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Bidur-6, Nuwakot: Shanta Sunar has constructed her home using Compressed Stabilised Earth Blocks (CSEB) but has not received the second tranche and so her reconstruction has stalled.

Highlights

- January 15, next Monday, is the 20th Earthquake Safety Day and there will be events taking place at national and local level across the country to mark the day.
- MoFALD Notice, Phase Out of Social Mobilisation Programme as of 1 January 2018: <u>Nepali, Unofficial English</u>
 Translation
- MoFALD DLPIU Local Level Consultations, Minimum Requirement for the Size of a One Room House (Nepali, Unofficial English Translation)
- Technical Inspection Form for Mud Masonry Structures using Sun-Dried Bricks, Category "C" House (Nepali, Unofficial English Translation)
- HRRP <u>Housing Reconstruction Progress Maps</u> based on MoUD CLPIU inspection data as of 5 January.
- Milijuli Nepali, BBC Media Action, Episode 832: this episode includes the first episode of the third series of the drama 'KathaMaala' and addresses the confusion that continues to exist around use of the GoN approved house designs, and clarifies that households are free to develop their own designs following the building code.
- A Study on Foreign Aid Mobilisation in Federal Nepal, Ministry of Finance, December 2017

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UPDATES & REQUESTS

National

MoFALD CLPIU Enrolment Data, as of 5 January (Nepali and Unofficial English Translation):

	13 December	27 December	5 January
HHs Received 1st Tranche	651,792 (84.9%)	665,872 (86.7%)	666,977 (86.9%)
HHs Received 2 nd Tranche	100,483 (13.1%)	119,004 (15.5%)	129,668 (16.9%)
HHs Received 3 rd Tranche	19,385 (2.5%)	28,897 (3.8%)	31,535 (4.1%)

As of 5 January, the data now includes additional columns for the retrofitting grant; number of eligible households, number of households that have signed the grant agreement (1,367 (5.5%)), number of households that have received the first tranche (541 (2.2%)), and number of households that have received the second (and final) tranche.

Households that do not need to reconstruct their home start to return first tranche of GoN reconstruction grant: two households in Makwanpur returned the 50,000 NPRs last week and the NRA has called on all households that have received the first tranche but do not need to reconstruct to return the money so that those who do need it can be supported.

MoFALD Notice, Phase Out of Social Mobilisation Programme as of 1 January 2018 (Nepali, Unofficial English Translation): the Local Governance and Community Development Programme (LGCDP), which has been implemented by MoFALD since July 2008, has been phased out as of 1 January. Many of the LGCDP social mobilisers at local level have been heavily involved in supporting the housing reconstruction. Partners interested to access contact details for the social mobilisers that have been working in their area may contact Sufi Mohammad Faiz, HRRP DMT Coordinator, dmt.coord@hrrpnepal.org.

Earthquake Safety Day National Committee Meeting, 4 January: during the meeting, which was chaired by the Home Secretary - Mr. Mohan Krishna Sapkota, the committee endorsed the <u>agenda</u> for the ESD national meeting, the overall national <u>programme of activities</u>, and the <u>slogan for the event</u>. There will be a week of events to mark ESD starting from 15 January. ESD is organised annual to mark the anniversary of the 1934 Nepal Earthquake and to reaffirm national commitment to earthquake resilience.

<u>Expert Committee Formed to Advise on Reconstruction of Rani Pokhari:</u> the first meeting of the 11-member committee was held on 1 January where they decided to conduct three days of excavations at the site before making their recommendations.

MoFALD DLPIU Local Level Consultations, Minimum Requirement for the Size of a One Room House (Nepali, Unofficial English Translation): the MoFALD DLPIU offices in all 31 earthquake affected districts have been asked to conduct consultations with local level stakeholders to collect suggestions on the minimum requirements for the size of a one room house based on the district specific context.

NRA 5W Reporting: to date 150 out of 154 (97%) POs have reported to the NRA 5W. If your organization is facing any issues reporting to the 5W, please contact Keshab Shrestha (im.national@hrrpnepal.org).

Districts

Orientation on Grievance Management for Local Government Officials, Dolakha, 8 January: the event was organised by NRA Dolakha, in coordination with HRRP Dolakha, and the major output was an agreed approach for developing a mechanism to address major grievances. All the local government officials from the Rural and Urban

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Municipalities took part in the orientation and Mr. Madhusudan Adhikari, NRA Secretary, participated from NRA national level to address queries raised by the participants.

