

WEEKLY BULLETIN 6 Feb 2017

General Updates

- The NRA has released an update, available [here](#), informing that **93% of the 550,241 eligible households that have completed enrolment have received the first tranche of the housing reconstruction grant** as of 31 Jan 2017. According to MoFALD CL-PIU, the no. of HHs per district that have received the 1st tranche is as follows:
 - Sindhupalchowk – 74,912
 - Okhaldhunga – 18,301
 - Nuwakot – 60,474
 - Ramechhap – 39,759
 - Dolakha – 47,079
 - Gorkha – 52,675
 - Kavrepalanchowk – 59,751
 - Rasuwa – 8,848
 - Sindhuli – 26,162
 - Dhading – 52,917
 - Makwanpur – 19,009MoFALD CL-PIU also informed that of the 71,683 households in Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur that have signed the grant agreement, 50,243 have received the first tranche. In addition, **720 households, across all districts, who have completed the plinth level as per the compliance have received the second tranche of NPRs 150,000.**
- On February 2nd, NRA released a news article, available in Nepali [here](#), **instructing all I/NGOs working in reconstruction to be more transparent and accountable.** The key points of the article suggest that I/NGOs should:
 - Expedite their reconstruction work,
 - Begin programme activities only after coordinating with respective government bodies,
 - Abide by the guidelines set by the GoN
 - Inform NRA immediately of any changes in policies or programmes,
 - Review works completed to date, and
 - Transfer funds from programmes that have not moved ahead or which are of low priority, to the training of construction workers and production of skilled manpower.
- **VDC Secretaries in many areas have been on strike since Thursday 2nd February.** They are demanding effective implementation of the government's previous decision to provide them an additional incentive of up to 50 percent of their monthly salary. A Republica article on the issue is available [here](#).
- Newspapers reported this week that there have been **significant increases in the price of construction materials** due to high demand, full article in Nepali available [here](#). The HRRP and Practical Action are facilitating, with huge support from POs, supply chain assessments across all 11 districts outside the Kathmandu Valley. The results will be shared as soon as they are available.
- The NRA has announced that **a seven day training will be conducted from 5th February 2017 for final year engineering students** (that have completed the seventh semester) and students who have completed their engineering course but could not get their certificate due to technical reasons. Following the training the students will be mobilised as volunteers to support reconstruction in the 14 most affected districts. The original news article, in Nepali, is available [here](#). **The NRA has also started training army personnel** who will be deployed to the districts to support the reconstruction, more details on this available [here](#).

- Republica this week published an article regarding reconstruction in Sindhuli drawing attention to the reconstruction challenges in the district. The article reports that **as of December 25 there were only 150 trained masons working in Sindhuli**. The full article is available [here](#). There are enormous gaps in coverage in Sindhuli and the HRRP would urge partners with capacity to expand their programmes to consider working in Sindhuli.
- **Work on an integrated settlement for 150 households has started in Giranchaur of Melamchi Municipality, ward number 8**. The settlement is being built on 75 ropanis (38,154 sq. meter) of land allocated through the Community Reconstruction Project. Households who contributed more land than others to the 75 ropanis were given a choice to either exchange their land for nearby land or to sell their land at NPRs 300,000 per ropani. The households have used the first tranche of the GoN housing reconstruction grant, NPR 50,000, to level the land. It has been estimated that the total cost for each house will be 1.1 million NPRs. The full article, in Nepali, can be found [here](#).
- The Kathmandu Post reported this week that **foreign aid commitment in Nepal jumped 40 percent in the first six months of the current fiscal year**. Ministry of Finance data shows that bilateral and multilateral development partners have pledged to extend NPRs 152.3 billion between mid-July 2016 and mid-January 2017, as against NPRs 108.5 billion recorded in the same period a year ago. The full article can be found [here](#).
- **Oxfam have organised a training for engineers on seismic repair and retrofitting from 7 – 10 Feb** at the Yellow Pagoda Hotel. Some spaces have been made available to POs staff working in the Kathmandu Valley. For further information on this please feel free to contact Sudin Pradhan, SuPradhan@oxfam.org.uk.
- The HRRP will have a **stall at the 8th National Civil Engineering Exhibition**, taking place from the 9th to 11th February 2017 at the Institute of Engineering (IoE), Pulchowk Campus. The stall is intended to represent POs technical research and work in the engineering sector. **Partners are encouraged to share materials to be included at the stall**. These should be shared with Sweata, techcord.KTM@hrrpnepal.org, by Tuesday 7th February at the latest. Please feel free to share in hard copy or soft copy as HRRP can manage printing of materials if required.
- An organisation called **Conscious Impact, based in Takure, Sindhupalchowk, have an inventory of 30,000 CSEBs available to deploy for reconstruction projects**. They are able to transport the bricks as per customers request and are a registered NGO and private business LLC. Each CSEB costs 55 NPRs per full brick and 28 NPRs per half brick. Conscious Impact have calculated that a 4 room home requires approximately 4,121 CSEBs to construct. For further information please contact Allen Gula, allengula@gmail.com, 9803274718.

