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

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.)

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.)

**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.)

Composition

- For effective coordination, the chairman of the Union Parishad/President of the Panchayat will act as the Convener of the CFMC.
CFMCs (contd.)

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.)

Composition (contd.)

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