Clinker and cement raw materials shortage continues: due to restrictions on imports of clinker to Nepal along the Parsa-Bara road corridor (aimed at minimising air pollution in the area), 13 cement factories are without clinker, gypsum, coal, and fly ash for and have ceased manufacture of cement. A small number of cement factories can produce clinker, but can only produce enough to meet approximately 10% of their needs. If the situation remains the same, then it looks likely that all cement factories in the area will have to cease production, greatly reducing the volume of cement available to households reconstructing their homes.

Relief Goods Worth Over 20 Million NPRs Destroyed, Bidur, Nuwakot: the materials, primarily food stuffs and grains, had to be destroyed after becoming rotten due to incorrect storage. The materials had not been distributed due to disputes between the district administration and local political parties regarding the way in which the materials should be distributed.

<u>Cold Weather causes Deaths in Saptari, Rautahat, and Siraha:</u> to date 14 people have died in Saptari, five in Rautahat, and five in Siraha. Locals in Saptari are demanding relief materials for vulnerable households. In Rautahat the DAO said that blankets and warm clothes are already being distributed to vulnerable households. Partners interested to provide winterisation support are requested to coordinate with, and report winterisation activities to the Shelter Cluster (deepika.bhardwaj@ifrc.org).

HRRP District Coordination Team Sindhuli, Weekly District Report, 29 Dec 2017 - 4 Jan 2018



Sunkoshi Rural Municipality, Ward-5, Sindhuli: the home owner has constructed their home using stone and mud mortar masonry and they have received the second tranche of the GoN reconstruction grant. The house has been completed up to the lintel level and the roof band is being constructed. Due to the long span of the building, the home owner has been recommended to include a partition or buttress wall.

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Requests for Partner Support

Shelter Cluster Winterisation Support Monitoring, Database as of 5 January: the updated database is being circulated on a weekly basis until mid-January and the information is shared at the NEOC. To avoid duplication, partners are requested to report their winterisation support activities to the Shelter Cluster using the reporting template, available here. Completed reports should be submitted to deepika.bhardwaj@ifrc.org.

Funding Available to Support Participation in the 2018 WEDC Conference: the conference will be taking place in Egerton University, Nakuru, Kenya from 9-13 July 2018. The theme of the conference is 'transformation towards sustainable and resilient WASH services'. The CLTS Knowledge Hub is providing funding for interesting participants to attend and present at the conference, especially early career practitioners and/or researchers to attend and present. Those selected to attend will be expected to write a paper and present it at the conference, attend the CLTS Knowledge Hub's pre-conference Sharing and Learning Workshop on 8 July, help support the Hub's CLTS related stall throughout the week, and write a blog about their experience and reflections from the conference.

<u>USAID Webinar, 'Women in Waste Management: An Opportunity', 17 January, 9-10am EST:</u> the discussion will focus the key constraints for women's empowerment and job creation in the solid waste management sector and solutions for overcoming these. Interested participants can register for the event <u>here</u>.

DOCUMENTS & PRODUCTS

Government of Nepal

Technical Inspection Form for Mud Masonry Structures using Sun-Dried Bricks, Category "C" House (Nepali, Unofficial English Translation): the form, prepared and approved by the NRA technical committee, means that houses constructed using traditional sun-dried bricks can now go through the inspection process.

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HRRP

Housing Reconstruction Progress Maps: based on MoUD CLPIU inspection data as of 5 January.

Partnership Agreement Signed between HH and GoN

1st Tranche Received

Construction Started

Compliance Rate – 2nd Tranche

Compliance Rate – 3rd Tranche

Construction Completed

Partners

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<u>Rainwater Harvesting: an Adaptation Practice', Manungkot, Damauli:</u> this blog post presents <u>HI-AWARE</u> findings on water management and adaptation in the Gandaki basin. In the village of Manungkot, the 8 households came together in 1992 to build a collective rainwater harvesting system (with financial support from the Ministry of Water). The system continues to be an important water source for the community who follow strict water management principles to maximise the output from the system.

Baliyo Ghar TV Programme, Episode 85: this episode is focused on reviewing the progress reconstructing schools. The episode looks at how the CLPIU under the Ministry of Education is working to expedite the school reconstruction process, what challenges are faced, and how these are being overcome. The programme is shown on Kantipur TV on Sundays at 7pm and Mondays at 1:30pm, News 24 on Wednesdays at 8am and 2pm and Thursdays at 4:30am, and Avenues TV on Saturday at 8:30am and Sundays at 4:30am and 3pm.

<u>Democracy Resource Centre Nepal, Preliminary Statement on Nepal's House of Representatives and Provincial</u>
Assembly Elections, 2017

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