families and/or individuals due to life cycle events such as birth, old age, illness etc. However, there has also been an increasing realization that such programs, with its massive coverage of people with vulnerabilities should be leveraged to meet the increased needs and demands following a disaster. In Nepal, there has been evidence that linking anticipatory action with social protection expedites early actions and its institutionalization.

E. Protection, Gender, and Inclusion: How do we ensure that anticipatory action does not exacerbate the intersecting vulnerabilities of those people it aims to help? Three elements – protection, gender, and inclusion – are crucial to this. Approaches to mainstreaming protection have come a long way in recent years. Most humanitarian actors are now familiar with the principles of protection, paying more attention to ensuring that they do not cause harm and that the targeting of beneficiaries is inclusive and risk sensitive. Here, we will dissect the complexities and progress of integrating PGI into anticipatory action.

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SCHEDULE

DAY 1			
8-9 AM	Breakfast		
9-10 AM	Opening		
10:00-10:30 AM	Interactive session		
10:30-11:30 AM	Plenary	Multi-hazard early warning system	
11:30 - 12:00 PM	Tea Break		
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Parallel session	Risk Visualisation and Communication	Forecast café
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Lunch		
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Market place		
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Plenary	Financing for Anticipatory Action	
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Tea Break		
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Parallel session	Activation: failures and success	Volunteer Mobilisation for early actions
5:00 - 5:30 PM	Plenary		

DAY 2			
8-9 AM	Breakfast		
9-9:30 AM	Opening	Interactive recap and debriefing	
9:30 - 10:30 AM	Parallel session	Localisation of AA	Protection, Gender, and Inclusion
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Tea Break		
11-11:30	AA Game in Plenary		
11:30 - 1:00 PM	Plenary workshop	National Framework for Anticipatory Action	
1-2	Lunch		
2-2:30	Marketplace		
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Parallel session	Evidence and Knowledge	Shock Responsive Social Protection
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Tea Break		
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Closing Ceremony		

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