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Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC)

VDMC conducts a community-based risk assessment, analysis and develop risk mitigation plans to increase communities’ preparedness. VDMC will then undertake the implementation of prioritized disaster risk mitigation measures through construction of community critical infrastructure under the supervision and technical guidance of Project Field Engineers.

a) Key VDMC functions in CBDRM

1. Village level hazard mapping.
2. Conduction of village disaster risk assessment.
3. Analysis of disaster risk based on the assessment and prioritize the key activities to be undertaken to undertake disaster risk mitigation measures.
4. Identification and prioritization of critical community infrastructure needed for the disaster risk mitigation measures.
5. Formulation of project implementation committees.
6. Coordination with UDMCs and sharing of information needed to plan CBDRM activities.

b) Preparedness functions of VDMC

1. Share community Disaster Risk Management Plan (DRMPs) with all members of the Community.
2. Conduct disaster preparedness training with VDMC members.
3. Raise community awareness on what to do before, during, and after a disaster.
4. Monitor disaster threats, conduct drills, and draw lessons to improve the plan.
5. Expand membership and involvement in disaster risk management committees and activities.

c) Emergency functions of VDMC

1. Issue warnings in case of emergencies.
2. Manage evacuations at village level.
3. Organize search and rescue with community participation at village level.
4. Conduct Damage Assessment at village level and report damages and needs to government and disaster management agencies for assistance as per Government designed reporting formats and criteria.
5. Coordinate, plan, and implement emergency relief delivery operations with DDMA, civil defense and other local agencies and UDMCs.

d) Recovery functions of VDMC

1. Ensure that risk reduction measures are integrated during construction and rehabilitation of critical community infrastructures.
2. Evaluate the performance of VDMC capacity and effectiveness to promote community safety.
3. Coordinate with UDMCs for the implementation of different recovery measures.