

WEEKLY BULLETIN

26 December

General Updates.

- The Government of Nepal has informed that as of the 19 December, the number of households that have signed **participation agreements**, the number of households whose **first tranche** has been released, and the number of **grievances registered** are as follows:

| SN | Districts | Total Beneficiaries | Agreement completed | First tranche released | Grievance Registered |
|----|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Gorkha | 58503 | 53349 | 52343 | 15746 |
| 2 | Sindhuplanchowk | 78537 | 74870 | 74845 | 14447 |
| 3 | Ramechhap | 43609 | 40911 | 39719 | 13972 |
| 4 | Dhading | 70581 | 63151 | 52917 | 15589 |
| 5 | Nuwakot | 65759 | 60714 | 53357 | 10771 |
| 6 | Dolakha | 51762 | 46790 | 45740 | 21712 |
| 7 | Okhaldhunga | 19818 | 18489 | 18301 | 7810 |
| 8 | Kavreplanchowk | 67665 | 60721 | 59751 | 21436 |
| 9 | Sindhuli | 34216 | 28269 | 26162 | 30601 |
| 10 | Rashuwa | 11236 | 9299 | 8317 | 1367 |
| 11 | Makwanpur | 30238 | 19540 | 17661 | 26909 |
| 12 | Lalitpur | 25506 | 13678 | 548 | 5982 |
| 13 | Kathmandu | 42500 | 31940 | 3089 | 10832 |
| 14 | Bhaktapur | 26066 | 18984 | | 6588 |
| | Total | 626036 | 540705 | 452790 | 203762 |

- The Government of Nepal has this week finalised and agreed the **adjusted grant disbursement procedure** to reflect the increase in the grant amount from 200,000 NPRs to 300,000 NPRs. The second tranche will be 150,000 NPRs and the third tranche will be 100,000 NPRs. A revised Grant Disbursement Guidelines will be released soon.
- The NRA has, with technical support from HRRP, launched a **Project Proposal Reporting System** this week to efficiently record and analyse the details of project proposals submitted by development partners. The system aims to develop a ward-level database of the activities enlisted in the project proposals. Post submission of data to NRA, partners will receive login credentials using which they can periodically report against the activities entered. The database will be used to populate gap-analysis reports to ensure equitable coverage of technical assistance and aid across the affected areas.
- The **Central Bureau of Statistics** have completed a three day training for the district coordinators and data collection assistants who will be conducting the eligibility survey in the 17 districts also affected by the 2015 earthquakes (Myagdi, Kaski, Lamjung, Baglung, Parbat, Syangja, Tanahun, Gulmi, Arghakhanchi, Palpa, Nawalparasi, Chitwan, Solukhumbhu, Sankhuwasabha, Khotang, Bhojpur, and Dhankhuta).
- In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, roughly 500 settlements in 11 districts were identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs as being at risk. A rapid geological assessment was undertaken by the Department of Mines and Geology (DMG) at 117 critical locations in the second half of 2015. The NRA has now developed a methodology and initiated a programme to undertake a geo-hazard assessment of the remaining affected settlements. The programme is funded by DFID UK Aid and UNOPS is providing technical and logistical support to the NRA. The output will be used by the NRA and other government agencies to make decisions on

the **requirement for permanent relocation of settlements** and assessing the feasibility of initiating remedial works and/or risk management measures. The scope currently includes settlements in Gorkha, Rasuwa, Dhading, Nuwakot, Sindhupalchowk, Dholakha, Okhaldhunga, Ramechhap, Kavrepalanchowk, Makwanpur, and Solukhumbu. Around 50 consultant geologists, soil conservation & watershed management experts and water induced disaster management experts have been recruited to undertake the first phase of assessments in Gorkha, Rasuwa, Dhading, Nuwakot, Sindhupalchowk, Dholakha, Ramechhap and Solukhumbu. Training on the assessment methodology was provided to the consultants between 11 and 21 December 2016. The teams will be deployed to the districts to undertake the assessments on 25 December 2016 for a period of around 1 month with further inspection phases to follow.

- This week HRRP participated in a meeting regarding a new DFID funded programme "**Supporting Durable Solutions**". The programme is focused on identifying and documenting issues around **IDPs**, and working with the NRA to develop a framework for resettlement. The programme is being implemented by a consortium of organisations; Oxfam, People in Need, Community Self Reliance Centre (CSRC), and Lumanti. At national and district level the HRRP will be collaborating closely with this programme and will support dissemination of key findings. If you are interested to find out more about the "Supporting Durable Solutions" programme, please feel free to contact Prabin Sing at pmsing@oxfam.org.uk.
- The HRRP will be rolling out **District Orientations for POs on the Inspection SOP** over the next couple of weeks. The HRRP District Coordinators will be sending out invitations very soon. The objective of the orientations is to ensure that POs understand the inspection process, who is responsible, and how they can support households to understand the process.
- The HRRP is pleased to introduce our new **National Technical Coordinator**, Narayan Marasini (techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org), and two **Technical Coordination Officers**, Kuber Bogati (techofficer1.national@hrrpnepal.org) and Laxmi Prasad Bhatta (techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org).

Technical Sessions

- The **Household WASH** and **Northern Areas** sessions are postponed and we will announce dates as soon as they are rescheduled.
- We would request that partners share suggestions for topics for future technical sessions with HRRP Recovery Advisor, Siobhan (siobhan@hrrpnepal.org).
- All information on completed technical sessions can be found [here](#).

Reminders

- **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).

Useful Documents

- 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.