

Humanitarian Partnership Platform



Key Concept

The frequent earthquakes and recurrent floods, landslides and epidemics in Nepal illustrate that it is highly vulnerable (58.67%) to natural hazards (*Nepal Disaster Risk Reduction Portal, Government of Nepal*). Every year, communities in the Terai region face heightened risk of flooding, leading to humanitarian suffering. Issues of inadequate coordination, lack of effective preparedness and exclusion of gender and most marginalized in disaster preparedness, response and recovery further exacerbate the suffering and pose new challenges for women and girls due to the differential impact of disasters on their lives and livelihood.

CARE Nepal is committed to respond to natural and human-made disasters in the Nepal in a coordinated manner with speed, scale and quality, through partnerships with local organizations, while keeping women and girls at the center. It has envisioned to co-design and convene **Humanitarian Partnership Platform (HPP)** to coordinate emergency preparedness and response efforts in partnership with local partners through emergency preparedness planning and capacity building, with major focus on Gender in Emergency (GiE), localization commitment envisioned by Grand- Bargain Work stream[1], mutual accountability as well as minimum expectations and quality standards that comply to international instruments such as SPHERE, Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and Protection from Sexual Harassment Exploitation and Abuse (PSHEA).

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Objective

HPP serves as an avenue for CARE Nepal and local partners to **strengthen the coordinated humanitarian actions focusing on GiE, through effective and efficient preparedness planning, coordination, capacity building, collective action and resource leveraging**. It aims to harness individual and collective capacity and skill of its members to facilitate strategic partnerships and learning opportunities.

Approaches

Partnership for emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction:

CARE Nepal has embedded partnership arrangements in its Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) to assure partnership as a core approach for reducing disaster-



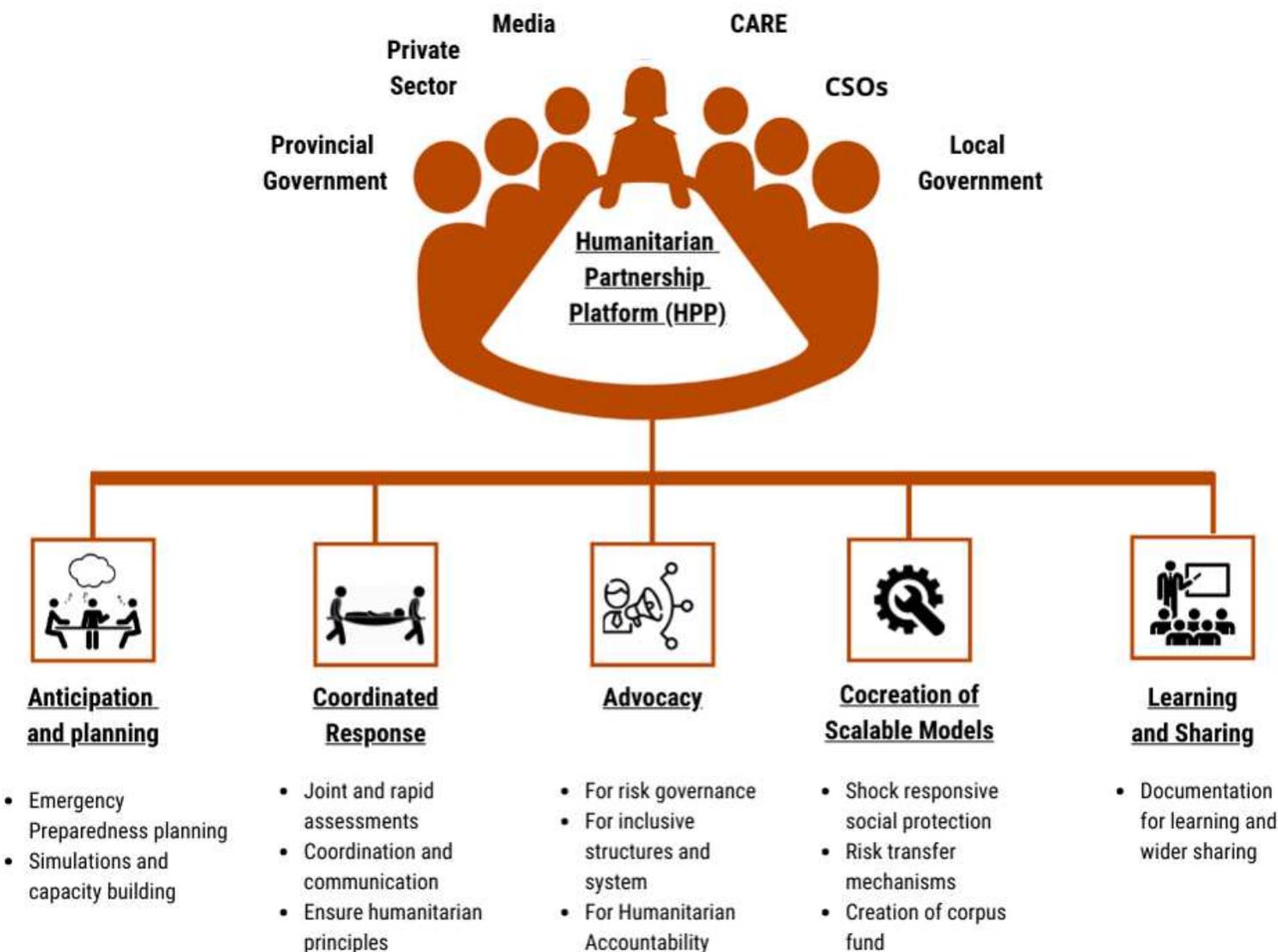
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risk. In collaboration with HPP member partners, CARE will support developing their collective preparedness and response plan with a clear trigger mechanism for different hazard preparedness.

