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Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Development Experiences and Opportunities in South Asia – as assessment in South Asia by Intercooperation Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan

Background:

Intercooperation has a solid experience in coordinating the post-disaster phases and in bringing humanitarian support to the affected communities in disaster prone areas. It has also been involved in recovery activities after several disasters and the projects had strong elements of natural resource management, environmental protection, livelihood diversification and capacity building. The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) had identified Bangladesh and Nepal as priority countries with Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) as focal point and Intercooperation was contracted the task of co-ordination and sensitisation. The duration of the project was from June – December, 2008

Goals:

The main objective of the programme was mainstreaming the (DRR) approach in development cooperation as mainstreaming of the DRR approach in development cooperation is considered an important dimension of sustainable development.

Interventions:

Access to local institutions and external networks enabled Intercooperation's programmes to effectively play this role after various kinds of disasters. It reviewed, discussed and clarified DRR practices in specific programme contexts and made them more visible for wider integration in its work. The exercise has been jointly undertaken by national staff of IC's country teams. They focused on identifying existing good practices, learning from them as well as other international experiences and developed a set of approaches that can be selectively applied in ongoing activities also serving as a guide while designing future activities.

Achievements:

- 📌 Knowledge sharing/Exchanged concepts between DRR and the Climate Change challenges, regarding the situation in South Asia.
- 📌 Shared the experiences within the South Asian countries Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan on one hand, and facilitated the dialogue between the development and humanitarian aid.

Publication under this task:

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