



# **The Community Flood Management Programme (CFMP) in South Asia: Pilot Phase (Bangladesh, India, Nepal)**

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## **Formation and Functions of COMMUNITY FLOOD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (CFMCs)**



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## Why and how to establish CFMC

- **In order to coordinate the flood management responses in particular flood affected areas, an institutional framework is necessary.**
- **It is to that end, the formation of CFMCs has been proposed.**



## CFMCs (contd.)

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- **The formation of a CFMC is to be facilitated by wide-scale exchange of views between promoters and local leaders and people on the purposes and need of such an organization.**



# CFMCs (contd.)

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## Mission

- **The CFMC will work to reduce the losses, damages, and sufferings of flood affected-people by mounting and coordinating appropriate activities in pre-, during, and post-flood stages.**



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## Area of a CFMC

- **The area to be created by a CFMC should not be too large and, therefore, it is proposed to be co-terminous with the area of Union Parishad in Bangladesh and Panchayat in India and Nepal, which are local government focal points in the respective countries.**



# CFMCs (contd.)

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## Composition

- **For effective coordination, the chairman of the Union Parishad/President of the Panchayat will act as the Convener of the CFMC.**



# CFMCs (contd.)

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## Composition (contd.)

- **Its membership will be drawn (through consultation – selection/election, as appropriate locally) from among**
  - **the same local government body (designated by that body),**
  - **teachers of local schools and colleges,**



# CFMCs (contd.)

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## Composition (contd.)

- **local officials,**
- **local bank officials,**
- **local medical/health practitioners,**
- **socially and economically disadvantaged groups,**
- **business people, and**
- **other relevant groups.**





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## Composition (contd.)

- **An appropriate number of female members will be included.**
- **It can consist of 9-18 members. One member will be selected by the CFMC as its Member Secretary.**



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## The functions

- **The CFMC will foster**
  - **flood preparedness,**
  - **formulate and implement flood responses,**
  - **mobilize local people and local resources,**
  - **liaise with high tiers of the government and possible sources of assistance, and**
  - **coordinate various flood management activities.**