

WEEKLY BULLETIN

1 May 2017

This Week's Highlights

- As of 30th April 2017, 16,734 houses have been approved to receive the 2nd tranche and 718 houses have been approved to receive the 3rd tranche. These [updates have now been mapped by MoUD CL-PIU](#).
- MoUD CL-PIU have published [structural](#) and [architectural](#) drawings for the 10 typical non-compliant RCC structures which have been analysed with support from HRRP and Build Change. [Five approved low-cost house designs](#) have also been published.
- [HRRP District Profiles published](#) (based on 10th April 2017 4W Data)
- [Seismic Retrofitting Guidelines of Buildings in Nepal: Compilation of Adobe, Masonry and RCC](#)
- [Milijuli Nepali, Episode 620](#)
- New [FAQ section of HRRP website](#) updated, Nepali version of Community FAQs also [available](#).
- Election Code of Conduct, [Nepali and unofficial English translation](#)
- [Sphere Standards 2018 Revision, comments on draft 1](#)
- [HRRP Facebook page](#) launched – please like and follow the page!
- **Notice:** due to some changes as part of setting up the new HRRP website, some links may no longer work. If you have difficulty accessing any links, please contact info@hrrpnepal.org



Information / helpdesk at Thansing Tole, Chahare VDC, Nuwakot.

General Updates

NRA Technical Working Committee: the committee is working on updating the inspection guideline (SOP) based on the 'Corrections and Exceptions' manual. The manual has been designed to support the MoUD DL-PIU engineers with the process of identifying correction measures required for specific non-compliances. Partners interested to get further information or to support the committee may contact Narayan Marasini, HRRP National Technical Coordinator, techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org.

HRRP Media Digest, some interesting articles include:

NRA proposes support to landless quake survivors: families who are living in public land and forest areas, are on the list of households eligible to receive the GoN housing reconstruction grant, and do not have land anywhere in Nepal will be provided Rs. 200,000 to buy land (in addition to the 300,000 NPRs grant). A 200,000 NPRs relocation grant will also be provided to the 2,751 families from 112 communities that need to relocate as their land is not safe.

Women in reconstruction: in Laharepauwa village in Rasuwa, women taking part in a 50 day vocational training to become masons are playing a big role in reconstruction.

Two Years After the Devastating Earthquake, Nepal's Women Have Become Easy Prey for Traffickers: story of Sita Kumal from Gorkha who accepted the offer of a local agent to find her a job as a housemaid in Dubai but eventually found herself working in Saudi Arabia and unable to leave. Remittances constitute more than 30% of Nepal's total GDP, according to 2016 World Bank figures.

UN representatives' nine-day Nepal visit concludes: representatives of the UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNICEF, UN Women, and WFP Executive Boards took part in the visit and commended the government for maintaining exemplary collaboration with different UN agencies in guiding the country on the path to sustainable development.

Reconstructing the reconstruction authority: an article covering the NRA CEO's trip to Dolakha to mark the 2nd anniversary of the 2015 Gorkha Earthquake.

18 out of 51 apartment buildings declared 'safe': the buildings which have been declared safe have been given "clearance certificates", according to the Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) Division Office Kathmandu.

REMINDER, NRA 5W Reporting: to date only 84 out of 138 partners (61%) have reported to the NRA 5W system. We urge partners who have not reported to share their data as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact Gaurab Pradhan, gaurab@hrrpnepal.org, for more information. Once the NRA 5W is fully up and running the HRRP 4W will be phased out.

Milijuli Nepali, Episode 620: this episode is a conversation with a female mason, Manu Tamang of Sindupalchoak, who has been working as a builder for a few years now. She has become busier since the earthquake, after she took up masonry training. She has started teaching her husband, who is also a builder, the technical aspects of construction. She is also training her neighbours who are working in the construction sector on the importance of building a resilient house. *Milijuli Nepali* brings you stories about people involved in reconstruction, who are contributing to little changes in the society by embracing changes themselves.

Sphere Standards 2018 Revision, comments on draft 1: the deadline for providing feedback is the 31st May 2017 and all are encouraged to share their experience and expertise in relation to the draft. Further information can be found on the Sphere Standards website [here](#).

[Vacancy Announcement for NSET's Baliyo Ghar Programme:](#) applications are invited for 6 technical officer – engineers, ten civil engineers, six On the Job Training (OJT) supervisors, one structural engineer, and one computer / software engineer, and must be submitted no later than 5:30pm on 9th May 2017.

