

WEEKLY BULLETIN 5 December

General Update

- **New schedule** - Weekly bulletins will be sent out first thing on Monday mornings from now on.
- **URGENT - Major gaps in Technical Assistance** have been identified in nearly ALL districts. Partners are highly encouraged to seriously look within at how they can best cover gaps. The NRA has stated that project approvals can easily be amended, and is encouraging the reduction of duplications and the filling of gaps. The HRRP is here to help facilitate this, and if any information is needed for your decision making then please contact us ASAP (also see links below on TA session for more details). Many households are without support!!!
- **International geotechnical conference** - held in Kathmandu last week, organised by the Nepal Geotechnical Society in cooperation with the Japan Geotechnical Society. The conference provided an opportunity for institutions and professionals in Nepal to get an update on research in this area and share experiences. More information can be found on the Nepal Geotechnical Society website [here](#).
- **Market mapping** - In order to have complete and up to date market data for material supply, partners are encouraged to support further **supply chain field studies** in coordination with HRRP. Practical Action has completed studies in Rasuwa and Nuwakot and has the resources for the data collation and analysis for other districts. They are also available to provide partners orientations and training on the survey and field work needed. They have estimated the time frame to complete the field work for one district at one month, and the cost 5 lakhs. For those willing to support this important venture please contact Siobhan (siobhan@hrrpnepal.org).

Technical Sessions

Postponed Sessions

The **Household WASH** session scheduled for Tuesday 6 December has been postponed and we will announce a new date soon.

Upcoming Sessions

All reconstruction partners are welcome to attend the following sessions. Please contact Siobhan (siobhan@hrrpnepal.org) if you are interested to present at any sessions, or if you have proposals for topics.

- **Masons Training Experience** Sharing Session, Friday, 9 December, 2PM, NRA Conference Hall
- **Concrete and Soil Blocks** Technical Session, Tuesday, 13 December, 2PM, location TBD
- **Northern Areas** Technical Session, Friday, 16 December, 2PM, location TBD.

Completed Sessions

Many thanks to those who attended and presented at the two exciting sessions this week! Presentations and session summaries are uploaded as they become available to the HRRP website [here](#).

- [Enhancing Rural Construction Culture](#) (Tuesday 15 November)
- [Retrofitting Session](#) (Tuesday 22 November)
- [Bamboo](#) (Tuesday 29 November)

- [Technical Assistance](#) (Friday 2nd December)

Useful Documents

- We are pleased to be able to share '**Building Material Selection and Use - An Environmental Guide**' which has been developed by the Worldwide Wildlife Foundation (WWF) and is available on the HRRP website [here](#).

Reminders

- In the weekly bulletin on the 18th November, we requested partners to participate in a **survey on the construction practices of masons after training**. JICA prepared survey formats and have kindly made them available to partners. They can be accessed [here](#). We would really appreciate your support to complete this survey in your geographical areas. If your organisation is interested in carrying out this survey, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Loren (loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org).
- We would greatly appreciate it if HRRP partners could share **photos related to housing reconstruction**. Photos which illustrate emerging technical issues are particularly useful to support technical discussions. Please send the photos with photo credit and a caption describing the activity/issue to info@hrrpnepal.org.