Meetings and Events

- The HRRP took part in the **Disaster Emergencies Committee (DEC) learning event on Wednesday 1st February**. The event was very interesting and a recording of the event is available [here](#). The report from the event will be shared once available.
- The HRRP took part in a **WASH Cluster meeting on Thursday 2nd February**. The WASH Cluster informed that there is a five year WASH plan, to 2020, with an estimated budget of 202 million USD as per the PDRF. However, only 37 million USD has been committed to date. Challenges with data collection were also discussed and a joint monitoring visit for reconstruction in earthquake affected districts is to be carried out in Feb/March in order to observe challenges in ongoing reconstruction process and observe the quality of work versus the work reported from the field. All agencies were asked to contribute to this monitoring visits, logistically or by any other means possible. For further information please contact the National WASH Cluster Secretariat - wash.cluster.nepal2015@gmail.com.

- On Thursday 2nd Feb and Friday 3rd Feb, the HRRP participated in a **PDRF Review Session at the NRA**. The session provided an opportunity to review the sector plans, and update or adjust as required. For further information, please feel free to contact Narayan, techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org.
- **Introductory meetings between Partner Organisations (POs) and the NRA district offices in the Kathmandu Valley** will be taking place as follows:
 - Kathmandu, 7th February, 10am, NRA Kathmandu Office, CBS Compound, Thapathali
 - Bhaktapur, 8th February, 10am, NRA Bhaktapur Office, MoFALD DL-PIU Office, Sallaghari
 - Lalitpur, 9th February, 10am, NRA Lalitpur Office, Gwarko

Please contact the Kathmandu Valley District Coordinator Rupak, dc.ktm@hrrpnepal.org, for more details.

- **District orientations for Partner Organisations (POs) on the Inspection SOP** have now been completed in 10 districts. A report compiling feedback and outcomes from these sessions is available [here](#). A session will be held at national level this week, keep an eye out for the invitation, to provide a summary of the orientations at district level and a general briefing on the inspection SOP for POs staff based at central level. Please feel free to contact Narayan (techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org) if have any questions on this.
- The **district technical workshop** took place in Dhading last week. Many thanks to everyone who participated. Workshops in other districts are planned as follows:
 - **Kavrepalanchowk, 6th February**
 - **Ramechhap, 6th February**
 - **Sindhupalchowk, 7th February**
 - **Dolakha, 7th February**
 - **Gorkha, 8th February**
 - **Makwanpur, 13th February**

The dates for the workshops in other districts will be fixed soon and invitations will be sent out by the district coordinators. Please get in touch with the district coordinators directly if you have any questions. You may also feel free to contact the National Technical Coordinator, Narayan (techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org).

Useful Documents

- The HRRP District Technical Coordinator for Sindhupalchowk and Kavre, Aarju, techcord.sindhupalchok@hrrpnepal.org, has put together a very interesting document listing the challenges faced by DL-PIU engineers in Sindhupalchowk which is available [here](#).
- Unofficial translations of the recently released “Directives for the harvesting, supply and management of wood for the earthquake victims, 2072 (2016)” and “Refinancing Procedures for the reconstruction of private houses destroyed by the earthquakes, 2072” are available [here](#). Please note that these are not full translations and only important sections of the document have been translated. Feedback is very welcome and should be sent to Bikram Sherchan, reportingofficer@hrrpnepal.org. The full versions in Nepali are available [here](#) and [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 or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time.