Meetings and Events

[Taking Action Based on Community Feedback, Wednesday, 10th May, NRA Conference Hall:](#) this will be the second meeting jointly organised by the [Common Feedback Project \(CFP\)](#) and HRRP to discuss what programme adaptations / additions are required based on feedback from communities. Keep an eye out for the invitation later in the week! The summary of the 22nd March meeting is available [here](#).

[Postponed MoUD CL-PIU technical session on review of typical non-compliant RCC structures:](#) a new date for the technical session will be announced soon. MoUD CL-PIU have published [structural](#) and [architectural](#) drawings for the 10 typical non-compliant RCC structures which have been analysed with support from HRRP and Build Change.

[Planning Session for Refresher Training for Masons in the 17 Districts:](#) took place on Monday 24th April, and was focused on identifying Partner Organisations (POs) with capacity to support training activities in the 17 districts. It was agreed during the session that NRA will write to donors and POs to formally request support with this initiative.

[From Post-Earthquake Reconstruction to Disaster Risk Reduction, Lessons learned in mainstreaming Build Back Better in the Recovery and Reconstruction in Nepal:](#) organised by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), and National Reconstruction Authority (NRA). During the seminar, the NRA CEO, Dr. Govind Raj Pokharel, requested Partner Organisations (POs) to focus on Technical Assistance (TA) to ensure households have the information and support they need to speed up the reconstruction process. The seminar included three thematic sessions; one where households from Gorkha and Sindhupalchowk presented their experience of reconstruction, one on weaving 'Build Back Better' principles into recovery and reconstruction, and one on moving from recovery to DRR strengthening.

[Moving Stories Training of Trainers:](#) two ToTs will be taking place at the HRRP Office in Jwagal on the 31 May, 1 & 2 June, and the 5, 6 & 7 July. Twelve places are available in each ToT, but some places have already been booked so please do write to Siobhan Kennedy, HRRP Recovery Advisor, siobhan@hrrpnepal.org, by Wednesday 10th May if you are interested to attend.

Useful Documents

[Seismic Retrofitting Guidelines of Buildings in Nepal: Compilation of Adobe, Masonry and RCC](#)

[NeKSAP district food security monitoring reference book, NeKSAP food security response analysis reference book, and NeKSAP food security response analysis training manual \(NPC website, NeKSAP website, both Nepali\):](#) The Ministry of Agricultural Development, National Planning Commission, and World Food Programme have released three new publications. These been designed to strengthen the capacity of district food security network (DFSN) members to develop a food security response plan based on the information generated by NeKSAP and use this to inform the annual district development plan. The manual and reference books have been produced based on field testing, piloting, and validating of food security response analysis (FSRA) process and tools, in selected districts, in 2014-2016. To request a hard copy of these publications, please email Mr. Chandra Thapa: chandra.thapa@wfp.org.

Shelter Projects 2015-2016: prepared by the Global Shelter Cluster and includes an [overview and four case studies](#) from the Nepal Earthquake 2015 shelter response.

[Adapting to an Urban World - Expert Consultations on Urban Sampling for Assessments](#)

Election Code of Conduct, Nepali and unofficial English translation: any partners experiencing any delays / challenges due to confusion around the application of the code of conduct are requested to inform either the relevant HRRP district coordinator, or the HRRP National Coordinator, Loren Lockwood, loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org.

Functional Unbundling Report: sets out, in more detail than the constitution, which functions and responsibilities will sit at which levels of government, after federal restructuring. It is being used as the basis for draft legislation on local governance, a new inter-governmental fiscal transfer system and a new civil service act. Please feel free to contact the HRRP National Coordinator, Loren Lockwood, loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org, if you are experiencing any challenges with recovery and reconstruction works because of the new administrative divisions.

NRA MIS Training Reporting Format: partners are requested to use the format for training records and to submit one copy to MoUD DL-PIU, and HRRP district team who will submit to NRA MIS. For already complete trainings, the HRRP district team are converting existing records to the new format.

NRA Grievance Handling Reports: for each of the fourteen districts, updated on a regular basis. An English summary table is available [here](#).

MoUD CL-PIU MIS portal: district-wise overview of inspection and reconstruction progress from DL-PIU engineers' reports. A translation of the headers is available [here](#).

Contact details for District Focal Points for DL-PIU engineers: district focal points will be able to provide contact details for DL-PIU engineers at VDC level.

HRRP Briefing Pack: highlights particularly useful documents to support people and organisations new to the Nepal earthquake recovery and reconstruction understand the context, the actors involved, and the standards to be followed.

FAQ section of HRRP website updated and new questions to be included can be shared to info@hrrpnepal.org or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time. Nepali version of Community FAQs also [available](#).

Information Products

District profiles, based on 10th April 2017 HRRP 4W data:

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