

WEEKLY BULLETIN 20 Feb 2017

General Updates

- HRRP media digest is available [here](#)
- The 9th meeting of the NRA Steering Committee took place on 13th February. The outcomes were as follows:
 1. A high level committee will be formed to develop a framework for the mobilization of the Reconstruction Fund under the leadership of the Chief Secretary. The committee shall provide advice to NRA Executive Committee within a week. The Executive Committee will make the decision as per the advice from the high-level committee and implement it.
 2. Instruct for assessment and verification of the beneficiaries who have registered grievances of being excluded in the eligible beneficiaries list and allocate necessary budget for the same.
 3. The Steering Committee was briefed about the ongoing preparation of report with possible options regarding the relocation of high risk settlements and construction of integrated settlement from NRA.
 4. Instruct to submit to the GoN Council of Minister the proposal of amending the procurement procedures or a separate procedures for the procurement related to reconstruction of cultural and heritage sites.
 5. Agree to submit a proposal to the GoN Council of Ministers regarding the provision of appointing necessary human resource in temporary contract for the entire period of the programs that have been agreed with donor agencies, following the decision made at the Executive Committee.
 6. a) Approve to prepare and submit report to the Steering Committee on changes required in the existing NRA structure in 14 Districts and the provision of establishing of new organization structures in 17 Districts.
 6. b) Authorize the Executive Committee to make necessary changes in the service/group/sub-group (job position units) as per the need of the organization within the total number of approved positions.
 7. Coordinate with the Ministry of Finance for the provision of providing daily refreshment allowances to the VDC Secretaries working in the earthquake affected areas for reconstruction and recovery.

The original news article in Nepali can be found [here](#).

- 19,866 households have been deemed eligible for the 100,000 NPRs retrofitting grant based on the following criteria:
 - Damage Grade 2 - Technical Solution 3 (Major repair)
 - Damage Grade 3 - Technical Solution 2 (Minor repair)
 - House Owners who meet criteria 1 & 2, if they have houses in other places which are not damaged, will not be eligible for this grant, i.e. they are deemed eligible if their house in other place is partially or fully damaged.
- The NRA has released outline details of the findings of the first phase of geo-hazard risk assessments as described in a BBC Nepal article available [here](#). A short document providing more details on the assessment process is available [here](#).
- The damage assessment in the 17 districts is ongoing and it is expected to be complete by mid-March. The survey status as of 16th February, is provided in the table below:

District	Household (Population Census 2011)	Total No. HHs Requesting Assessment	Total No. of Completed Assessments	Total Records uploaded	(%) Covered
Arghakhanchi	46,826	1,759	1,643	1,625	93%
Baglung	61,482	4,056	2,880	2,862	71%
Bhojpur	39,393	10,426	6,987	6,971	67%
Chitwan	132,345	18,746	5,756	5,681	31%
Dhankuta	37,616	5,266	3,993	3,987	76%
Gulmi	59,260	7,488	6,504	6,474	87%
Kaski	125,459	11,744	5,457	5,408	46%
Khotang	42,647	13,799	11,701	11,664	85%
Lamjung	42,048	24,788	18,096	17,947	73%
Myagdi	27,727	1,389	1,108	1,101	80%
Nawalparasi	128,760	989	989	972	100%
Palpa	59,260	11,343	5,996	5,955	53%
Parbat	35,698	11,543	9,915	9,758	86%
Sankhuwasabha	34,615	8,178	4,420	4,374	54%
Solukhumbu	23,758	18,384	4,215	4,188	23%
Syangja	68,856	16,913	7,997	7,961	47%
Tanahun	78,286	27,646	6,892	6,809	25%
Total	1,044,036	194,457	104,549	103,737	54%

- In Makwanpur, the HRRP team have found that recently formed community reconstruction committees are struggling to understand their role and responsibilities. The guidelines for these committees are available in English and Nepali on the HRRP website. We would urge partners to support these committees to understand and effectively implement their roles and responsibilities.
- The HRRP District Coordinator for Sindhupalchowk, Rup Kumar BK, recently made a trip to Dolakha and has prepared some short case study videos, which we are pleased to share with you:
 - **Self-Recovery** in Lamidada village in Dolakha, where the households are working together to rebuild 21 houses as there are not enough trained masons available and they could not pay the daily wages requested by trained masons. The video is available [here](#) and includes English subtitles.
 - **Adaptation of a demonstration panel for masons training** in Lamidada village in Dolakha. Most demonstration construction carried out during training is left unused or is dismantled. In this village, the demonstration panel from a masons training conducted by Christian Aid has been adapted to be the foundation of a temple. The video is available [here](#) and includes English subtitles.

