

WEEKLY BULLETIN

29 May 2017

This Week's Highlights

- As of 29th May 2017, 24,278 houses have been approved to receive the 2nd tranche and 892 houses have been approved to receive the 3rd tranche. These [updates have now been mapped by MoFALD CL-PIU](#).
- The Prime Minister of Nepal Puspa Kamal Dahal resigned on Wednesday 24th May. The process to elect the new Prime Minister has begun in parliament.
- President Bidhya Devi Bhandari [presented](#), on 25th May, the government's annual policy and programmes for the fiscal year 2017-18
- To date only 108 out of 137 partners (79%) have reported to the NRA 5W system. Partners are requested to share their data for inclusion in the 5W as soon as possible. It is very exciting that 22 new reconstruction projects have been approved in recent weeks and these are now also being incorporated into the 5W. Please contact Gaurab Pradhan, gaurab@hrrpnepal.org, for more information.
- [Milijuli Nepali, Episode 644](#)
- [Reconstruction FAQs \(Nepali\)](#) published in Annapurna Post
- [Enrolment data from MoFALD](#), published 22nd May
- [Menstrual Hygiene Day 2017](#) was yesterday, 28th May, and the theme was "education about menstruation changes everything"
- 39 people, from across 9 organisations (MoUD CL-PIU and DL-PIU, Red Cross, HRRP, EHRP, UNDP, Save the Children, and NSET) and 9 districts (Makwanpur, Nuwakot, Gorkha, Rasuwa, Dhading, Dolakha, Kavre, Kathmandu, and Okhaldhunga), completed the first Master Training of Trainers on the Corrections and Exceptions Manual. The MTOT was led by MoUD CL-PIU, and a second MTOT will be held from 30 May – 1 June.



Participants in the Master Training of Trainers (MTOT) on the Corrections and Exceptions Manual which took place from 24-26 May. Photo credit HRRP and JICA.

General Updates

REMINDER, 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.

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.

NRA Gorkha Request POs to Submit Monthly Report: the NRA district office in Gorkha published a public notice in the local papers requesting all Partner Organisations (POs) working on reconstruction in the district to submit their [monthly progress report](#) as per the [NGO mobilisation guidelines](#) and their tripartite agreements. POs operating without a tripartite agreement are requested to inform the NRA District Secretariat as soon as possible. The monthly progress report is a requirement for all partners working on the reconstruction, across all districts.

Milijuli Nepali, Episode 644: in this episode, the presenters talk to some residents of Okhaldhunga about the requirements that must be met for homeowners to be approved to receive the third tranche of the housing reconstruction grant.

REMINDER, 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](#).

REMINDER, NRA 5W Reporting: to date [108 out of 137 partners \(79%\) have reported to the NRA 5W system](#). Partners are requested to share their data for inclusion in the 5W as soon as possible. It is very exciting that 22 new reconstruction projects have been approved in recent weeks and these are now also being incorporated into the 5W. 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.

Reconstruction FAQs published in Annapurna Post on 26th May 2017: sourced from the [HRRP FAQs](#), the questions included are: We heard that NRA has decided to give 200,000 NPR to purchase the land for households whose land has been identified as at risk. Does it mean they must pay for the land first and then get back the money back, or will they get it in advance?, 25,000 NPRs of the third tranche is linked to having a toilet and solar panels, is it mandatory to install solar panels? We heard a rumour that the GoN are not going to give out the remaining tranches of the grant, is this true?, and we heard that if we have made a mistake during construction we will be disqualified from receiving the grant, is that true?

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Q&A
प्रश्न: हामीले सुनेका थियौं कि राष्ट्रिय पुनर्निर्माण प्राधिकरणले जोखिममुक्त बस्तीका लागि ग्राहीलाई जग्गा किन्न २ लाख रुपैयाँ अनुदान दिनेछ । त्यसो हो भने के त्यस्ता लाभग्राहीले पहिला आफै जग्गा खरिद गरेपछि पैसा पाउने हो ? वा सो रकम अगाडि नै पाइनेछ ?

