

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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This Week's Highlights

- As of 15th May 2017, 21,355 houses have been approved to receive the 2nd tranche and 851 houses have been approved to receive the 3rd tranche. These [updates have now been mapped by MoFALD CL-PIU](#) (please note that in previous bulletins it had been incorrectly mentioned that the updates had been mapped by MoUD CL-PIU).
- NRA appeal to I/NGOs, private sector, and philanthropic organisations to provide expanded support for vulnerable top ups and technical assistance ([English](#), [Nepali](#))
- [Corrections and Exceptions Manual](#) published by NRA
- [Updated inspection forms](#) published by NRA
- [Contact details for NRA 'District Support Engineers'](#)
- NRA and Build Change have launched an [app called "Surakshit Ghar"](#) (Safe House) to disseminate information on the housing reconstruction
- District Administrative Division Maps, prepared by MoFALD [for all 75 districts](#)
- Local Elections in Nepal 2017, [Frequently Asked Questions](#), International Foundation for Electoral Systems
- [Interactive Election Data Portal \(Nepali\)](#)
- [Milijuli Nepali, Episode 632](#)
- NEKSAP Briefing on the Food Security Situation in Nepal ([English](#), [Nepali](#))
- The [HRRP Briefing Pack](#), which is intended to support staff or organisations new to the housing recovery and reconstruction programme to understand the context and background, has been updated.



A reconstructed house in Northern Gorkha. Photo credit: DFID.

General Updates

NRA Appeal for Expanded Support for Vulnerable Top Ups and Technical Assistance (English, Nepali): The NRA has issued an appeal urging I/NGOs, private sector, and philanthropic organisations to expand support for the vulnerable top up grant of 50,000 NPRs and / or technical assistance. NRA is also asking partners to encourage and support households that have already received the first tranche to finish construction to plinth level and request the second tranche by the middle of June.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: MoUD CL-PIU is requesting support from partners to assist with logistics/transport for the ongoing monitoring and inspection activities being carried out by MoUD DL-PIU engineers at field level. If your agency can provide some assistance, please write to moudclpiu@gmail.com.

Surakshit Ghar App Officially Launched: designed to provide remote technical assistance and information on safe construction to households, the app was officially launched by Dr. Govind Raj Pokharel, NRA CEO during a press conference on May 9th, 2017. The app is freely available for Android users on the [Google Play Store](#), and will continue to be developed under a 3-year project agreement between the NRA and Build Change. The app contains official NRA messages along with images, illustrations, audio clips, and videos on safe reconstruction. An additional messenger feature (including the ability to attach pictures) and a toll-free number enable homeowners to also directly seek technical advice. POs are invited to support the NRA's awareness and technical assistance efforts by requesting field staff to download the app and by promoting Surakshit Ghar downloads in their project locations.

2017 Monsoon Season Preparedness: The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), through the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, is working to finalise its preparedness plans for the monsoon season. Prior to the start of the coming season, in early June, the HCT will release a contingency plan regarding flood and landslide risk. The contingency plan will focus on 36 districts comprised of 22 in the Terai and the 14 most earthquake affected. This year, the HCT's plans will draw on historic flood and landslide data so that planning and scenario figures can be accurately developed. The aim of the HCT's plans are to establish a minimum level of preparedness amongst humanitarian agencies and to establish the parameters of a joint HCT response strategy should a flood or landslide occur that overburdens the capacity of the national authorities. For further information please contact Dan Ayliffe, Disaster Resilience & Humanitarian Adviser, UN RCO, Dan.Ayliffe@one.un.org.

NEKSAP Briefing on the Food Security Situation in Nepal (English, Nepali): summarises initial results from District Food Security Networks (DFSNs) meetings in 74 districts in March 2017. The meetings reviewed the food security situation between mid-November 2016 and mid-March 2017 and developed an outlook for the food security situation between mid-March and mid-July 2017. Full results will be shared in Issue 50 of the Nepal Food Security Bulletin.

