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**Abstract :** This document aims to secure the interest of implementing organizations (governments, and non-governmental organizations) in, and improve their understanding of, local knowledge, practices, and contexts identified in relation to disaster preparedness so that they can be used in disaster management activities. The key steps involved in the collection and analysis are given. A case study conducted in the eastern Terai region of Nepal is also presented to identify and document local knowledge and practices related to disaster preparedness in nine villages prone to natural hazards, and to develop an analytical framework on local knowledge about disaster preparedness. The analytical framework is to lay out the key themes and show how the themes relate to, and influence, each other. The case study revealed that, over time, local communities generally developed considerable local knowledge and practices on flood preparedness.

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