**Local Empowerment and Action for Disaster Risk Reduction (LEAD)**

**Local Implementing Partner:** Karani Community Development Centre (KCDC)

Supporting Partner: PMU

**Project Duration:** 2 Years (1 March 2021 – 28 Feb 2023)

**Working Areas:** Mugum Karmarong Rural Municipality (4-9 wards), Mugu district

**Target of Project:** 687 individuals (Direct) and 2935 individuals (Indirect)

**Targeted Communities Groups:** 22

**Clustering:**

* **Cluster I:** Mangri, Papu, Chhaila and Chhimath
* **Cluster II:** Daura, Serog, Riusa, Pua and Kimri

**Brief of LEAD:**

LEAD is a community based participatory disaster risk reduction project. The project is implementing in Mugum Karmarong Rural Municipality (MKRM) of Mugu district in Karnali Province of Nepal. This project is designed to attain the objectives of Mugu Cluster Strategic Plan (2020-25) developed in participatory bottom-up process.

Complex geographical setting and fragile geological make up, increasing unpredictable trend of natural phenomenon and hazards are the major concern of the area. The natural vulnerable context has been aggravated by irresponsible anthropogenic action in causing serious loss to life, livelihood and overall wellbeing among the residents. An assessment among the community people and the duty bearer revealed the intensity of hazards, existing vulnerabilities and capacities to respond to the disasters.

Amid the worrying situation, the two-year project is developed to contribute towards reduction of the impact of hazard through enhancing the capacity of 687people to take appropriate action to stop hazard developing into disasters. The prime focus of the project is enabling the community groups formed under MCT project, to formulate local level action plans and implementation. To complement the community action and sustainability, the project aims to capacitate the governance system towards enforcement of Local Disaster Community Response Programme, a structure envisioned in local government.

The project is working with several commonalities with MICA project and share both project staff and resources for community development and Disaster Risk Reduction.

**Objectives:**

* To capacitate the local government and local communities for DRR.
* To empower community people and action for DRR preparedness and mitigation.
* To build DRR accountability of local government and stakeholders.
* To establish the sharing mechanism of disaster's response practices in cluster level.

**Progress:**

* Capacity building trainingproject's staffs on DRR, CC - policies and project induction.
* Project induction meeting has completed with Rural Municipality and stakeholders.
* Detail Activity Plan (DAP) has developed through participatory methods.

**Community Groups – (22 nos.)**

**Conscientization Process**

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**Resilience**

**Social Mobilizers & VCA facilitators**

**DRR accountabilities (Local Government and Stakeholders)**

**Local empowerment and Action (Community people and Groups)**