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General Updates

- The 25 December marked the **one year anniversary of the NRA**. A press conference was held on the day and the press release can be found [here](#). Some of the key points from the press release are as follows:
 - 626,036 households across the fourteen districts have been identified as **eligible** to receive the housing reconstruction grant.
 - 41,311 houses have been reconstructed and a further 17,144 are under construction.
 - 204,177 **grievances** have been registered at local level and the NRA has received 107,000 at central level. Many grievances have been addressed at local level. Of the total grievances received at the central level, a total of 79,322 have been reviewed. This will be published once the revised grant distribution guideline is approved.
 - Reconstruction of 15 **heritage sites** is complete and reconstruction of a further 69 sites is ongoing.
 - 200 **health centres** have been reconstructed using prefabricated buildings and a further 169 are underway.
 - 32 **government offices** have been reconstructed using prefabricated buildings and a further 228 are underway.
 - Reconstruction of 200 **schools** was completed while 1,200 are under construction.
 - 297 **water supply** projects were completed.
- On the 27 December the NRA released a progress report which is available [here](#). Some of the main points in the report are as follows:
 - A total of 715,319 households were assessed across the 11 districts. In Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, and Lalitpur 108,806 household assessments were carried out.
 - The total number of households eligible to receive the housing grant across the 11 districts is 531,964 and in the Kathmandu Valley is 94,072.
 - MoUs have been completed with 476,103 households in the 11 districts and 66,074 households in the Kathmandu Valley.
 - A total of 452,490 households have received the first tranche of the housing reconstruction grant.
 - Assessments are ongoing in the 17 districts.
- **Revised Grant Disbursement Guidelines:** On the 29 December the Cabinet of Ministers approved the revised guideline for the disbursement of the housing reconstruction grant for earthquake affected private houses. The revised guideline includes the increased grant amount from 200,000 NPRs to 300,000 NPRs, provision for 25,000 NPRs of the third tranche to be allocated for installation of solar lights and a household toilet, and the 100,000 NPRs retrofitting grant.
- **Gorkha Supply Chain Assessment:** We are very pleased to announce that in Gorkha partners have come together to support a district wide supply chain, providing staff at VDC level who will be trained and supported by Practical Action through the process. Practical Action will be travelling to Gorkha this week for a planning session, orientation of enumerators, and field testing. Please note that we are still seeking partners support for supply chain assessment in other districts. Further information is provided in the 'reminders' section below.
- **Household WASH:** As support for the roll out of information for households on the 25,000 NPRs allocated for installation of solar lights and household toilet form the third tranche of the housing grant we would request partners **share existing toilet designs or WASH information materials** that have been developed. We are also working with DWSS and NRA to plan the postponed Household WASH session and hope to have a new date for the session very soon.

- **Request for Support for 19th Earthquake Safety Day:** An earthquake safety campaign run annually from 16 Poush to 15 Magh (the entire month of January) with various activities aimed at raising awareness on earthquake risk reduction and preparedness. Support is requested from partners for the following activities:
 - Earthquake Memorial Meetings
 - Earthquake Awareness Rally
 - National Meeting
 - Earthquake Safety Exhibition
 - Shake Table Demonstration
 - Full Scale Model Demonstration
 - National Symposium
 - Walkathon with People with disabilities
- More information on these activities and the estimated budget for each can be found in the Earthquake Safety Day concept note available [here](#). If you are interested to support any of the above activities, or require additional information, please contact Bijay Upadhyay (bupadhyay@nset.org.np)
- For your information we are also sharing a UNDSS Security Advisory, available [here](#), regarding rabies in Dolakha.
- HRRP weekly bulletins are now available on the HRRP website [here](#)

Meetings and Events

- District orientations for Partner Organisations (POs) on the Inspection SOP took place in Dhading, Nuwakot, and Dolakha on the 29 December. Many thanks to all the participants who took part in these orientations. The orientation will be delivered across the remaining 8 districts outside of the Kathmandu Valley in the coming weeks and is scheduled in Gorkha and Kavre on the 3 January and in Rasuwa on the 4 January. We will keep you updated as the date of the orientation is fixed in other districts. Please feel free to contact the HRRP District Coordinators or the National Technical Coordinator (techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org) if you require additional information on these orientations.
- The HRRP will restart technical sessions in January. We would request that partners share suggestions for topics for future technical sessions with Siobhan (siobhan@hrrpnepal.org). All information on completed technical sessions can be found [here](#).

Useful Documents

- The final draft version, in English, of the **NRA Training Strategy** is available [here](#) for your information and reference. The final approved version of the strategy will be the Nepali version which the NRA is currently working on.
- The National Information Commission have produced a booklet providing information related to women's entitlements which is available [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.
- The draft 'Q&A' document is available [here](#). This is a living document and questions to be included can be shared to info@hrrpnepal.org or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time.

Information Products

- A [map](#) has been produced to highlight the number of Partner Organisations that are present (planned and on-going) in Kathmandu Valley with an overlay of number of beneficiaries as per NRA and IDP Camps according to DTM Round 8.

Reminders

- **PHOTOS PHOTOS PHOTOS - PLEASE SHARE THEM!** Photos are extremely useful to understand technical issues or emerging trends that are coming up in the districts and we would really urge partners to share photos from your working areas with us so that we can store them as a reference for all partners. Please send photos to Kuber (techofficer.national@hrrpnepal.org) and Laxmi (techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org) and include details of where the photo was taken and what it shows.
- **Survey on masons construction practices after training** - JICA have prepared survey formats to collect this information and kindly made them available to partners [here](#). We would really appreciate partner support to carry out this survey to gain a better understanding of the impact of training across the districts. The JICA presentation from the Masons Training Experience Sharing Session which includes a section on their findings from the survey can be found [here](#).
- **Supply Chain Field Assessment** - Practical Action have completed a supply chain assessment in Rasuwa and Nuwakot. The draft report is available [here](#). Practical Action have resources to conduct analysis and report preparation for other districts but require support for the data collection. Based on Practical Action's experience in Rasuwa and Nuwakot, the field study takes one month and costs 500,000 NPR per district. The NRA is very keen to see these assessments conducted in all 14 districts, so we would request that POs consider contributing to this and would ask that any interested organisations contact Siobhan (siobhan@hrrpnepal.org).