पहिला त घरघनीले कहाँ बस्ने हो त्यस स्थानमा जग्गा पहिचान गर्न आवश्यक छ । यससम्बन्धी प्राधिकरणले काम गरिसकेको छ र मन्त्रीपरिषदबाट स्वीकृत भइसकेको छ । अब घरघनीले छानेको जग्गा मालपोत कार्यालयमा नामसारी दर्ता हुने क्रममा प्राधिकरणले रकम वितरण गर्नेछ ।

प्रश्न: अन्तिम किस्ताको २५००० रुपैयाँ शौचालय र सोलार राख्नलाई दिइनेछ । के हामीले अनिवार्य रूपमा सोलार जडान गर्नुपर्नेछ ?

घरको शौचालय निर्माण वा मर्मत चाहिँ अनिवार्य रूपमा गर्नुपर्दछ । सोलार जडान अनिवार्य छैन ।

प्रश्न: सरकारले हामीलाई बाँकी किस्ता बाँड्दैन भन्ने हुल्ला सुनेका छौं । के यो सत्य हो ?

होइन । यदि तपाईंको घर मापदण्डअनुसार निर्माण भएको छ वा प्राविधिकबाट निरीक्षणपश्चात सुधार कार्य भएको छ भने सिफारिस भएको छ भने तपाईंले बाँकी किस्ता अवश्य पाउनुहुनेछ ।

प्रश्न: हामीले सुनेका छौं कि यदि घर पुनर्निर्माणको क्रममा गल्ती भएमा हामीले अनुदान रकम पाउने छैनौं । के यो सत्य हो ?

तपाईंले इन्जिनियरबाट प्राप्त सुझावअनुसार सुधाराले उपयुक्त उपचार गर्न सक्नुहुन्छ । यदि सो सुधाराले उपयुक्त सही ढंगले अपनाइएको छ भने तपाईंले बाँकी किस्ता पनि पाउनुहुनेछ ।

थी प्रश्न-उत्तरहरू तयार गर्न सहयोग गरेकोमा HRRP लाई धन्यवाद दिन चाहन्छौं।

रेडक्रससम्बन्धी प्रश्न जिज्ञासा, सुझाव अथवा गुनासा खन भने कृपया ११३० मा फोन गर्नुहोस् । यो नम्बरमा नेपाल टेलिकम र एनसेलको तार फोन वा मोबाइलबाट डायल गर्दा पैसा लाग्दैन ।

(नेपाल रेडक्रस सोसाइटीको साप्ताहिक प्रश्न-उत्तर स्तम्भमा तपाईंलाई समाहित छ । मासिक सेवा, विपद, मुकम्प, स्वास्थ्य, मानवीय मूल्य प्रवर्धन, विनोद वृत्तीकरण र रेडक्रस जातिविहिनरूजस्ता विषयमा जानकारी दिन र कुराकानी गर्न यो स्तम्भ राम्रो विकल्प हो । यी विषयमा तपाईंका केही प्रश्नहरू छन भने हामीलाई इमेलमा लेख्नुहोस् वा प्रस.प्र.स. जर्जुनेस् र सहभागी हुनुहोस् । तपाईंका साविक र सडिक जिनासा सेवाउन हामी प्रयत्नशील रहनेछौं । छविधका जिनासा वा सुभाव वापत तपाईंले रु. एक सय मोबाइल रियाज रकम पाउनुहुनेछ ।) **हामी तपाईंको प्रश्नको प्रतिक्रिया छौं ।**

नोट : २५३४३ मा एस एम एस पठाउँदा RC टाइप गरी स्पेस दिनुहोस् र तपाईंको जिज्ञासा लेखेर पठाउनुहोस् ।

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Menstrual Hygiene Day 2017: 28th May is Menstrual Hygiene Day (MHD) and the theme this year was “Education about Menstruation Changes Everything”. MHD raises awareness of the challenges women and girls worldwide face due to menstruation and highlights solutions that address these challenges. The MHD website features [campaign materials](#), a [list of events](#), and [fact sheets and other resources](#).

