

## WEEKLY BULLETIN 7 March 2017

### General Updates

- We are very pleased to inform you that **phase 3 of the HRRP has been approved by the NRA**, and the tri-partite agreement was signed this morning! **Phase 3 will run until the end of February 2019**. CRS Nepal has taken over the role of lead organisation for the platform for phase 3 and CRS, DFID, SDC, Habitat for Humanity, Plan International, ACTED, NSET, and Caritas Nepal have confirmed financial and in kind contributions to the platform. We look forward to continuing to work with you all and are always keen to receive feedback and suggestions on our performance and how we can improve. Our contact details are available [here](#).
- Dr. Hari Parajuli has taken over the role of Executive Committee member responsible for housing**. Dr. Chandra Shrestha will now be responsible for Public Buildings and Local Infrastructure. We would like to thank Dr. Shrestha for his support to the HRRP and we look forward to working with Dr. Parajuli.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> March, [MoFALD released](#) **updated enrolment, disbursement of 1<sup>st</sup> tranche, and grievance registration numbers** as follows:

S.N.	Districts	Number of beneficiaries	Households with Grant Agreement	Households who have received the first tranche	Grievances Registered
1	Gorkha	58,503	53,349	52,675	15,746
2	Sindhupalchok	78,537	74,924	74,912	14,447
3	Ramechhap	43,609	40,911	39,759	13,972
4	Dhading	70,581	63,151	62,849	15,589
5	Nuwakot	65,773	61,370	60,474	11,050
6	Dolakha	51,940	48,113	47,079	21,712
7	Okhaldhunga	19,819	18,489	18,301	7,810
8	Kavrepalanchok	67,731	60,721	59,751	21,436
9	Sindhuli	34,269	28,269	26,162	30,601
10	Rasuwa	11,236	9,682	9,106	1,367
11	Makwanpur	30,238	20,305	19,009	26,909
12	Lalitpur	25,893	18,535	11,737	6,118
13	Kathmandu	42,500	35,136	30,893	11,851
14	Bhaktapur	26,066	20,156	19,553	6,588
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>626,695</b>	<b>553,111</b>	<b>532,260</b>	<b>205,196</b>

- As of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the status of the damage survey in the 17 districts is as follows:

S.N.	District	Household (Population Census 2011)	(Damage list) Total Received from Districts	Uploaded till 01 March 2017	Uploaded on 02 March 2017	Total No. of House Owners Surveyed	Total Records uploaded	No. of Enum. recorded	(%) Covered	No En. Cleared
1	Arghakhanchi	46,826	1,759	1,625	-	1,643	1,625	8	100%	8
2	Baglung	61,482	4,056	3,608	11	3,640	3,619	13	90%	5
3	Bhojpur	39,393	10,426	8,757	131	8,918	8,888	32	86%	16
4	Chitwan	132,345	18,746	9,860	79	10,042	9,939	38	54%	3
5	Dhankuta	37,616	5,266	4,493	-	4,500	4,493	17	85%	13
6	Gulmi	59,260	7,488	6,897	-	6,930	6,897	35	93%	32
7	Kaski	125,459	11,744	8,492	221	8,795	8,713	37	75%	11
8	Khotang	42,647	13,799	12,329	-	12,368	12,329	38	90%	27
9	Lamjung	42,048	24,788	21,146	109	21,427	21,255	61	86%	45
10	Myagdi	27,727	1,389	1,351	-	1,361	1,351	6	98%	6
11	Nawalparasi	128,760	989	976	-	993	976	5	100%	5
12	Palpa	59,260	11,343	8,930	543	9,526	9,473	33	84%	15
13	Parbat	35,698	11,543	10,718	7	10,892	10,725	29	94%	27
14	Sankhuwasabha	34,615	8,178	4,955	8	5,024	4,963	27	61%	17
15	Solukhumbu	23,758	18,384	10,265	224	10,547	10,489	42	57%	-
16	Syangja	68,856	16,913	11,958	135	12,147	12,093	52	72%	15
17	Tanahun	78,286	27,646	13,520	530	14,217	14,050	68	51%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,044,036</b>	<b>194,457</b>	<b>139,880</b>	<b>1,998</b>	<b>142,970</b>	<b>141,878</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>246</b>

- Final year engineering students are being mobilised by the NRA across the 14 affected districts.** The engineering students will support an assessment which will document construction status (completed, in progress, not started) as well as collecting information on types of designs used, construction materials used, sources of funding for the construction work, total cost of the construction, and level of compliance with the building code.
- A joint technical working group has been formed by NRA to work on **operational guidelines for the 100,000 NPRs retrofitting grant, finalise a corrections manual (to address non-compliances), and to develop a scoring system to introduce tolerances into the inspection process.** The working group is led by Dr. Hari Parajuli and includes technical experts from NRA, MoUD CL-PIU, NSET, Build Change, JICA, UNDP, and HRRP. The working group will start working from the NRA as of today. POs interested to commit technical expertise to the working group may contact Narayan Marasini, HRRP National Technical Coordinator, for further details (9808565098, [techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org)).
- HRRP and Build Change are providing structural engineers to MoUD CL-PIU to support with **preparation and review of structural calculations for a number of low-cost housing designs that have been submitted to government for approval.** The structural engineers began work on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March, and are based in MoUD CL-PIU. POs interested to commit experienced structural engineers to support this work are requested to contact Narayan, for further details (9808565098, [techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org)).
- A **Nepali translation of the questions from communities section of the HRRP 'Q&A' document** will be available [here](#) by the end of today. The Q&A is a living document and questions to be included can be shared to [info@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:info@hrrpnepal.org) or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time.
- HRRP media digest is available [here](#)

