
HRRP Weekly Bulletin - 18 Nov

Dear Partners,

We would like to draw your attention to the following updates and information from the HRRP team.

- The NRA training strategy is currently under development and will soon be finalised. The strategy includes guidelines for the implementation of 'On the Job' training for new masons through the construction of a demonstration house in every ward, of the 560 VDCs in the 14 most affected districts. POs interested in implementing 'On the Job' training are requested to contact Loren (loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org) to outline available resources.
- Prajwal, the HRRP Government Liaison Officer, met with officials from the MoUD CL-PIU and MoFALD CL-PIU this week and was informed that:
 - The first tranche payment has been released from central level to district offices for 603,511 households, and that recently first tranche payments were released for 35,561 households in Kathmandu and 18,000 households in Bhaktapur.
 - It was also highlighted that 25,000 NPRs of the 100,000 NPRs addition to the housing grant (increasing the total from 200,000 NPRs to 300,000 NPRs) is allocated for the construction or repair of the household toilet and installation of solar lights. This will be included in the final tranche of the housing grant.
- As of date, there are 183,872 grievances cases registered across 11 most affected districts. 100,708 grievances have been forwarded to NRA, among which 32,444 have been reviewed and dealt with. A team of 22 engineers in NRA are working intensively on reviewing the rest 68,000 grievances cases.
- The MoUD CL-PIU have also made the contact list for the DL-PIU engineers deployed in the VDCs available to share with HRRP partners and this now available on the website [here](#).
- An unofficial English translation of the Inspection SOP is now available on the HRRP website [here](#).
- On Tuesday 15th November the HRRP participated in a Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) meeting regarding preparation and planning for Earthquake Safety Day 2017. The presentation from the meeting can be found [here](#) and the draft programme activities list is available [here](#). The meeting was primarily focused on national level planning for ESD, and it was clarified that district level planning will be managed by the district authorities who will coordinate with potential partners at district level. All partners were requested to share their plans for the ESD National Programme, including financial contribution, before 28 November to Bijay Upadhyay (bupadhyay@nset.org.np).
- JICA has recently completed an interesting survey that showed that masons who have been trained do not necessarily build houses that are safe. We feel that this would be an interesting study to do in other areas and would like to encourage partners to do something similar to assess the effects and quality of trainings within their programs. JICA have kindly made their survey formats available to partners and are happy for partners to use them. These can be accessed [here](#). We request that the results be shared with the HRRP so that they can be compiled. If your organisation is interested in carrying out this survey, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Loren directly on this (loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org).

- We are currently working to update the HRRP website slightly and are hoping to include a section for photos. We would greatly appreciate it if HRRP partners could share interesting photos related to the housing reconstruction. It would be particularly useful if partners can share photos of emerging technical issues that are arising in the areas where they are working to support technical discussions at national level. Please send the photos with Photo credit, a caption of the activity to info@hrrpnepal.org.
- The Technical Session on 'Enhancing Rural Construction Culture' held at the HRRP on 15 November was a very successful and interesting event, and we would like to thank everyone who attended. A summary of the discussions will be made available soon.
- An internal meeting on winter preparedness was held in the Ministry of Home Affairs/NEOC (MoHA) on 17 November with participation of the cluster leads and co-leads. As the outcome of the meeting, District Lead Support Agencies (DLSAs) will take lead in coordination the winter preparedness meeting in the districts, facilitating and identifying vulnerable areas and populations and stockpile NFIs and firewood. Action points from the other line ministries and clusters can be found in the [meeting minute \(Nepali\) here](#).

Reminders

- The HRRP now aims to hold a technical session roughly every week, and the next technical session will be on **retrofitting at DUDBC on Tuesday 22 November at 3 PM**. If you are interested to attend please RSVP to Sushmita (sushmita@hrrpnepal.org) by Sunday 20 November at the latest. The following week we will be looking into a technical session on bamboo.
- We would also like to remind you that tomorrow, 19 November, is [World Toilet Day](#). **The theme this year is focused on how sanitation can impact on livelihoods and the role toilets play in creating a strong economy**. Over the coming weeks the HRRP will be working to better integrate household WASH into the housing reconstruction discussions, particularly with regard to the portion of the housing grant dedicated to toilet construction / repair.
- The Global WASH Cluster meeting is going to take place on 22 - 23 November in Hotel Yak and Yeti, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu. For more information please refer to the [link here](#).

Information Products

- A series of updated district profiles are made available for **9 districts**. The district profile intends to outlines the current activities by partner organisations (POs) in post-earthquake recovery and reconstruction. It is based on 4W and secondary data collected from POs on their recent activities pertaining to housing sector. Please access the individual district profile through the following links.

- [Dhading](#)
- [Dolakha](#)
- [Gorkha](#)
- [Kavrepalanchok](#)
- [Nuwakot](#)
- [Okhaldhunga](#)
- [Ramechhap](#)
- [Rasuwa](#)
- [Sindhupalchok](#)