

## Concept Note

# **Nepal Disaster Resilience Foundation (NDRF)**

(A Non-Profit Company under the Companies Act of Nepal, 2006)

## **1. Introduction**

Nepal is among the most disaster-prone countries in the world due to its fragile geology, rugged topography, unplanned urbanization, and the escalating impacts of climate change. The country faces recurrent hazards such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, fires, droughts, epidemics, and climate-induced extreme events. These disasters have continuously resulted in loss of lives, damage to property and livelihoods, and long-term disruption to socio-economic development.

Despite progress in disaster risk reduction and management, challenges remain in preparedness, coordination, rapid response, sustainable recovery, and strengthening resilience at community and institutional levels. There is a pressing need for an institution dedicated to building disaster preparedness, prevention, mitigation, response, recovery, and long-term resilience.

In this context, the Nepal Disaster Resilience Foundation (NDRF) is envisioned as a non-profit, non-political organization committed to strengthening disaster risk management and resilience across Nepal through capacity building, knowledge sharing, advocacy, coordination, and community empowerment.

## **2. Vision**

“A disaster-resilient Nepal where communities are safe, prepared, and adaptive.”

## **3. Mission**

To enhance disaster resilience by strengthening preparedness, response, recovery, and risk reduction capacities of communities and institutions through training, innovation, research, partnerships, and evidence-based advocacy.

## **4. Objectives**

### **4.1 General Objectives**

- To contribute to disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and resilience in Nepal by working with communities, governments, and development partners.

### **4.2 Specific Objectives**

#### **4.2.1 Preparedness and Risk Reduction**

- Conduct community-based disaster preparedness training, simulation exercises, and awareness campaigns.

- Promote and support local early warning systems and risk-sensitive development planning.
- Advocate for resilient infrastructure and sustainable land use planning.

#### 4.2.2 Emergency Response and Relief

- Establish and mobilize trained volunteers and rapid response teams during disasters.
- Provide immediate relief support (shelter, food, water, health services, psychosocial care) in coordination with government and partners.
- Ensure inclusion and protection of vulnerable groups during emergency response.

#### 4.2.3 Recovery and Rehabilitation

- Support affected communities in livelihood restoration and sustainable recovery.
- Promote the “Build Back Better” approach in reconstruction and rehabilitation.
- Document and disseminate best practices and lessons learned.

#### 4.2.4 Resilience and Capacity Development

- Promote climate change adaptation, environmental protection, and sustainable development practices.
- Undertake research, policy advocacy, and publications on disaster resilience.
- Strengthen youth, women, and marginalized groups as resilience leaders and volunteers.

#### 4.2.5 Partnership and Networking

- Collaborate with government agencies, NGOs, INGOs, academic institutions, and the private sector.
- Engage with national, regional, and international disaster management platforms and networks.
- Build a culture of volunteerism and social responsibility in disaster management.

### **5. Scope of Work**

#### 5.1 Thematic Scope

- Disaster preparedness and risk reduction
- Emergency response and relief
- Rehabilitation and recovery
- Climate change adaptation and resilience
- Training, research, and policy advocacy

#### 5.2 Geographic Scope

- Nationwide, with a focus on disaster-prone and vulnerable communities.
- Potential to extend collaboration with regional and international partners.

### **6. Legal Status**

NDRF will be registered under the Companies Act, 2006 of Nepal as a Non-Profit Distributing Company. It will also comply with the Social Welfare Act, 1992 (if engaging in foreign aid projects) and other applicable laws.

## **7. Governance and Structure**

- General Assembly: The supreme decision-making body of members.
- Board of Directors: Responsible for governance, policy, and oversight.
- Executive Committee: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer, and Members.
- Advisory Council: Senior experts and practitioners for guidance.
- Volunteers and Staff: Trained teams for field-level work.

## **8. Funding and Resources**

NDRF will mobilize resources through:

- Membership fees and contributions.
- Grants and donations from national and international development partners.
- Project-based funding from bilateral/multilateral agencies.
- Corporate social responsibility (CSR) contributions.
- All resources will be used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the foundation.

## **9. Expected Outcomes**

- Increased community preparedness and awareness in disaster-prone areas.
- Strengthened volunteer networks and rapid response mechanisms.
- Improved coordination and collaboration among stakeholders.
- Evidence-based policies and practices integrated into local and national planning.
- Enhanced resilience of vulnerable groups and communities to disasters and climate risks.

## **10. Alignment with Global and National Frameworks**

- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030)
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – especially Goals 1, 11, and 13
- Paris Agreement on Climate Change
- National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and Strategic Action Plan of Nepal

## **11. Tagline Options**

- “From Preparedness to Resilience.”
- “Strengthening Communities, Building Resilience.”
- “Safer Nepal, Resilient Nepal.”