- Updated Dashboards (as of 25 Jan) for all 14 districts with data available at ward level can now be found [here](#). Please choose the district dashboard from the dropdown list.
- 12 district profiles based on 4W data collection (as of 10 Jan) can be found [here](#). The new district profiles include baseline information, news and update, partners in the district, activity highlights and a ward level map that shows the 6 technical assistant activities coverage. For individual district profiles please refer to the link below.

District Profile - Dhading (as of 10 Jan 2017)
HRRP

This district profile 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. Further, it captures a wide range of planned, ongoing and completed activities within the HRRP framework. For additional information, please refer to the HRRP dashboard.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Population: 336,067¹ 46 VDCs and 1 municipality

Damage Status - Private Structures	Count	Type of housing walls	Dhading	National
Damage Grade (3-5)	76,644	Mud-bonded bricks/stone	85%	41%
Damage Grade (1-2)	12,478	Cement-bonded bricks/stone	12%	29%
Total	89,122²	Other	2%	30%
		% of households who own their housing unit	92%	85%

NEWS & UPDATES

- During the 19th Earthquake Day Event, NRCS held a basic First-Aid training for school children; "Mass Interaction Program" held at the DDC Hall was broadcasted live on TV and radios in three languages (Nepali, Chepang and Tamang) and NSET held a "Shake Table Demonstration" on 28 Jan.
- The meeting between NRA and DDC on 24 Jan concluded that only 203 grievances are remaining in DDC, however more submission from VDCs are expected.
- The Orientation on Inspection SOP for POs was held on 29 Dec. Participants felt that the inspection SOP does not cover a number of housing typologies and materials relevant to the local context, or emerging technical approaches. Need for social mobilization to support beneficiaries on filling the forms, orientating the inspection process were also raised and discussed.
- It is also observed that although most of the beneficiaries have received the first tranche, some have not started the reconstruction and few of them might have misused the grants.



PARTNERS

Partner Organisation	Implementing Partner(s)
ACTED	
ADRA	RMS
AMDA-M	
CA	FOCUS
CAREM	SAHKS
GEZ	
HELVETAS	JAYAN, MSEI, RMC
NRCS	
NSET	
OXFAMGB	ACTIONH, PRR/AS-N
LMN	HME, NRCS, PRR/AS-N

11 partners
This table indicates the partner organisations and their respective implementing partner(s)

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS³

- SHORT TRAINING: 4,121 (Target: 1,307)
- VOCATIONAL TRAINING (Targets Achieved): 335 (Reached: 335, Remaining: 6,565)
- 6 Demonstration Constructions in 6 VDCs
- Helpdesk/Technical support center covering 3 VDCs, 26 wards
- 4 VDCs, 4 wards with Household WASH Assistance
- 63,151 beneficiaries enrolled, 89%
- 52,917 beneficiaries received the 1st Tranche, 79%

KEY CONTACTS

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The coverage of TA is defined according to the presence (planned and on-going) of the following 6 activities and the VDCs highlighted suggest the summation of the activities presented:

- Community/household orientation with more than 1 session
- Continuous Door to door technical assistance (Mobile Technical Support)
- Short training for Masons (Target achieved)
- Vocational training for masons (Target achieved)
- Helpdesk/Technical Support Center
- Demonstration construction

0 VDCs with all 6 TA Activities

Disclaimer: The highlighted VDCs indicate that at least one of the aforementioned activities is being conducted/planned by partner organizations, irrespective of the methodology or household level coverage of the activity. For activity c and d, it is highlighted when there are more than 70% of masons trained according to the targets defined by NRA and field surveys.

Coverage of TA

- 1 (Lightest Green)
- 2 (Light Green)
- 3 (Medium Green)
- 4 (Darkest Green)
- Wards with no TA (White)

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Reminders

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- **Many thanks to Lumanti and Oxfam for sharing toilet designs and WASH information products this week.** Please do continue to share existing toilet designs or WASH materials with us to Kuber (techofficer1.national@hrrpnepal.org) and Laxmi (techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org).
 - **Huge thanks to the partners who have shared photos with us in the past week. Photos are an incredibly useful resource and we would really appreciate it if you could continue to share with us.** We are developing a system to be able to share these photos. Photos can be sent to Kuber (techofficer1.national@hrrpnepal.org) and Laxmi (techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org) and include details of where the photo was taken and what it shows.