



# Building Resilient Communities in Nepal: GTA's Disaster Risk Reduction & Management (DRRM) and Resilience Programme

## Background

Nepal is highly vulnerable to earthquakes, floods, landslides, heatwaves, and Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs), with climate change and rapid urbanization increasing disaster risks. These hazards disproportionately affect women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, Dalits, and other marginalized groups, highlighting the need for inclusive and climate-resilient disaster risk reduction. Although Nepal has established a strong DRM policy framework, many local governments face capacity and resource constraints in implementing effective preparedness and resilience measures. Strengthening local institutions, empowering communities, and integrating Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) are critical to building resilient communities and reducing disaster risks.

## GTA's Experience

Established in 1998, the Group for Technical Assistance (GTA) is a national NGO with over 27 years of experience in public health, disaster risk reduction, climate resilience, WASH, nutrition, health systems strengthening & research. Working with government, UN agencies, INGOs, academia, and development partners, GTA has implemented disaster preparedness, emergency response, recovery, and resilience programmes across more than 20 disaster-affected districts, strengthening local government systems and resilient communities through inclusive, evidence-based approaches.

## Our Commitment



Community-led Solutions



Evidence-based Programming



Localization & Government Partnership



GEDSI & Leave No One Behind



Sustainable Climate Resilience

## Our Impact at a Glance



**27+**  
Years of experience



**20+**  
Districts reached



**10+**  
DRRM Projects



**1,100+**  
People Trained



**1,200+**  
Households Supported



**200+**  
Emergency & WASH Kits Distributed



**15+**  
Development Partners



**6+**  
Schools Strengthened

## What We Do



Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM)



Climate Change Adaptation and Community Resilience



Emergency Preparedness and Response



Early Warning Systems and Contingency Planning



Health Emergency and WASH in Emergencies



Capacity Building of Local Governments and Communities



Risk Assessment, Research, and Evidence Generation



Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) Integration

## Examples of Our Work

### Disaster Preparedness

#### DRRM & Resilience Coordination

- Coordination across three tiers of government and cluster mechanisms

#### Capacity Building of LDMC & Stakeholders

- First Aid and Community Search & Rescue
- Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Community-Based Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Simulation Exercises and Mock Drills

#### Development of Plans and Guidelines

- Municipal Disaster Preparedness and Response Plans
- School Safety Plans

### Disaster Response & Recovery

#### (2015 Earthquake, Jajarkot Earthquake, Flood & Landslides, Fire)

- Rapid Health Assessments
- WASH Response
- Health Services and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- Relief Support (WASH kits, search and rescue kits, emergency kits, stationery, and school uniforms)

#### COVID-19

- Home care
- PPE & WASH kits
- Livelihood support
- MHPSS support



## Partnership Opportunity

GTA welcomes partnerships with development agencies, UN organizations, INGOs, foundations, academia, and the private sector to design and deliver locally led, evidence-based DRR and resilience programmes.

### Why partner with GTA?

- 27+ years of experience & a member of National Health Cluster led by Ministry of Health & Food Security.
- Expertise in DRRM, climate resilience, public health, WASH, education, and protection.
- Strong partnerships with federal and local governments, District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) & Nepal Red Cross Society District Chapters.
- Robust financial, monitoring, evaluation, and accountability systems.
- Strong commitment to localization, GEDSI, and sustainable impact.
- Dedicated and experienced DRRM and resilience team.

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