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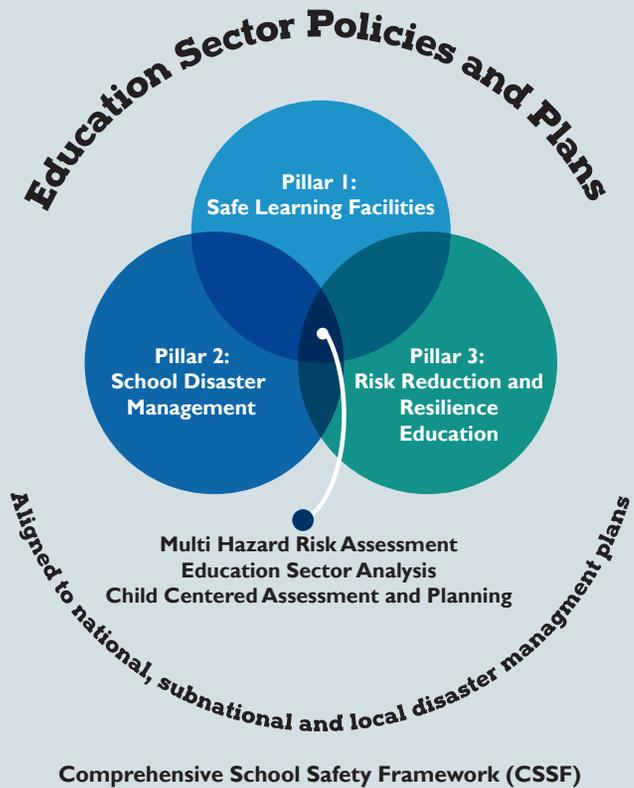
Humanitarian Aid  
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# Working together for school safety

Promoting and strengthening school safety in Nepal through operationalizing the  
Comprehensive School Safety Framework - DIPECHO VIII





## Project Overview

Nepal is highly vulnerable to natural disasters. Each year the country is exposed to an average of 900 natural disasters causing loss of lives and damage of livelihoods (Ministry of Home Affairs, 2009). Whilst there has been significant investment in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) throughout the country in recent years, the education sector still struggles to fully incorporate preparedness and DRR throughout its policies and programs. School safety is not a new topic in Nepal, yet arguably it has not received the level of attention it deserved. The focus has been on safe construction of the school buildings – the so-called ‘hardware’. Whilst this is a key component of Comprehensive School Safety (CSS), it is also vital to look at the ‘soft’ components including school safety planning, multi-hazard risk assessment, standard operating procedures, resilience education etc. This project aims to address these issues by working under the leadership of government education authorities at national and sub-national level as well as with teachers, community members and children at local level. The Child-Centered DRR (CC-DRR) Consortium aims to integrate three pillars of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSSF) into government education policies, plans and practices.

The two mega earthquakes of 25 April 2015 ( 7.6 magnitude ) and 12 May 2015 ( 6.8 magnitude) compelled Nepal to rethink strengthening risk reduction and preparedness in different sectors including education.

An estimated 3.2 million children have been affected by the earthquakes while 2,737 children were killed. Over 35,000 classrooms were totally damaged and 1 million children left without permanent classrooms and another 500,000 children continue to require support to return to learning. The cost of education sector recovery is estimated to be almost USD 397.1 million. (Govt of Nepal 2015)

## Project Objective

Children, communities and the Government education and disaster management system in the country are more resilient to the impacts of disasters.



## Result 1

A harmonized school safety model that contextualizes the CSSF in Nepal along with a set of associated tools has been developed in partnership with the Ministry of Education and other education and disaster management stakeholders. (National Level)

## Result 2

Pillar 2 of the CSSF, school disaster management, is rolled out and tested to increase disaster preparedness of the education system with connections to Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP) (District and school level)

## Result 3

Impact evidence and research is generated for the scale-up of DRR mainstreaming in the education system in Nepal.