HRRP Media Digest, some interesting articles include:

[Dahal steps down to honour deal with NC:](#) Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal resigned on Wednesday to honour a deal he had reached with the Nepali Congress (NC) 10 months ago. PM Dahal announced his resignation in a televised address, saying he wanted to break the culture of breaking political promises. Dahal’s resignation has paved the way for NC President Sher Bahadur Deuba to take over the government leadership.

[In Nepal, women are still banished to 'menstrual huts' during their periods. It's time to end this dangerous tradition:](#) the article tells of women’s experiences living with the practice of Chhaupadi, where they are forced to stay outside their home while menstruating. The practice was [outlawed](#) by the supreme court of Nepal in 2005, but the tradition is still rampant. One of the main reasons behind continuity of the tradition is that law enforcement agencies often see menstruation as a private family issue.

[UN resilience 'scorecard' to help cities curb disaster losses from climate change, other risk drivers:](#) The new scorecard which aligns with a global disaster loss reduction framework from climate change and other risk drivers is intended to be used by 200 cities by the end of this year.

[Govt to give interest free loans to quake-hit:](#) Disadvantaged and vulnerable families affected by the earthquake can now receive 300,000 NPRs through an interest-free loan, in addition to the GoN housing reconstruction grant. The interest free loan is intended to support vulnerable households to have the additional financial resources required to rebuild their homes. This is part of the government’s decision to implement working procedures, recently passed by cabinet, which allow lending based on ‘community collateral’.

[WVU professor develops system to prepare for major earthquake:](#) West Virginia University professor Hota Ganga Rao, and Praveen Majjigapu, a Ph.D. student in civil engineering, have developed a system that will increase the strength and endurance of structures in disasters. The system is also beneficial for repairing historic or aging structures. The three-piece system consisting of filler modules – wedge-like parts made to certain specifications – reinforcing dowels and [composite materials](#) allows buildings and bridges to resist heavier loads, and provides a significant amount of shock absorption as well as moisture and fire resistance.

[Hundreds of youths leave country after losing jobs, businesses:](#) Hundreds of youths from the Tatopani border point and nearby towns in Sindhupalchok have gone abroad for employment after the busiest border between Nepal and China was closed following the 2015 earthquake. Most of them had jobs or owned businesses at the border town but after the border was closed indefinitely, they had no option but to go overseas to earn money.

[New taxi number plates to be issued by June \(Nepali\):](#) The government has announced that new taxi number plates will be issued only in the second week of Asar (June). As per the Transportation Authority, the delay in issuing the new plates was due to the local level elections. The government has decided to issue 1,500 new taxi number plates for people affected by the earthquakes.

Meetings and Events

[Corrections and Exceptions Manual and Updated Inspection Form MToT 24-26 May and 30,31 May and 1 June:](#)

training is led by MoUD CL-PIU with support from HRRP, NSET, JICA, UNDP, and World Bank. 39 people, from across 9 organisations and 9 districts, completed the first training and a second training will take place on 30 May – 1 June. The trained trainers will then be deployed to the districts to train field staff. Starting from the first week of June, HRRP will also be offering half day orientations at district level for those interested to get a general overview of the corrections manual and how it will be implemented. There will also be technical session at national level on the corrections and exceptions manual – keep an eye out for the invite!

[NRA Communications Working Group Meeting, 26 May:](#) the group discussed the NRA strategy and action plan for communications. For further information please contact Mr. Bishma Bhusal, NRA Deputy Spokesperson, bkb2032@gmail.com.

[Government, Humanitarian Partners Seek Sustainable Future For Nepal Emergency Preparedness Facility:](#) The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID), United Nations Resident Coordinator (UNRC), and the World Food Programme (WFP) met on Thursday 25th May at the Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) to discuss sustainable methods to work together on better preparedness for crises.

