

**Directives for the harvesting, supply and management of wood
for the earthquake victims, 2072 (2016)**

This Directives has been developed for the supply of wood for the earthquake victims.

Chapter 1

This directive shall be active until the completion of reconstruction as mentioned in the Earthquake Affected Infrastructure Reconstruction Act, 2072.

This directive shall be applied only for the supply of wood for the earthquake victims.

Chapter 3

Special Provision for Wood Harvesting/Production

1. The Ministry, as per the recommendation from the Committee, can produce/harvest and distribute necessary wood through its offices for the reconstruction of earthquake affected infrastructures.
2. Pursuant to sub clause (1), collection shall be done hundred percent of the quantity of the annual allowable cut as mentioned in the Action Plan.
3. With regards to the collection of wood from the Shivalek areas, first priority will be given to the earthquake affected households.
4. Pursuant to sub clause (1) and (3), the Community Forest User Group (CFUGs) can give priority to dead, dried and uneven woods, and those trees that have stopped growing based on the annual allowable cut.
5. In case of expired Action Plan for the purpose of sub clause (4), the annual allowable cut must be determined as per the additional surplus in the latest Action Plan for a period until mid-July 2017.
6. For the purpose of sub clause (1), in case where the trees are mature, the CFUGs can conduct tree thinning as per relevant guidelines.

Sale of the wood

1. As per the annual allowable cut, the CFUGs must give first priority to the earthquake victims of the group or to the victims of neighboring CFUGs from the same VDC/Municipality/Sub-Metropolitan/Metropolitan or to the victims from another VDC/Municipality/ Sub-Metropolitan/Metropolitan within the same district.
2. Pursuant to sub clause (1), the CFUGs must provide wood after determining the quantity and the pricing as per the felling, pruning, hauling and release order as well as the grade and species of the wood.
3. Pursuant to sub clause (1) the CFUG must issue a slip with the name of the person or organization, quantity of wood and price and inform the relevant office as soon as possible.

4. Pursuant to sub clause (3), the CFUG must issue the iron stamp and exit receipt for the transportation of wood meant for the earthquake victims. In addition, they must get approval from the nearest Forest Office.

Demand and supply of wood

1. As much as possible the earthquake victims must try to get the necessary wood from their respective CFUGs.
2. Pursuant to sub clause (1), in case wood is not available from their own CFUGs, one can get the wood from any neighboring CFUGs. While ordering from other CFUGs, one must get a recommendation letter from their respective CFUG office.
3. If an earthquake victim is not a member of any CFUG, such person can order wood from the neighboring CFUG of the same VDC/Municipality/Sub-Metropolitan/Metropolitan that the person is residing.
4. While ordering the wood, the beneficiaries must present the Earthquake Victim Card as well as the recommendation letter for reconstruction issued by the VDC/Municipality/Sub-Metropolitan/Metropolitan.

Chapter 3

Supply of wood from other districts

Provision of wood from other districts

1. Apart from the earthquake affected districts, the rest of the districts must provide at least 25 percent of the production while implementing the Forest Management Plan of Government and Collaborative forests.
2. At least 50 percent of the wood produced from Collaborative forests that the GoN would receive can be provided to the earthquake victims.
However, if there aren't any wood or if there aren't enough wood for sale and distribution which is processed through District Forest Products Supply Committee, then at least 75 percent of the wood that the GoN would receive can be separated for local supply.
3. As per the clause 28 (1) of the Community Forests Timber/Firewood Collection, Sale and Distribution Directives, 2071, the remaining wood, after distribution by the District Forest Products Supply Committee (DFPSC), shall be provided to the earthquake victims. DFPSC will sell and distribute the wood to the earthquake victims as per the Point 9 (2) of Chapter 4.
4. Among the timber and firewood that have been collected after felling of trees while implementing development project approved by the GoN, 50 percent wood of the wood species that are required by earthquake victims shall be allocated for the victims through relevant departments.
5. Among the total wood collected through Timber Corporation of Nepal (TCN) if it has been identified then the same amount otherwise (if it has not been identified then) up to 50 percent of the total collected wood must be allocated for the earthquake victims. The

remaining 50 percent wood shall be sold and distributed equally by District Forest Office and TCN.

Operating depots in the earthquake affected districts

1. Pursuant to clause (6) wood produced from other districts will be sawed and transported to the earthquake affected districts to be sold through the depots. For this, wood sales depots can be established in the district headquarters or other parts of the districts as per the recommendation of the committee.
2. If any CFUG wants to sell the wood meant for auction to the earthquake victims then such wood can be provided to the DFPSC after determining the cost of the wood as per DFPSC guidelines.
3. Each earthquake household shall receive at most 75 cubic feet of round wood log and 50 cubic feet of sawed wood. Moreover, TCN and DFPSC will use the income from the sale of sub-products derived from sawed wood to pay for the cost of sawing of wood meant for the earthquake victims.

Provision of wood for the reconstruction of heritage structures

1. Any wood required for the reconstruction of religious, cultural or heritage structures shall be provided via TCN.
2. Details of the species and size of such wood must be provided to TCN in advance.
3. Regardless of what has been mentioned in sub clause (1), if the necessary wood (in terms of species and size) is available only with a certain CFUG then the group must provide the wood for the reconstruction of heritage structures after determining the price with TCN.

Chapter 4

Management of wood from other sources

Sale and distribution through DFPSC

1. Those earthquake affected districts where DFPSC exist must sell and distribute all the sawed wood that have been produced from other sources, except the community forests, through the sales depots of the committee. In case of surplus wood, the wood must be sold to the neighboring districts where the demands have not been met.
2. In case of those earthquake affected district which do not have DFPSC with managerial capacity, TCN will collect the wood from other sources and sell them through their sales depots after sawing the wood.

Trees available in private forests and use of woods from damaged structures

1. As per the clause 70 (a) of the Forests Act, 2049 and those trees that have been banned for commercial use by the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, if any earthquake

victim wants to use such species of trees that are available in their private land for the reconstruction of house or shed they can get approval from the Forest Office.

2. Pursuant to sub clause (1), if such application is received by the District Forest Office, then the Officer must approve the felling, transporting and sawing of wood after conducting necessary inspections. The Forest Officer must mobilize the forest staff for effective monitoring while giving the approval.
3. Those wood that were provided pursuant to sub clause (2) shall not be allowed to be sold commercially or transported outside the district. Any persons found to be selling the wood commercially or transporting them outside the district will prosecuted as per the prevailing laws.
4. Those earthquake victims who want to reuse the wood from the old house after sawing them in sawmill can get approval from the officials of District Forest Office.