



EARLY RECOVERY CLUSTER IN NEPAL

The humanitarian coordination in Nepal is led by the Government of Nepal through 11 clusters and formal inter-cluster working groups. The Early Recovery Cluster (ERC), led by the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA) at the federal level and various ministries at the provincial level, aims to bridge immediate response and long-term recovery. The key priorities of this cluster include governance, information management, coordination at operational level, cash for work, debris removal, livelihoods support and skill development.

The ERC cluster leads at the provincial level are as follows:

- **Madhesh Province:** Ministry of Forest & Environment
- **Gandaki Province:** Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forest & Environment

- **Lumbini Province:** Ministry of Physical Infrastructure & Transport
- **Karnali Province:** Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forest & Environment
- **Sudurpaschim Province:** Ministry of Industry, Tourism Forest & Environment

The ERC cluster co-lead is UNDP.



Objectives:

The key objectives of the Cluster include:

- Provide support on resumption of livelihoods and income generating opportunities
- Rehabilitate essential community infrastructures and resume service delivery by the government.

Frequency:

ERC meetings at the federal level occur quarterly, with one meeting preceding the monsoon season.

EARLY RECOVERY CLUSTER KEY THEMES *



Debris Management: Debris management activities involves clearing, recycling, and disposing of debris safely and efficiently after disasters; may include debris removal, establishing temporary storage sites, recycling materials where feasible, and ensuring environmental and public health considerations are addressed.



Information Management and System Support: This entails collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data related to needs assessments, available resources, and ongoing activities; and also involves setting up information systems and platforms to facilitate communication and coordination among various stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and affected communities.



Governance Support: Governance support during the early recovery phase includes providing technical assistance, training, and resources to allow governance structures to respond better in an accountable and transparent manner, ensuring that recovery efforts are inclusive and responsive to the needs of all affected populations.



Livelihood/Cash for Work: Livelihood and cash for work support provide affected individuals and communities with the means to meet their immediate needs as well as contribute to local economies by providing employment opportunities for community members to participate in recovery activities like debris clearance, infrastructure repair, or environmental rehabilitation.



Disaster Risk Reduction/Preparedness: Early recovery efforts prioritize building resilience and reducing the risk of future disasters by strengthening infrastructure, improving early warning systems, enhancing community resilience, and integrating risk reduction considerations into development planning and policies. The ERC contributes to the annual monsoon preparedness and response plans.

* For more information: <https://shorturl.at/hqMT9>



Recent Interventions:

Following the Western Nepal Earthquake in November 2023, the ER Cluster was re-activated at the national level via the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MOFAGA), Kathmandu and held its first meeting on 6 November 2023. In Karnali, led by the Ministry of Industry Tourism Forest & Environment (MoITFE), the cluster met on 8 November 2023. The ER cluster holds periodic meetings at national and province levels to discuss emerging issues.

During the earthquake response and recovery period, the ERC members supported activities including supporting smooth service delivery, debris clearance and infrastructure rehabilitation, cash voucher assistance for vulnerable households, training on shelter construction and database management, providing temporary shelters, hygiene and dignity kits to the earthquake affected communities.

For the Western Nepal Earthquake response and recovery, over 900 dedicated human resources were deployed.

Planned Interventions:

The Early Recovery Cluster (ERC) is reinvigorating and gearing for the Monsoon 2024 response with the aim to provide the critical link between immediate response and long-term recovery and undertake preparedness activities for effective response.

The ERC will continue to provide support on:

- Emergency response planning for municipalities.
- Awareness campaigns on disaster preparedness.
- Deployment of search and rescue equipment.
- Capacity building for volunteers and stakeholders.
- Database creation and updating.
- Cash for work modalities.
- Essential equipment like drones, first aid kits, and rubber boats.
- Livelihood support for agriculture and livestock.
- Distribution of temporary shelters and hygiene kits.

EARLY RECOVERY CLUSTER MEMBERS**

Cluster Lead: Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration

Cluster Co-Lead: UNDP

Government Ministries

Ministry of Urban Development	AWO	NRCS
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development	International	People in Need
Ministry of Education, Science and Technology	FAO	Plan International
Ministry of Health and Population	Ministry of Women, Children & Social Welfare	FCA
Ministry of Home Affairs	National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority	Handicap International
	IFRC	Save the Children
	IOM	UNICEF
	<u>Development Partners</u>	WFP
	ADRA	Islamic Relief Nepal
	Action Aid Intl Nepal	WHP
	LWF	World Vision International

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