HRRP Media Digest, some interesting articles include:

- **Public land to be available for building public infrastructure:** The NRA has decided to provide 1,766 ropanis of public land to build public structures in Laprak VDC, Gorkha. The decision was taken as per the Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Earthquake Survivors Working Procedure 2073, Section 5. A secondary school, hospital, health post, monastery, water tank, Gaupalika building, and police post will be built on the land.
- **The NRA instructs not to reduce open spaces in the Kathmandu Valley (Nepali):** Mr. Yam Lal Bhusal, NRA Spokesperson, informed that the NRA Executive Committee has decided to instruct relevant Ministries to stop transferring or leasing public, government, and semi-government lands inside the valley as a step towards disaster preparedness. After the disaster of February 25, 2013, 68 'open spaces' were declared inside the three districts of the valley to establish camps to provide humanitarian assistance to the victims as well as for security, rescue and relief activities.

- [High speed internet to be launched in earthquake affected districts \(Nepali\)](#): Using the Rural Telecommunication Development Fund, Nepal Telecom has decided to provide high speed internet in Kavre, Sindhupalchok, Nuwakot, and Rasuwa. A formal agreement between Nepal Telecom and National Reconstruction Authority was made on 4th May 2017. Similarly, in Gorkha, Dhading, Makwanpur, Dolakha, Ramechhap, Sindhuli, and Okhaldhunga, the broadband internet service will be provided via the local internet service providers. NRA has already moved ahead with the formal process for this. The users from the districts can use the internet for free for 2 years. Approximately 211,600,000 NPRs will be spent on the project.
- [Lionel Messi Foundation reconstructing 74 health posts destroyed by the earthquakes \(Nepali\)](#): Through UNICEF, Argentinian footballer Lionel Messi is supporting the reconstruction of 74 health posts destroyed by the 2015 earthquakes. UNICEF plan to complete the work by mid-July. UNICEF has a total budget of 220 million NPRs for the reconstruction of health infrastructure. The Ministry of Health informed that reconstruction of 40 health posts has been completed.
- [Super Eco Bricks Innovation \(SEBI\) starts production of eco-friendly bricks](#): production takes place at the SEBI factory, located in Changunarayan, and uses Japanese technology to produce highly robust and durable bricks that have a minimum rated 12 Newton strength, double that of normal local bricks. The bricks were put through freeze and thaw tests in Japan and their strength was confirmed by experts.
- [Nepal, China sign deal on OBOR](#): Nepal's Foreign Secretary Shanker Das Bairagi and Chinese Ambassador Yu Hong have signed an MoU on the framework agreement on China's One Belt One Road Initiative (OBOR), marking Nepal's official move to become part of Beijing's ambitious plan to revive ancient Silk Road trade routes.

REMINDER, NRA 5W Reporting: to date only 98 out of 135 partners (73%) have reported to the NRA 5W system. We urge partners who have not reported to share their data as soon as possible. Please contact Gaurab Pradhan, gaurab@hrrpnepal.org, for more information. Once the NRA 5W is fully up and running the HRRP 4W will be phased out.

Milijuli Nepali, Episode 632: this episode was recorded in Dolakha, where the presenter talked to communities about how to save costs during rebuilding and how to make use of already available resources to cut down costs.

Sphere Standards 2018 Revision, comments on draft 1: the deadline for providing feedback is the 31st May 2017 and all are encouraged to share their experience and expertise in relation to the draft. Further information can be found on the Sphere Standards website [here](#).

Meetings and Events

HRRP Progress Update to NRA, May 10th: HRRP provided an update on the platform's progress to NRA senior staff, including the CEO. The NRA provided feedback to HRRP on some areas that require improvement, including continuing efforts to strengthen district coordination, support for advocacy on improving technical assistance coverage (including for retrofitting), and supply chain assessment. During the meeting there was also discussion around the new administrative divisions and how HRRP and reconstruction actors can adjust to fit with this. HRRP will provide a progress update to the NRA at the beginning of each Nepali month.

HRRP Participation in InterAction Shelter & Settlements Working Group, May 9th: HRRP provided an overview and update on the housing reconstruction in Nepal and USAID / OFDA provided an update on the shelter response following Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. If you are interested to sign up to the InterAction SS WG mailing list, please write to shelter@interaction.org.