[Webinar, Developing Markets for Sanitation: Where to Start?:](#) the webinar, which is co-hosted by SuSanA and BEAM Exchange, will take place on Wednesday 31st May at 17:00 CEST (Central European Summer Time); 20:45 Nepal time. This webinar is co-hosted by SuSanA and BEAM Exchange. The presenters are from Population Services International, India and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

[EHRP Dhading, Meeting on Environment, Social Screening, and Environment Management Plan, 24 May:](#) the EHRP Dhading presented a summary report of the Environment, Social Screening, and Environment Management Plan to the LDO, DUDBC Divisional Engineers, District Technical Office (DTO), NRA District Officer, DFO Assistant Forest Officer, and the District Soil Conservation Office (DSCO). The HRRP team in Dhading also participated in the meeting.

[HRRP Makwanpur Joint Monitoring Visit:](#)

those taking part in the joint monitoring visit included the Chief of the NRA District Secretariat, Pushpa Raj Adhikari, the DCC Social Development Officer, Ram Krishna Thapa, the Assistant District Education Officer under the District Education Office, Hum Nath Sharma, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist from MoFALD DL-PIU, Bibek Gautam, and the HRRP Makwanpur team. They visited four sites in Chhatiban (now in Bakaiya rural municipality) and Shikhapur where On the Job Training (OJT) is being provided by Helvetas. During the visit, they met with Narbada Ghimire, seen during the training in the photograph, a participant in On the Job Training provided by Helvetas in Makwanpur.



[District Health Recovery and Reconstruction Plan, Makwanpur:](#) the District Health Office (DHO) in Makwanpur organised a stakeholder meeting on 21st May to review the draft District Health and Recovery and Reconstruction Plan. Feedback provided included suggestions to focus more on people's needs and capacity building components, and that the plan should incorporate a comprehensive picture of physical damages of health offices, gaps in the health delivery, and needs for improvements. The CDO, Mr. Narayan Prasad Duwadee, requested the DHO to revise the plan based on the feedback provided and then present it to the DDRC.

[Miyamoto Presentation on Improving Life Safety in Schools in Nepal, Pokhara Seismic Vulnerability Assessment and Risk Reduction Prioritisation Plan, 1 June:](#) Dr. H. Kit Miyamoto and Dr. Santosh Shrestha will present the findings from seismic risk assessments of 195 higher secondary schools, based on which a risk-reduction prioritisation plan has been developed. The meeting will take place on 1 June at 3pm in the meeting hall of the Ministry of Education (4th floor), Singha Durbar.

UK Shelter Forum 20, 26th May: UKSF20 was held on the 26th May at Oxford Brookes University with a focus on ‘Shelter, Protection and Protracted Crises’. The event was hosted by CENDEP, IOM, and NRC and included sessions on ‘Building for Safety’ delivered by CARE (with reference to the [Promoting Safer Building Programme](#) which held a [roundtable discussion](#) in Kathmandu on 1st May this year) and the introduction of a new course, prepared by ARUP, on “using bamboo for construction in humanitarian and development contexts”.

Applications Open for OFID Development Leaders Scholarship 2017: the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) is seeking applications for its Development Leaders Scholarship 2017 to build essential infrastructure, strengthen social services delivery and promote productivity, competitiveness and trade. This year OFID will sponsor 16 young leaders who are active in international development to participate in the One Young World Summit 2017 which takes place in Bogotá, Colombia from 4 – 7 October. Applications must be submitted by 20 June at the latest.

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](#).

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.

REMINDER, Cash Transfer and Market Assessment Training, Expression of Interest: HRRP is collaborating with the Red Cross and the CCG to assess the possibility of holding a training for HRRP partners from the 12 - 16 June. To understand if there is demand for this training, we would request that those interested to take part write to Siobhan Kennedy, HRRP Recovery Advisor, siobhan@hrrpnepal.org, by **COB Tuesday 30th May** at the latest.

