

"Early Warning: Saving Lives and Livelihoods"
Regional conference on "Best Practice and Learning in
Community Based Early Warning"
Kathmandu, May 23rd 2012

On 23rd May 2012 Mercy Corps and Practical Action, in conjunction with the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM), will be holding a Regional workshop on "Best Practice and Learning in Community Based Early Warning".

Held at the Hotel Himalaya in Lalitpur it will bring together participants from South and South East Asia, as well as practitioners from Nepal, to share and reflect on learning throughout the region.

With a focus firmly on issues of 'last mile' connectivity the workshop will be used to discuss success in placing end users at the heart of EWS and strategies to further replicate the approach.

Through the support of ECHO's DIPECHO Action Plans in particular, Mercy Corps and Practical Action have piloted EWS in Nepal since 2002, while similar work has been supported elsewhere through DIPECHO projects in South, South East Asia and beyond.

The workshop will be preceded by a media workshop on 22nd May and will tie-in with a now annual "Early Warning Users Group" workshop. This year it will be held in Chitwan, where up to 200 representatives from flood affected communities operating EWS will gather to share their respective experiences and learning. In some cases this will be to share ten years of EWS experience, the first system being established in Chitwan, Nepal in 2002.

More details on the week of events highlighting community based EWS will be posted in due course but should you have immediate enquiries please contact Anil Nepal at Mercy Corps on +977.1.555.5532 or at anepal@np.mercycorps.org.