[Taking Action Based on Community Feedback Meeting, May 9th](#): the meeting was chaired by Mr. Prakash Thapa, NRA Joint Secretary, Housing Division and the [presentation](#) from Common Feedback Project (CFP) of the [latest findings](#) are available on the HRRP website. The summary and action points will be shared soon.

[Cash Coordination Group \(CCG\) Meeting, May 11th](#): A Cash Preparedness Report prepared by the group has been passed to the UN Resident Coordinator's Office for consideration by the Operational HCT (at the next meeting on Friday 19th May) before going to the HCT Principals. The group agreed to have Welt Hunger Hilfe take on the role of CCG co-chair for three months and then to take over from WFP as chair in September. Tearfund has volunteered to be co-chair from September and this will be reviewed in the next meeting. A market assessment training, for CCG members only, is planned for 19th – 23rd June. HRRP is coordinating with the CCG to see if it is possible to organise another training for reconstruction actors; more information will be shared on this soon. The next meeting will take place in mid-June and Medair will present their experiences using technology to improve the effectiveness of cash transfers. For more information please contact Iain McDonald, iain.mcdonald@wfp.org.

[SuSanA webinar: Panel discussion on How to Influence and Engage Government in Sanitation, 17th May, 6:45 PM \(2 PM GMT\)](#): Mr. Jack Sim – Founder, World Toilet Organisation, Ms. Louisa Gosling – Quality Programme Manager, WaterAid, and Mr. Akramual Islam – Director of WASH, BRAC will be presenting. You can register to take part [here](#).

[Moving Stories Training of Trainers](#): two ToTs will be taking place at the HRRP Office in Jwagal on the 31 May, 1 & 2 June, and the 5, 6 & 7 July. Twelve places are available in each ToT, but some places have already been booked so please do write to Siobhan Kennedy, HRRP Recovery Advisor, siobhan@hrrpnepal.org, by Wednesday 17th May if you are interested to attend.

[Stakeholders Conference on Operationalizing the Settlements Approach](#): taking place on the 15th and 16th of June at the InterAction office in Washington D.C. with the [objective](#) of bringing together all relevant stakeholders to discuss how to make the settlements approach a reality in practice and produce an action-oriented plan to lay out the next steps. If you wish to contribute by providing case studies or solutions, please contact Paul at pvernon@interaction.org or Hilmi at mhilmi@interaction.org.

[2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, 22-26 May, Cancun, Mexico](#): this is the main forum at the global level for strategic advice, coordination, partnership development, and the review of progress in the implementation of international instruments on disaster risk reduction. The event can be attended remotely and more information on this is available [here](#).

[World Reconstruction Conference, Promoting Resilience Through Post-Crisis Recovery](#): taking place in Brussels from June 6-8, 2017. The event is co-organised by the World Bank's Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, the European Union, the United Nations Development Programme, and the African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States. The conference aims to promote resilience through post-crisis recovery and is held in conjunction with [European Development Days 2017](#).

Useful Documents

[Corrections and Exceptions Manual for Masonry Structures](#): developed by the NRA's Standardisation Committee for the reconstruction of earthquake resistant houses. The committee includes technical experts from NRA, MoUD CL-PIU, MoFALD CL-PIU, DUDBC, IoE, JICA, NSET, and HRRP. The manual is designed to support technical staff at field level to identify exceptions in relation to certain Minimum Requirements (MRs) under certain conditions and to support

households to understand and implement required corrections. The inspection forms have also been updated based on the Corrections and Exceptions Manual:

- Stone and mud mortar masonry ([1st inspection](#), [2nd inspection](#))
- Brick and mud mortar masonry ([1st inspection](#), [2nd inspection](#))
- Stone and cement mortar masonry ([1st inspection](#), [2nd inspection](#))
- Brick and cement mortar masonry ([1st inspection](#), [2nd inspection](#))
- RCC ([1st inspection](#), [2nd inspection](#))
- Confined Masonry ([1st inspection](#), [2nd inspection](#))

The Standardisation Committee is now preparing to deliver training on the manual and updated inspection forms across all districts for all technical field staff.

