Designing Resilience Programs in Nepal

**Appreciation and Partnership**

*USAID of Implementing Partners*

* Partners have a good understanding of USAID.
* Partners have a good understanding of the local context.
* Partners have high technical expertise/capacity.
* Partners integrate technical components well.

*Implementing Partners of USAID*

* USAID provides the funding to do the work.
* USAID provides the technical support necessary to do the work well.
* USAID facilitates and links with the local government.
* USAID provides opportunities to learn from other country contexts.
* USAID facilitates sharing with implementing partnerships (partner meeting) and linkages among IPs.
* USAID prioritizes sustainability from the inception of the program, including sustainable exit.
* USAID does regular monitoring.
* USAID does resilience holistically.
* USAID’s flexibility.

**Five Recommendations**

* Local country office, project participants/communities, and government must drive program design.
* Advocate for the development of a government-led national framework and strategy for resilience. All programs in the country must contribute to the achievement of this strategy.
* Sustainability through the ownership and leadership by local government and the strengthening the capacity of local institutions and communities.
* Allocate resources to local communities to implement activities that build their own resilience.
* Allocate emergency contingency fund specific for roll-out. Balance innovation with maintaining good practices.