

# DISASTER & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Equip Global recently interviewed **Man Thapa**, who works as a Recovery Planning Advisor and a Senior Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change Adaptation Expert with UNDP in Nepal. He has accumulated over 30 years of experience in formulating and reviewing policies, developing programme relating to Disaster Risk Management, coordinating between agencies, resource mobilization, strengthening institutional mechanism, capacity development and monitoring and evaluating of DRM, DRR and CCA programmes.

## INTERVIEW

**Equip Global:** What is the one thing disaster and emergency leaders overlook when it comes to preparedness?

**Man Thapa:** It is usually the locally available resources (human, financial, indigenous knowledge, and environment) and governance mechanism that are overlooked. Usually, the emergency planners count only the physical resources such as number of ambulances, hospital and hospital beds, communication resources, etc.

**Equip Global:** What is an example of a successful emergency response plan?

**Man Thapa:** Emergency response plan should be prepared in advance in all disaster prone areas, the plan should be practice and update regularly. Even in normal time, the plan should be simulated, so community members know what to do before, during and after any emergency situation or disaster. In a disaster prone area it is better to develop "Culture of Safety" in all aspects of human life.

**Equip Global:** How often should authorities revisit their emergency preparedness plan?

**Man Thapa:** It depends on the frequency of the disaster. Usually once in two-year time the emergency preparedness plan should be revisited.

**Equip Global:** What are the key considerations in using social media during an emergency situation?

**Man Thapa:**

- Use authentic information from a reliable source, usually government sources;
- Do not do prediction on your own rather use scientific basis;
- Share information about resources centres such as; health facility, drinking water, evacuation centre/ safe heaven/ shelter, help line/ numbers, registration centres, etc.
- Help affected people to connect each other especially family members;
- Try to create a "self-help spirit"

Join **Man Thapa** and other disaster and emergency experts to discuss the best practices in enhancing disaster management plans and proven strategies in improving emergency response operations. To secure your **early bird prices** or ask about the **group discounted rates**, email to [enquiry@equip-global.com](mailto:enquiry@equip-global.com) or visit <http://www.equip-global.com/disaster-and-emergency-management-summit-2017> for more information.