Useful Documents

Reports from the HRRP team in Gorkha: one on a [field visit](#) to Aaruarbang, Aaruchanaute and Tandrang VDCs, and one on a [door to door technical assistance reflection and strategic planning session](#) organised by CRS and supported by MoUD DL-PIU, DUDBC, NRA, and HRRP with the objective of developing a VDC level coordination and communication mechanism in 9 VDCs (Bungkot, Taple, Aaruarbang, Aarupokhari, Aaruchanaute, Tandrang, Manbhu, Thumi, and Lapu).

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030: The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 was adopted at the Third UN World Conference in Sendai, Japan, on March 18, 2015. It is the outcome of stakeholder consultations initiated in March 2012 and inter-governmental negotiations from July 2014 to March 2015, supported by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction at the request of the UN General Assembly. This framework was the basis for discussions at the [2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) which was held on 22-26 May in Cancun, Mexico. Videos of all sessions at the platform are available on the Global Platform [website](#), and on the [UNISDR](#) (UN Officer for Disaster Risk Reduction) [YouTube channel](#).

Global Migration, Resilient Cities at the Forefront: this report was developed as a result of the “100RC Network Exchange: Cities and the Global Migration Crisis” that took place in Athens, Greece, on September 7-9, 2016, and

involved the collaboration of 8 member cities from the [‘100 Resilient Cities’ initiative pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation](#). The initiative helps cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social, and economic challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century. This report highlights best practices and pressing challenges, and concludes by emphasising the need for cities to develop better local, national, and international partnerships to successfully build resilience that makes cities better for all residents.

[Menstrual Hygiene Management \(MHM\) Training Manual](#): This publication is meant to be used by service providers, extension and community workers, teachers, parents, and peers in their efforts to reach out to large numbers of women and girls in an efficient and effective way without compromising on quality and message. A list of key indicators for Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) programming put together by Plan International is available [here](#).

[E-distance learning course on Menstrual Hygiene Management \(MHM\)](#): The WinS4Girls E-Course was designed by UNICEF and the Center for Global Safe WASH at Emory University to help strengthen the capacity of WASH practitioners and policymakers to carry out rigorous research that investigates local MHM practices and challenges. It includes step-by-step modules for planning formative research into MHM. A toolbox to assess MHM in schools is available [here](#).

[Briefing Note, Preliminary Findings IRM4, The Asia Foundation](#): highlights early findings from the fourth round of qualitative research for The Asia Foundation’s [Independent Impacts and Recovery Monitoring Project \(IRM\)](#). The research was conducted by Democracy Resource Center Nepal. The briefing note highlights that additional technical assistance and support for vulnerable households are urgently required, and that the MoUD DL-PIU engineers are struggling due to a variety of logistical challenges (please see reminder above regarding support to MoUD CL-PIU and DL-PIUs on this).

[Surakshit Ghar App Officially Launched](#): freely available for Android users on the [Google Play Store](#).

[USAID/OFDA Shelter and Settlements Training Course](#): This course introduces the basics of humanitarian community shelter and settlements (S&S) activities, as well as looking at how to promote the recovery of affected settlements.

[Corrections and Exceptions Manual for Masonry Structures](#)

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

[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.

[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 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.

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

HRRP District Profiles, based on HRRP 4W data from 10th May:

[Okhaldhunga](#)
[Sindhupalchowk](#)
[Makwanpur](#)
[Kavrepalanchok](#)
[Gorkha](#)
[Dolakha](#)
[Kathmandu Valley](#)
[Dhading](#)
[Rasuwa](#)
[Ramechhap](#)

Maps of coverage of [door to door technical assistance teams](#), [helpdesks / technical resource centres](#), and [Community Reconstruction Committees \(CRCs\)](#) based on HRRP 4W data from 10th May. An unofficial English translation of the Reconstruction Community Based Committees Directive, 2073 is available [here](#).

Emergency Response Preparedness, District Profiles (Earthquake Districts, Flood Risk Districts): published by the UN Nepal Information Platform the district profiles will be updated and finalised in mid-June. For further information please contact Dan Ayliffe, Disaster Resilience & Humanitarian Adviser, UN RCO, Dan.Ayliffe@one.un.org.

[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.