Localization of Emergency Preparedness: CARE will establish and support local response platforms at cluster levels in western terai (Lumbini Province and Sudarparashim Province), which are highly prone to recurrent floods. CARE will play an instrumental role in reinforcing the role of local actors for preparedness and response. Advocacy and capacity building of local actors will be the keys to ensure their meaningful stakes in humanitarian and preparedness architecture. We anticipate expanding similar mechanisms to the Eastern Terai region (Province 1 and Province 2) by leveraging the learning from HPP. To start with, we will share lessons to existing institutions and mechanisms (both government and non-government) at the federal level. There are no such mechanisms for sharing learning for which CARE

envisions establishing one in the future by replicating learning from the western Terai region. The platform brings different actors such as local NGOs, legitimate civil society networks, private sectors, media, and other relevant stakeholders to harness their strength and add value to demonstrate commitment and collaboration for preparedness and response.

Strengthening local capacity to promote effective response and early recovery: CARE is committed to enhancing the response, readiness, and preparedness capacity of local actors for quality and accountable humanitarian emergency response to any disaster. The areas for capacity support include core humanitarian standards and principles including SPHERE, initial damage and need assessment, Gender in Emergencies (GiE), Digital information-sharing platform, Humanitarian Accountability Framework (HAF), Standard Operating Procedures (SoP), and supply chain management process.



Note: The western Terai region has been chosen by considering its vulnerability to recurrent flood along with the deep-rooted gender and social disparities as well as CARE's extensive geographical presence in the region for a long period of time, including its Covid-19 response and recovery program. CARE has envisioned to build on the learning and knowledge from HPP to expand to other geographical location in near future. However, CARE will intensively work in aforementioned provinces and districts initially to reinforce gender responsive emergency preparedness and response through rigorous engagement with local organizations and authorities.

Integration of GiE: CARE firmly believes that Gender in Emergency (GiE) programming is essential to promote gender-transformative humanitarian action. A standard package tool kit consisting of preparedness and response assessment tools, incorporating GiE, will be supported for ready usage.

Lead coordination and facilitation of government disaster response mechanism: The platform envisions to lead coordination and extend support to facilitate government disaster response

mechanism to make it more efficient, accountable, and gender-responsive. It will facilitate in carrying out Political Economy Analysis (PEA) and Underlying Causes of Poverty and Vulnerability Analysis (UCPVA) to understand the emerging issues of impact groups that need to be considered in government response mechanisms to design and deliver the humanitarian programs. It will also channelize the agendas of the vulnerable population to government response mechanisms by creating an interface and engaging in dialogue with government mechanisms.



Rollout / Membership

CARE will engage with partner organizations of respective districts in the western Terai region to co-design HPP to coordinate emergency preparedness and response efforts. The following partner organizations: National Environment and Equity Development Society (NEEDS), Conscious Society for Social Development (CSSD), Kamaiya Mahila Jagaran Samaj Nepal (KMJS Nepal), and Bheri Environmental Excellence Group (BEE-Group) will engage with CARE to set up the foundation of HPP, and jointly carry out a stakeholder analysis to establish a multi-stakeholder platform to catalyze collaboration and partnership for emergency preparedness and humanitarian response.



Roles and Responsibilities

The platform will respond in specific sectors of emergency response, including WASH, Emergency Shelter, Food Security and Health focusing on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Right (SRHR), as well as Gender and Protection, in partnership with local organizations/partners. Some of the roles and responsibilities of HPP include:

- Humanitarian action (rapid assessments with a focus on gender assessment, project implementation, coordination, monitoring & evaluation, media & communication, advocacy)
- Influence government's disaster response mechanisms to make it efficient, accountable, and gender-responsive.
- Mainstreaming cross-cutting themes (gender & protection, accountability, governance)
- Capturing and sharing learning & knowledge at various existing platforms at the federal and provincial levels.
- Allocating emergency funds to partners and channelizing quick response funds to partners.

Expected Results

- Vibrant humanitarian platform (CSOs, private sector, government) established with concrete emergency preparedness plan to coordinate and facilitate effective and gender response humanitarian response and early recovery
- Institutionalized GiE in the local response plan, policies, and mechanism
- Work together with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) to link with national platform such as National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR).