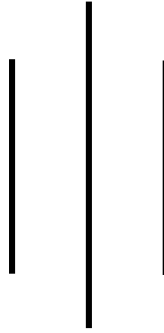


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ABSTRACT

Disasters are with us since the beginning of human civilization. But the impact of the disaster is increased in recent years. People have to suffer due to disaster and they need emergency support to sustain in disaster situation. But many times, the situation is overwhelmed and people can't run their daily live themselves. So the state has to take the responsibility of their people and has to provide humanitarian assistance. Nepal is also facing various types of disaster. Since, Nepal lies on active seismic zone, it is facing earthquake event frequently. Recently, Nepal faced an earthquake event and many people happened to lose their lives. Since, the earthquake disaster is reoccurring event in Nepal, it is must to be prepared and state has to take the initiation towards the preparedness and emergency management. Armed Police Force (APF) is one of the agencies in Nepal which works during the disaster. So, that this research has explored the status of preparedness aspects of APF for overall disaster. It has also explored the response of APF during earthquake 2015 and shortcomings of the activities.

Explorative research design was used to undertake the research and mixed approach both quantitative and qualitative data were collected from the primary and secondary data sources. Respondents were chosen from the planners of APF, rescuers of earthquake event response and the survivors of the earthquake 2015.

It's a good initiation that APF has started developing human power of disaster response. But the pace of preparedness to the response by developing human power and making well equipped is quite slow. It was a praiseworthy work that APF did during the earthquake disaster. APF was mainly focused on search and rescue operation and did wonderful job on saving the lives of people. Lack of human power, equipment, modern gadgets, sound coordination, communication, decision making and implementing the planning were the main lacking points during the response.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APF	:	Armed Police Force
APF HQ	:	Armed Police Force Headquarters
BS	:	Bikram Sambat
CCR	:	Central Control Room
CDRC	:	Central Disaster Relief Committee
CNDRC	:	Central Natural Disaster Relief Committee
COAS	:	Chief of Army Staff
CSSR	:	Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue
DBM	:	Dead Bodies Management
DHS	:	Department of Homeland Security
DIA	:	Disaster Impact Assessment
DIG	:	Deputy Inspector General
DMT	:	Disaster Management Team
DMT	:	Disaster Management Training
DMTC	:	Disaster Management Training Center
DNCRC	:	District Natural Calamity Relief Committee
DRM	:	Disaster Risk Management
DRR	:	Disaster Risk Reduction
DSP	:	Deputy Superintend
EOC	:	Emergency Operation Center
FEMA	:	Federal Emergency Management Agency

GLOF	:	Glacier Lake Outburst Flood
HFA	:	Hyogo Framework for Action
HSOC	:	Homeland Security Operation Center
ICBDM	:	Integrated Community Based Disaster Management
ICS	:	Incident Command System
IDNDR	:	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction
INSARAG	:	International Search and Rescue Advisory Group
JCP	:	Joint Command Post
JDMC	:	Joint Debris Management Committee
LNCRC	:	Local Natural Calamities Relief Committee
LSAR	:	Light Search and Rescue
MFR	:	Medical First Responder
MoHA	:	Ministry of Home Affairs
MSAR	:	Medium Search and Rescue
NA	:	Nepal Army
NADRM	:	National Authority for Disaster Risk Management
NDMA	:	National Disaster Management Authority
NDRF	:	National Disaster Response Framework
NEOC	:	National Emergency Operation Center

NGO	:	Non-Governmental Organization
NP	:	Nepal Police
NRP	:	National Response Plan
NSDRM	:	National Strategy for Disaster Risk Management
NSET	:	National Society for Earthquake Technology
PEER	:	Program for Emergency Enhancement
PPE	:	Personal Protective Equipment
PTSD	:	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
RNCRC	:	Regional Natural Calamities Relief Committee
SAR	:	Search and Rescue
SOP	:	Standing Operating Procedure
SP	:	Superintend of Police
UNDP	:	United Nations Development Programme
UNISDR	:	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
USA	:	United State of America
USAR	:	Urban Search and Rescue