

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

3 April 2017

### This Week's Highlights

- The CBS survey in the 17 districts is 88% complete as of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, and the NRA CEO is in Lumle VDC in Kaski District today to launch disbursement of the first tranche to eligible households ([Nepali](#), [English](#))
- MoFALD released new enrolment data on 2<sup>nd</sup> April which shows that 89.5% of eligible households have been enrolled, and that 96.5% of enrolled households have received the first tranche of the grant ([Nepali](#), [English](#))
- As of 3<sup>rd</sup> April, [MoUD CL-PIU](#) reports that 9,049 HHs have been approved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche and 358 HHs have been approved for the 3<sup>rd</sup> tranche
- [Volume two of the DUDBC house design catalogue](#) has been released
- Northern Areas Technical Session, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 11am, DUDBC Conference Hall
- [Functional Unbundling Report](#) posted on the [website of the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers](#)
- [Nepal's Reconstruction Communications](#): findings from BBC Media Action research



A house under construction in Tipling VDC, Dhading; photo credit National Society of Earthquake Technology-Nepal (NSET).

## General Updates

[MoUD CL-PIU MIS portal](#): district-wise overview of inspection and reconstruction progress from DL-PIU engineers, table below provides numbers as of 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 11am:

Districts	Eligible HHs	HHs with Grant Agreement	HHs who have received the 1st tranche	Number houses where reconstruction has started	No. of HHs requesting for the 2nd tranche	No. of HHs approved for the 2nd tranche	No. of HHs not approved for the 2nd tranche	No. of HHs requesting for the 3rd tranche	No. of HHs approved for the 3rd tranche	No. of HHs not approved for the 3rd tranche	No. of HHs who have completed reconstruction	No. of houses reconstructed by the HHs themselves
Sindhupalchok	78,537	74,924	74,912	6,734	1,481	689	117	114	45	4	70	1,389
Dhading	70,581	64,293	63,978	4,716	3,293	722	671	324	35	0	5	4,332
Kavrepalanchok	67,731	60,721	60,063	5,079	3,783	1,826	304	108	47	5	607	1,002
Nuwakot	65,773	62,046	61,575	3,942	4,318	1,465	858	69	69			4,770
Gorkha	58,503	53,349	52,343	4,822	3,598	848	288	0	0	0	0	
Dolakha	51,940	48,114	48,077	4,724	2,670	679	51	327	146	8	0	2,890
Ramechhap	43,609	40,911	39,759	3,689	2,466	1,143	79	231	14	21	738	1,202
Kathmandu	42,500	35,136	33,353	851	226	22	35	0	0	0	0	110
Sindhuli	34,269	28,269	26,162	2,843	901	543	117				666	717
Makwanpur	30,238	21,696	21,565	2,826	1,711	345		0				
Bhaktapur	26,066	20,156	20,156	668	247	40	32	0	0		72	109
Lalitpur	25,893	19,675	15,296	166	13	10	1	0	0		149	90
Okhaldhunga	19,819	18,489	18,301	3,601	1,605	261	147	140	0		223	65
Rasuwa	11,236	9,682	9,456	992	694	456	675	38	2	0	701	765
<b>Total</b>	<b>626,695</b>	<b>557,461</b>	<b>544,996</b>	<b>45,653</b>	<b>27,006</b>	<b>9,049</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>17,441</b>

[Volume two of the DUDBC house design catalogue](#) has been released and includes model house designs using:

- Interlocking brick masonry,
- Confined hollow concrete block masonry,
- Hollow concrete block masonry,
- Compressed stabilised earth block masonry,
- Random rubble masonry in mud mortar with GI wire containment,
- Bamboo and stone masonry hybrid structure,
- Rat trap bond masonry,
- Earth bag masonry,
- Light gauge steel structure,
- Steel structure,
- Timber structure, and
- Debris block masonry.

These typologies are not part of the Nepal National Building code but the designs included in the catalogue are now approved MoUD designs and the next step will be for MoUD CL-PIU and NRA to develop inspection criteria for these models.

[HRRP Media Digest](#), some interesting articles include:

[12 ways to turn water from waste to resource](#): as 80% of the world's wastewater flows untreated into the environment, The Guardian asked an expert panel to discuss how to promote water reuse

[Lowest bidders threatening Nepal's quake-hit heritage](#): Deepak Shrestha, caretaker of the Trailokya Mohan Narayan Temple, has closed the temple to keep out the contractors who are meant to be rebuilding it as he feels they will not rebuild the temple correctly. The head of UNESCO in Nepal, Christian Manhart, said that the lowest bidder may not be the best placed to manage challenging repair and reconstruction works to heritage sites.

[Tourism pumped Rs177b into Nepal's economy](#): Nepal's travel and tourism sector pumped Rs177 billion into the economy and supported more than 427,000 jobs last year, according to the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC).

[On the path to recovery](#): repairing the trail to Uhiya village, near the epicentre of the April 25<sup>th</sup> earthquake, has made travelling safer, revived trekking, and raised the income of local women.

[Nepal's economy likely to grow by up to 6.2pc: ADB](#): the economy may expand by up to 6.2% in the current fiscal year, led by a bumper agricultural output, prospects of a pick-up in post-earthquake reconstruction works, and an improving investment climate.

[Earthquake impact study report released: 'Nepal earthquake 2015: A socio-demographic impact study'](#) was released by Minister for Population and Environment (MoPE), Jay Dev Joshi on the 29<sup>th</sup> March. The study was conducted by the Tribhuvan University Central Department of Population Studies, with support from MoPE, UNFPA and IOM.