## Meetings and Events

- **HRRP participated in the NRA's Housing thematic group meeting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.** The main points from the meeting were as follows:
  1. The NRA are considering the introduction of a scoring system for the inspection process to address the issues arising because of the yes / no system currently being used. As mentioned above, a joint technical working group has been established to work on this, and it is expected to developed very quickly.
  2. The NRA CEO informed that efforts are underway to put senior engineers in place at district level to support the DL-PIU engineers with the inspection process.
  3. The CEO also highlighted that the election commission will require approximately 1,400 schools / public buildings across the 14 districts to conduct the elections on 14<sup>th</sup> May. The election commission have requested that the NRA expedite construction of schools / public buildings to facilitate this. NRA are looking at a variety of options on this, including mobilising the security forces and utilising tents / temporary structures where required. It was clarified that VDC Secretaries will not be involved in the elections and other officials will be mobilised.
  4. The CEO also informed that guidelines have been prepared which provide Secretaries and Joint Secretaries the responsibility to approve programmes to speed up the approval process.
  5. NRA is proposing to hire several engineers to support the grievance process in the districts. It is expected that these engineers will be hired, trained, and deployed as soon as possible.
  6. NRA, CBS, MoUD, MoFALD, and UNOPS will be meeting today to develop a plan to conduct the damage survey in areas which have reportedly been missed.
  7. 313 tablets, which were used for the damage survey in the 17 districts, are now being passed to MoUD CL-PIU. These will be transferred to the DL-PIUs, and will be used by DL-PIU engineers during the inspection process.
  8. MoUD CL-PIU will establish within 1 week a GPS monitoring system used to assess presence of DL-PIU engineers at their duty stations.
  9. HRRP will support MoUD CL-PIU by providing structural engineers to support with the preparation and review of structural calculations for low-cost housing designs that have been submitted to government for approval.
- **On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March, the DDRC in Dhading held a meeting which was chaired by the NRA CEO Dr. Govindra Raj Pokhrel.** A large number of I/NGOs attended the meeting, during which an update on the earthquake response in Dhading was provided. **Dr. Pokhrel highlighted the need for Partner Organisations (POs) to improve coverage and quality of technical assistance** emphasising the importance of this in support of the GoN disbursement of the reconstruction grant. He highlighted that the number of households that have started reconstructing is still relatively low and encouraged POs to expand TA to support speeding up the reconstruction process. The presentation slides from the meeting are available in Nepali [here](#), and an unofficial English translation will be available soon.
- **All information from the Inspection SOP session held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, is available [here](#).** Please contact Kuber Bogati, HRRP National Technical Coordination Officer, (985119903, [techofficer1.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techofficer1.national@hrrpnepal.org)) if you have any questions regarding the Inspection SOP session or would like to suggest topics for future technical sessions.
- District technical workshops have been **completed in all 14 districts**. Many thanks to everyone who participated in these. Please get in touch with the district coordinators directly if you have any questions. You may also feel free to contact the National Technical Coordinator, Narayan ([techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org)). A number of the district reports are now available [here](#), and the remainder will be finalised this week. A compiled report summarising the findings across the district workshops is also being prepared and will be shared soon.

## Useful Documents

- We are pleased to share with you a draft report, available [here](#), on a **collaborative research project under the International Centre for Collaborative Research on Disaster Risk Reduction (ICCR-DRR), which is being conducted by the National Society for Earthquake Technology-Nepal (NSET) and the Beijing Normal University (BNU)** in Kunming, China. The research is focused on the “Development, testing, demonstration and training for better-building procedures and retrofit techniques for non-engineered housing in urban and rural areas of the Himalayan belt” and is being implemented with financial support from DFID.
- The NRA has shared the grievance handling reports for each of the fourteen districts, and these are available [here](#). These reports will be updated on a regular basis. A summary table in English is also available [here](#).
- The **MoUD-CLPIU MIS portal** [here](#) provides a district overview of **inspection and reconstruction progress** based on DL-PIU engineers’ reports. A translation of the headers is available [here](#).
- **Contact details for DL-PIU engineers** are available on the HRRP website [here](#).
- A [Briefing Pack](#) has been prepared to support staff or organisations new to the Nepal housing recovery and reconstruction programme. The pack highlights some particularly useful documents for anyone trying to understand the context, the actors involved, and the standards to be followed.

### Information Products

- The NRA has published a number of maps which are available [here](#).
- Updated administrative maps, A0 size, of 9 districts have been published in HRRP website and are available here:
  1. [Dolakha](#)
  2. [Dhading](#)
  3. [Kavrepalanchok](#)
  4. [Nuwakot](#)
  5. [Makwanpur](#)
  6. [Rasuwa](#)
  7. [Ramechhap](#)
  8. [Sindhuli](#)
  9. [Sindhupalchok](#)

### Reminders

- Please follow us on **Flickr** and enjoy the photos through [here](#). To search for any content, please use the tag “HRRP\_KEYWORD” in the search bar (e.g. HRRP\_mason, HRRP\_CSEB, HRRP\_Gorkha etc.). **Photos are an incredibly useful resource and we would really appreciate it if you could continue to share them with us!** Photos, with details of what is shown and where, can be sent to Laxmi ([techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org)).