Meetings and Events

- HRRP participated in the NRA's thematic group meeting on Housing, Settlement Development and Local Infrastructure on Friday 17th February. The main points from the meeting were as follows:

- World Bank have proposed to merge some inspection forms to streamline the inspection process. The proposed revised form will be circulated to the thematic group for review with comments due by Tuesday (21st February). It is expected that the process will be complete by the end of next week.
- It was agreed that there is a need for flexibility / tolerances within the inspection process but maintaining adherence to the building code. There is no clear answer for this, but the group will continue working on this.
- The NRA is developing a mobile application with Kathmandu Living Labs which will include information on the reconstruction process, including approved designs. This is expected to be completed soon.
- An SMS system to send information is also being discussed within the NRA.
- The NRA is keen to partner with I/NGOs who have funds available to support with relocation of vulnerable villages.
- The need for an enabling environment to support compliant construction was discussed and efforts from SDC, DFID, World Bank, USAID, and JICA to scale up training efforts and cover gaps are progressing. It was highlighted by HRRP that training is one component of the six required in the full package of technical assistance, and the coverage of this full package needs to be scaled up.
- A technical working committee has been formed to focus on retrofitting. This technical group will be chaired by the NRA, and will include representatives from DUDBC Building Code Division, MoUD CL-PIU, World Bank, JICA, and HRRP. HRRP have been requested to coordinate with other relevant organisations to ensure their participation.
- NRA, MoFALD CL-PIU, and MoUD CL-PIU will soon start joint monitoring visits to the districts and requested HRRP to facilitate district meetings with Partner Organisations (POs), with the NRA district offices and the DL-PIUs.
- MinErgy, OKAPI, and Green Tech are hosting a meeting – Participate and Contribute to a World Bank funded project on Introducing Green and Resilient Construction Material: Target Setting – at the Summit Hotel, Sanepa, on 23rd February from 10 am to 1 pm followed by lunch. Anyone interested can contact Usha Maskey Manandhar, info@minergynepal.com, for further information.
- **The meeting minutes from introductory meetings between Partner Organisations (POs) and the NRA district offices in the Kathmandu Valley** are now available [here](#). Please contact the Kathmandu Valley District Coordinator Rupak, dc.ktm@hrrpnepal.org, for more information.
- District technical workshops have now been completed in the 11 districts outside of the Kathmandu Valley. Many thanks to everyone who participated in these. The **district technical workshop for the Kathmandu Valley will take place on Tuesday, 21st February**. 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 NRA has shared the grievance handling reports for each of the fourteen districts, and these are available [here](#). These reports will be updated on a regular basis. A summary table in English is also available [here](#).
- The **MoUD-CLPIU MIS portal** [here](#) provides a district overview of **inspection and reconstruction progress** based on DL-PIU engineers reports. A translation of the headers is available [here](#).
- Contact details for DL-PIU engineers are available on the HRRP website [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.

Information Products

- The maps based on latest round of data collection (as of 25 Jan) are available here:
 - [Coverage of 6 Technical Assistance Activities](#)
 - [Areas with no Technical Assistance with Damage Overlay](#)
 - [Technical Assistance: Short Training Coverage](#)
 - [Technical Assistance: Vocational Training Coverage](#)
- Updated Dashboards (as of 10 Feb) 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 Feb) will be published by COB (20 Feb). Once published, they 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.

Reminders

- Please follow us on **Flickr** and enjoy the photos through [here](#). To search for any content, please use the tag “HRRP_KEYWORD” in the search bar (e.g. HRRP_mason, HRRP_CSEB, HRRP_Gorkha etc.). **Photos are an incredibly useful resource and we would really appreciate it if you could continue to share them with us!** Photos, with details of what is shown and where, can be sent to Laxmi (techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org).