**Support to MoUD CL-PIU for typical non-compliance review**: HRRP technical coordinators, as well as a structural engineer from Build Change, are working with MoUD CL-PIU engineers and architects to review 10 typical non-compliant RCC structures. The information on the structures has been submitted by DL-PIU engineers and the review will now structurally analyse these to determine if they fulfil NBC requirements. If so, they will be approved and the design and drawings will be finalised and shared to the districts. It is estimated that this process will take 3 weeks to complete. Partners interested to get further information or support the process may contact Narayan Marasini, HRRP National Technical Coordinator, [techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org).

**NRA 5W Reporting**: to date only 79 out of 131 partners have reported to the NRA 5W system. We urge partners who have not reported to share their data as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact Gaurab Pradhan, [gaurab@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:gaurab@hrrpnepal.org), for more information. Once the NRA 5W is fully up and running the HRRP 4W will be phased out.

Build Change are offering [internships for engineers](#) and [graduate opportunities for young professionals](#)

## Meetings and Events

**Northern Areas Technical Session**: taking place tomorrow (4<sup>th</sup> April) at 11am in the DUDBC Conference Hall; hope to see you there!

**NRA Communications Working Group** met on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and discussed PR / media communications around the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary where the NRA CEO Dr. Pokharel is keen to present the recovery and reconstruction efforts jointly with Partner Organisations (POs). The group also discussed communications with communities and BBC Media Action provided useful insight from [research they have conducted into access to, and use of various communications mechanisms](#). It was clear from the discussion, and the BBC Media Action findings, that leaflets, PSAs, pamphlets, etc. are not particularly effective and that there is a need to scale up the full package of technical assistance, and to ensure that staff delivering technical assistance are equipped to play the role of outreach workers. HRRP will be supporting the group to facilitate continued discussion on this, and to map on-going communications activities, for more information please contact [info@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:info@hrrpnepal.org).

**NRA Housing Technical Working Group**, under the leadership of Dr. Hari Parajuli, is continuing to work on the preparation of a corrections manual to support rectification of already constructed houses, information booklets on retrofitting, and a scoring system for compliance as part of the inspection process. Partners interested to get further

information or support the group may contact Narayan Marasini, HRRP National Technical Coordinator, [techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org).

**On the Job Training** meeting was held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March in the NRA to discuss some recurring issues:

- There are different levels of wages being provided by different training providers. This has a very negative impact and partners delivering OJT are requested to adhere to the [NRA training strategy](#) which states that trainees should be paid 50% of the district wage rate
- A variety of training curricula are being used – training providers must use training materials following the CTEVT curriculum.
- The NRA has recommended that during the run up to the local elections, training providers should select a community building, e.g. health post, school, etc., for the trainees to build rather than a private house.
- Implementers and donors present were requested to submit their trainee information to HRRP using the [NRA MIS Training Reporting Format](#)

**Interaction programme between Secretariat of NRA District Coordination Committee and POs in Sindhupalchowk:** the event was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> March with the aim of discussing current challenges in reconstruction and discussing how the NRA district office can support efforts to solve these issues. Some of the challenges presented were:

- The number of inspection checklist forms in the district / VDCs is not sufficient.
- People living by the road side have not started construction because the provisions in the road extension by-laws will mean that they have very little land left, and they are unsure how to proceed.
- The availability of timber of sufficient quality for banding is limited and most of the timber in the district is of a type that is prone to decay.
- The current pace of addressing grievances is slower than expected and needs to be accelerated.
- Subsidised loans / loans using group collateral are still not available to households.
- Duplication of POs support is seen in a number of VDCs / wards.
- Some people are still living in Golche and Gumba which are Northern VDCs that are at risk and they are not willing to move to safer areas.

Please contact [Rup Kumar BC](#), HRRP District Coordinator in Sindhupalchowk, for more information.

**Sindhupalchowk Earthquake Simulation Exercise:** conducted on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, the simulation was carried out by DDRC in cooperation with DLSA and all the agencies working in the district. The DDRC is preparing a report on the event which will be available soon. Please contact [Rup Kumar BC](#), HRRP District Coordinator in Sindhupalchowk, for more information.

**Naya Surya 'Nettle Concrete' Workshop:** taking place in Bhaktapur on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact [info@nayasurya.org](mailto:info@nayasurya.org) for further details.

## Useful Documents

**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. The report is also available on the [website of the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers](#) and an English translation is being prepared which will be shared as soon it is complete.

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**[RapidWASH Assessment Tool](#)**: developed by WaterAid Australia, mWater, and IRC WASH, this is a mobile based data collection tool for WASH service level analysis.

**[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.

**[Updated NBC 202, 203, 204, and 205](#)**

**[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](#).

**[Updated contact details for incumbent Rural Municipality, Sub-Metropolitan, and Metropolitan CEOs in the Kathmandu Valley](#)**

**[Ward Officer Contact Details \(Nepali\), Bhaktapur](#)**

**[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.

**[Q&A](#)**: new questions to be included can be shared to [info@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:info@hrrpnepal.org) or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time. Nepali version of Community FAQs also available.

## Information Products

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**[Coverage of helpdesks / technical resource centres as per HRRP 10<sup>th</sup> March 4W data](#)**

**District Profiles** based on 10<sup>th</sup> March 4W data:

- [Dhading](#)
- [Dolakha](#)
- [Gorkha](#)
- [Kathmandu Valley](#)
- [Kavrepalanchok](#)
- [Makwanpur](#)
- [Nuwakot](#)
- [Okhaldhunga](#)
- [Ramechhap](#)
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