



ECHO Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction (DP/DRR) 2015-16

Introduction

CARE International is a global confederation which works in 90 countries around the world. CARE opened a country office in Pakistan with intent to address deep-rooted poverty by strengthening civil society and creating linkages between poor communities and local government; raising the voice of the poor through advocacy; and strengthening institutions to improve poverty reduction efforts.

CARE's Vision, Mission and Goal in Pakistan

CARE's vision in Pakistan reflects CARE's global vision: "We seek a Pakistan of hope, tolerance, & social justice, where poverty has been overcome, and people live in dignity and security. CARE will be a force and a partner of choice in a movement dedicated to ending poverty. We will be known for our unshakable commitment to the dignity of people in Pakistan."

CARE's overall Goal: 28 million marginalized women in Pakistan are making choices that reduce vulnerability and impact their lives positively. These women will have control over productive assets and exercise their rights in formal and informal decision-making process at all levels.



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Donor

European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO)

Location

Districts of Nowshera and Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)

Objective

'To Strengthen the Capacity of government institutions, vulnerable communities in KPK Province for addressing disaster risk in a sustainable manner through inclusive Community-based DRM.'

Specifically the project will focus on

- Strengthening Capacity of Disaster Management Authorities (all levels) to undertake Risk Assessment and Planning
- Support the Integration of Disaster Risk Reduction within Annual Development Plans

Result 1: Government stakeholders in KPK Province are able to roll out, and have institutionalized, an improved and inclusive CBDRM model that is adapted to both rural and urban context;

Result 2: Enhanced coordination between DRM stakeholders, advocacy and awareness for inclusive and mutually reinforcing CBDRM and SBDRM at all levels in KPK Province (200 beneficiaries from 20 organisations)

Beneficiaries:

Children, Elderly, Pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and disabled both men and women

Background

The flooded rivers in surroundings of Nowshera and Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, brings great catastrophe during the monsoon season putting the lives, property, agriculture land, health, livestock etc of the inhabitants in jeopardy. Resultantly most of the residents are forced to displace in search of shelter, food and clean water.

CARE's Action

Apropos to the above, CARE has conceptualized a Disaster Preparedness Project through which it is strengthening the capacity of 24 disaster-hit villages and government institutions in Nowshera and Peshawar in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province to respond to and cope with future disasters. Communities will become proactive rather than reactive: for example, they will learn how to use early warning systems, how to minimize disaster damage; and react when a disaster hits. Men, women and children will all be targeted with education and skills in disaster preparedness and response.

Project Details

The project will benefit more than 85,000 individuals living in the 25 villages by:

Establishing 25 Emergency Management Committees: The fifteen-person committees will comprise of community members including both men and women to be trained with skills and knowledge ensuring emergency response plans exists at the village level to be better prepared to cope future disasters

Educating School Children: School children will learn about disaster preparedness through school-based activities. These may include first-aid, simulations and drills, basic search and rescue and awareness raising on disaster preparedness to spark the children's interest. By the end of the project the targeted schools will have School-based Disaster Management Teams (SDMTs) to be active during emergencies. This activity will be done through HOPE '87

Mentoring and Coaching: Under the action-plan; local communities will be equipped with training and coaching to enable them to be proactive in a pre, during and post disaster situation. The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) will train Master Trainers for this activity

Developing Disaster Risk Management Plan for Peshawar City: CARE with its partner is in the process for development of a Disaster Risk Management Plan for Peshawar City (DRMP) in close association with the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), all respective government departments, stakeholders from civil society, DRR forum etc Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) Model implementation in close liaison with government and non-government structures and communities

Sustainability of Disaster Preparedness and Response: CARE through its DP/ DRR initiative will ensure that enough resources are available at the grass-roots reducing dependency on out sources and sufficient funding is allocated to the authorities

