

HRRP District Coordination Meeting Minutes



Meeting Purpose:	<i>HRRP Coordination Meeting</i>
Meeting Date:	<i>14/09/2017</i>
Meeting Time:	<i>2:00 PM</i>
Meeting Location:	<i>District NRA meeting hall, Santa Bazar, Dhading</i>
Meeting Facilitator:	<i>Prabin Gautam</i>
Minutes Taken By:	<i>HRRP-Dhading Team</i>

Discussion: (Items/Knowledge Shared)

Agenda:

- **Introduction**
- **Criteria for Purchasing Habitable Lands**
- **Issues of Non-Compliance and their way Forward**
- **District 4W-Gaps**
- **Experience sharing on reconstruction observation (M&E, Kahagendra Awasthi)**
- **AOB**

1. Introduction

HRRP-Dhading conducted monthly coordination meeting in chairmanship of NRA-Dhading chief **Er. Rabichandra Pajiyar**. All participants from various organizations introduced themselves in the meeting.

2. Criteria for Purchasing Habitable Lands

HRRP-Dhading explained about the criteria for purchasing habitable lands by earthquake victims. This document was published on 23rd July,2017. Following are the main points to be considered while purchasing habitable lands:

- The beneficiary must apply to the Secretariat of the NRA District Coordination Committee or authorized office, providing the details of the proposed land.
- Prior to purchasing the land, the beneficiary must disclose the land owner's name and address, address of the land, area of the land and the plot number while submitting the application. When applying for the purchase of land, a recommendation issued by the local authority mentioning the lack of land or lack of appropriate/safe land in other places must be attached.
- Beneficiaries or their families who own habitable land/s (elsewhere) shall not be eligible for this grant.
- The plot area must be bigger than the minimum plot area recommended by the government. The plot area can be 6 Aana for municipality and 10 Aana for rural-municipality
- The beneficiary must disclose whether the land falls in their own Village and Municipality or the adjoining Municipality or District.
- The Secretariat or the authorized office must check and verify if the person is a beneficiary and if s/he is eligible for the grant before verifying the land purchase.
- The NRA shall release the grant to the Secretariat of District Coordination Committee or authorized office based on the number of eligible beneficiaries in the respective district.
- Based on the approved letter from the Secretariat and the copies of the grant approval letter and land ownership certificate, the Secretariat or the authorized office shall provide the grant not exceeding 2 lakh Nepali rupees.
- The land purchased as per this procedure, shall be jointly owned by the couple. This point shall not apply for a single person.
- After purchasing the land, beneficiaries must begin constructing their houses within three months. They shall receive the housing grant in three tranches.
- The ownership of purchased land cannot be transferred for 10 years from the date of purchase.
- Beneficiaries who purchase lands as per this provision shall not be allowed to live in the

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- current hazard prone, government, public or forest lands.
- If there are any disagreements while executing these criteria, the provisions mentioned in the Grant disbursement procedures for private houses, 2074 (2017), 1st revision and Procedures for the relocation and rehabilitation of hazard-prone settlements, 2073 (2017) shall apply. These points are to be followed by an illegible beneficiary to get a financial support of up to 2 Lakhs for purchase of habitable land. The details can be found [Here](#).

3. Issues of Non-Compliance and their way Forward

HRRP raised a considerable number of questions on district non-compliance issues. As there have been continuous support from NRA engineers at field level but yet the number of compliance houses are much fewer in number. Such issues are mainly due to lack of awareness among people. To break this point, every organizations working in the sector of reconstruction need to be involved in providing awareness at their capacity level. There are still such beneficiaries who are aware of all criteria for building a compliance house but are doing it on their own need basis rather than guidelines of NRA. This is because Furthermore, UNDP structure engineer mentioned that during field visit they found that a combined house of two different beneficiaries was built at Gajuri rural-municipality. Similarly, at Chhatreurali.6 beneficiaries have built two bay house which was built adjoining. Thus, these houses need to be analyzed structurally. During such cases, one may or may not be structurally sound.

4. District 4W-Gaps

4W submission have been done by many of the organizations within the district but yet some are still yet to come. The information management officer (IMO) of HRRP emphasized the importance of such information to HRRP. As HRRP has been a hub of information within the district, it would help those organizations to reflect their work at wider level. Furthermore, for any assistance on 4W information collection please contact with HRRP-IMO, Mr. Chandrakant Karn(9843266729) Dhading.

5. Experience sharing on reconstruction observation

The monitoring and evaluation officer Mr. Kahagendra Awasthi shared experiences on reconstruction of Dhading district. He emphasized on reconstruction status and main causes of not starting the construction of houses:

- Late /Lack of information of Policy, Guide lines
 - Wait and see
- Lack of Workers / Masons
 - Old aged People / Single Man/Woman
 - Children
 - No trained Masons
- Rainy Season
 - Transportation
 - Availability of Construction Material
- Have habitable house and don't want to construct new
- Have not land suitable for construction (Slope Land etc)
- Seeking for alternative materials (like.blocks etc)
- Absence of Engineers in Working Area
- Engineers asks about their new agreement
- Busy in Agriculture
- Building Permit System
 - Case of Palungtar Municipality, Gorkha

And also their ways forward through:

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- Earthquake awareness, safety and Security awareness Program
- Provide Mason Training at Remote area
 - Selection of Site
 - Selection of People
 - Monitoring after Training by Local Body
- Door to door program
 - Awareness/Training
 - Example of Mashel, Laprak vdc.
- Upgrade Road Condition
- Provided deadline of Reconstruction will increase the rate
 - Quality???
 - Social Values??? What will be the condition of really poor community??
- Easy way of getting Grant installment
- Sustainable Development Program
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- Regular Inspection and Monitoring
 - Well equipped Technical Man power (Internet, Printer, (Making note book))

Thus, through various means every organizations either government or non-government have to come to a close coordination supporting each other for better and faster reconstruction process. The presentation slide can be found [Here](#).

Miscellaneous Items / AOB:

Decisions Made: (What, Why, Impacts)

1. NRA to support on coordination activity with all partner organizations so as to make the process of an effective reconstruction program.
2. Sharing of criteria for “purchasing habitable land” documents discussed in the meeting through HRRP.

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