

Disaster Risk Reduction Orientation by NSET Report

DRR ORIENTATION REPORT	
Program/Project Title	Disaster Risk Reduction Orientation
Key Objectives of the visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASF Nepal team orientation on DRR • Discussion about how to apply the lessons learned in orientation on site
Location Visited:	ASF Nepal head office, Chakupat
Monitoring visit date:	17 th September 2018
Participants:	ASF staff

Introduction

This report represents the outcome of the orientation on Disaster Risk Reduction by NSET on 17th September 2018, Monday at ASF Nepal head office, Chakupat.

A representative from NSET gave an orientation on DRR to the ASF team. Site engineers, social mobilizers, technical advisors, finance officer, architects as well as the program manager were present for the orientation. The methods of disaster risk reduction, the phase of disaster risk management as well as the contextual application of DRR was presented by the NSET representative. Videos and pictures were presented to familiarize the attendees with the concept of disaster risk reduction and the ways of going about it. A practical session was conducted where one of the attendees was called upon to demonstrate the proper way of duck, cover and hold.

Objective

The major objective of the orientation was to familiarize the field staff on disaster risk reduction concept. However other objectives include:

- To aware the staff of ASF Nepal about things to consider in pre, post and during earthquake.
- To aware the staff of ASF Nepal on how to be prepared for earthquake

Observations and orientation summary

The main topic of discussion was how the damage due to disaster could be minimized. The session covered measures to make the interiors safer for the inhabitants in addition to earthquake resistant building. Simple steps such as using U-shaped hooks to hang paintings/photos, properly attaching the furniture to the walls as well as placing the heavy china/glasses on the bottom cabinets to avoid large damage due to broken glass shards during disaster would be a huge step towards making building interior safer.

The different ways of making the building as a whole safer during disaster was also discussed and how to minimize the risk to not only the inhabitants but also the neighborhood. It is highly advisable to secure water tanks, flower pots and any large objects that are placed on the roof.

The need for there to be a pre disaster plan as well as evacuation plans was also discussed. Earthquake drills need to be conducted in the offices, schools as well as any public, private buildings so as to make the inhabitants prepared for disaster.

Lesson learned

- More aware on how disaster damage can be reduced.
- Better knowledge on how to convey the message of DRR to the general public and community.

Some glimpses of the program



Figure 1 Disaster Risk Reduction Orientation Program



Figure 2 Discussion session



Figure 3 Demonstration of Duck, Cover, Hold technique