Contact details for NRA 'District Support Engineers': these senior structural engineers will be based in the MoUD DL-PIU offices and will provide guidance and back up for the MoUD DL-PIU engineers

Local Elections in Nepal 2017, Frequently Asked Questions: prepared by the [International Foundation for Electoral Systems](#)

Second Advance Estimate of 2016/17 Wheat Production in Nepal: a joint product of the Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD), World Food Programme (WFP), and the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) prepared using the CCAFS Regional Agricultural Forecasting Toolbox (CRAFT).

Synthesis Report, Independent Impacts and Recovery Monitoring Nepal (IRM), Third Round, The Asia Foundation: The synthesis report summarises findings from a [quantitative survey of 4,850 respondents](#) randomly selected across 11 districts of varying earthquake impact levels and [in-depth qualitative monitoring](#) in six of these districts. Previous IRM reports can be downloaded [here](#).

Information booklets for households on Minimum Requirements (MRs) for load bearing masonry and RCC: prepared by NRA and MoUD CL-PIU, with support from JICA. An earlier version of these booklets was shared previously. Before printing the booklet partners are requested to add [this logo](#) to the last page and submit a sample copy to MoUD CL-PIU or DL-PIU for approval before finalising the mass printing.

Election Code of Conduct, Nepali and unofficial English translation: any partners experiencing any delays / challenges due to confusion around the application of the code of conduct are requested to inform either the relevant HRRP district coordinator, or the HRRP National Coordinator, Loren Lockwood, loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org.

Functional Unbundling Report: sets out, in more detail than the constitution, which functions and responsibilities will sit at which levels of government, after federal restructuring. It is being used as the basis for draft legislation on local governance, a new inter-governmental fiscal transfer system and a new civil service act. Please feel free to contact the HRRP National Coordinator, Loren Lockwood, loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org, if you are experiencing any challenges with recovery and reconstruction works because of the new administrative divisions.

NRA MIS Training Reporting Format: partners are requested to use the format for training records and to submit one copy to MoUD DL-PIU, and HRRP district team who will submit to NRA MIS. For already complete trainings, the HRRP district team are converting existing records to the new format.

[NRA Grievance Handling Reports](#): for each of the fourteen districts, updated on a regular basis. An English summary table is available [here](#).

[MoUD CL-PIU MIS portal](#): district-wise overview of inspection and reconstruction progress from DL-PIU engineers' reports. A translation of the headers is available [here](#).

[Contact details for District Focal Points for DL-PIU engineers](#): district focal points will be able to provide contact details for DL-PIU engineers at VDC level.

[HRRP Briefing Pack](#): highlights particularly useful documents to support people and organisations new to the Nepal earthquake recovery and reconstruction understand the context, the actors involved, and the standards to be followed.

[FAQ section of HRRP website](#): community FAQs available in English and Nepali. New questions to be included can be shared to info@hrrpnepal.org or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time.

Information Products

[District Administrative Division Maps, prepared by MoFALD \(for all 75 districts\)](#)

[Interactive Election Data Portal \(Nepali\)](#): when you hover the cursor over highlighted districts it displays 1. Total number of voters, 2. No. of candidates, 3. No. of ballot centres, 4. No. of Local administrative divisions. When you click on a district it brings you to a district map showing the administrative divisions. If you click on a Gaupalika or Nagarpalika it displays information specific to that area.

[HRRP 4W Dataset R30, 25th April 2017](#)

Coverage of Technical Assistance in the 14 districts based on HRRP 4W R30:

- [Coverage of 6 Activity Technical Assistance Package](#)
- [Areas with no Technical Assistance, with Damage Overlay](#)
- [Vocational Training \(50-day CTEVT curriculum\) Coverage](#)
- [Short Training \(7-day DUDBC curriculum\) Coverage](#)

[Technical Assistance Coverage with Damage Overlay, 31 districts](#): highlighted areas represent VDCs which have not received the full package of 6 Technical Assistance activities as per HRRP 4W - R30 and NRA 5W, with an overlay of the per cent of damaged (Grade III - V) structures.

[Building Points with Damage Grade, 31 districts](#)