

## WEEKLY BULLETIN 16 Jan 2017

### General Updates.

- There has been a change in leadership at the NRA and Dr. Govindra Raj Pokhrel is the new CEO.
- **HRRP3:** With phase 2 of the HRRP ending at the end of February, planning and preparations for the third phase of the HRRP are moving ahead. The details have not been fully finalised, however it is planned that HRRP3 will run for two years (from March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to February 28<sup>th</sup> 2019) and CRS-Nepal will assume the role of lead organisation from IOM. We will ensure that there is a smooth transition between HRRP2 and HRRP3, and expect to have no disruption to coordination services. If you have any questions regarding HRRP3, please feel free to contact the HRRP National Coordinator, Loren Lockwood ([loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org)).
- **Request for Support for 19<sup>th</sup> Earthquake Safety Day:** HRRP participated in the Earthquake Safety Day event in Sankhu yesterday, we would like to thank everyone that participated and organized the event. We have also received updates from districts that the events have been well received. Support is still 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](mailto:bupadhyay@nset.org.np))

- The HRRP has revised the 4W template and the first round of data collection using this template is now complete. [Mapping of this data](#) shows that **only 14 VDCs out of a total 619 are receiving the full package of Technical Assistance (TA) support required**. If quality TA is not provided at scale across the earthquake affected areas, households will find it very difficult to effectively utilise the Government of Nepal Housing Grant as well as their own investment, to rebuild a compliant house. We have a joint responsibility to work together to address this, and **the HRRP strongly urges all POs to seriously look at expanding their programmes to cover gaps, especially where they are not covering all wards in the working VDCs, to avoid duplications, and to improve the quality of programmes by ensuring that the full TA package is being delivered**. If you have any questions related to this, please feel free to contact the HRRP Recovery Advisor, Siobhan ([siobhan@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:siobhan@hrrpnepal.org)). Further information is also available from the [2 December working session on Technical Assistance](#).

### Meetings and Events

- **District orientations for Partner Organisations (POs) on the Inspection SOP** have now been completed in Dhading, Nuwakot, Dolakha, Kavre, Gorkha, Rasuwa, Makwanpur, Sindhupalchowk, and Okhaldhunga. **The orientation is scheduled for the 18 January in Ramechhap**. Please feel free to contact the HRRP District

Coordinators or the National Technical Coordinator, Narayan ([techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org)), if you require additional information on these orientations.

- Once all district level orientations are complete, a session on the **Inspection SOP orientations for POs will also be held in Kathmandu**. This will offer an opportunity to provide a summary of the orientations at district level and to provide a general briefing on the inspection SOP for POs staff based at central level. We hope to be able to finalise the date for this session soon – keep an eye out for the invitation! Please feel free to contact Narayan ([techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org)) if have any questions on this.
- There will be a **Kathmandu Valley coordination meeting** on the **18 January at 2pm** in the [HRRP office](#). Anyone not already on the mailing list for this session, is requested to contact the HRRP Kathmandu Valley District Coordinator, Rupak Risal ([dc.ktm@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:dc.ktm@hrrpnepal.org)), for further information.
- Technical Sessions on the following topics are planned for the coming weeks, and we hope to start sending out invitations very shortly:
  - Information Collection and Management Tools, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm, NRA Conference Hall
  - Northern Areas, tentatively scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> January
  - Social Mobilisation
  - Household WASH
- Preparations are also underway for **district technical workshops** which will provide a chance for reconstruction actors to come together to share experience to date on delivering technical assistance and to discuss challenges faced and develop possible solutions to address these. Please feel free to contact Narayan ([techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org)) if have any questions on this.

All information on completed technical sessions can be found [here](#).

### Useful Documents

- The NRA revised Housing Grants Disbursement Guidelines (Nepali) are now available [here](#). An unofficial English translation is being prepared and we will share that with all partners once it becomes available.
- A technical note on ‘Seismic retrofit of earthquake damaged masonry housing’, prepared through DFID funding, is now available [here](#).
- A newly released thematic study ‘Nepal Government Distribution of Earthquake Reconstruction Cash Grants for Private Houses’ is available [here](#). This document has been prepared by The Asia Foundation as part of its Independent Impacts and Recovery Monitoring (IRM) project which is funded by DFID and SDC to track the effectiveness of aid delivery and its impact on recovery in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquakes.
- [Procedures for providing credit for the reconstruction of earthquake affected houses, 2072 \(Nepali\)](#)
- [Guideline for Wood Production, Import and Management, 2072 \(Nepali\)](#)
- The World Wildlife Foundation (WWF) Hariyo Ban Programme has prepared a number of documents which are 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](mailto:info@hrrpnepal.org) or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time.

### Information Products

- We would like to thank partners for their efforts in submitting data via the new HRRP 4W. The second round of data collection using the revised 4W template will be complete this week and District Profiles are being prepared.

- The maps shared last week based on the previous round of data collection are available here:
  - [Coverage of 6 Technical Assistance Activities](#)
  - [Example of Coverage of 6 Technical Assistance Activities at ward level \(Dolakha\)](#)
  - [Areas with no Technical Assistance with Damage Overlay](#)
  - [Technical Assistance: Short Training Coverage](#)
  - [Technical Assistance: Vocational Training Coverage](#)
  - [Technical Assistance: WASH activities Coverage](#)
  - [Technical Assistance: Demonstration Construction Coverage](#)

## Reminders

- JICA have very kindly made available to all partners, the **refresher training package** that they have developed for existing masons that have completed the 7 day training package. These training materials are available [here](#). We would request that if you use this training package, you inform HRRP of the location in which the training was carried out so that we can share this with JICA. This training package has been developed as a follow up to JICA's [survey on masons' construction practices after training](#). HRRP 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 on their finding of the survey from the Masons Training Experience Sharing Session can be found [here](#).
- **Has anyone taken any photos???** **If you have even one photo we would really appreciate it if you could share it with us!** 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](mailto:techofficer.national@hrrpnepal.org)) and Laxmi ([techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org)) and include details of where the photo was taken and what it shows.
- **Household WASH:** We still have not received anything following last week's request for partners to **share existing toilet designs or WASH information materials** that have been developed. We would greatly appreciate it if you could share any materials you have on this with Kuber ([techofficer.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techofficer.national@hrrpnepal.org)) and Laxmi ([techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org)).