

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Gatlang Village in Rasuwa District, also known as 'Black' Village because of the traditional black timber roofs. CGI roofs are now scattered throughout the village. HRRP district and national coordination team members conducted a field visit in Gatlang on 6 November.



Houses in Gatlang Village are constructed using dry stone masonry for three walls, with the front wall constructed using timber. The HRRP team in Rasuwa, as well as the HRRP national technical coordination team will be working as part of the NRA technical committee to develop technical solutions for these houses that preserve the traditional architecture but meet compliance requirements. Any partners interested to support this process may contact Kuber Bogati, HRRP National Technical Coordination Officer, techofficer1.national@hrrpnepal.org.

Highlights

- Across all districts, partners have been requested to suspend activities in advance of the upcoming [House of Representatives and Provincial Elections \(Phase 1 26 November, and Phase 2 7 December\)](#). Partners are also required to abide by the election [code of conduct](#).
 - 28 Point Manifesto to Expedite Reconstruction Works, NRA, [Nepali](#) and [Unofficial English Translation](#)
 - [National Urban Development Strategy 2017, Ministry of Urban Development](#) – recently approved by cabinet.
 - Invitation: DFID Consultative Workshop, 20 November, 2pm, DFID Office
 - [Estimated 73 Billion NPRs Required for Flood Recovery](#)
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UPDATES & REQUESTS

National

House of Representatives and Provincial Elections, 26 November and 7 December: across all districts, partners have been requested to suspend all activities, “including but not limited to trainings, workshops, or physical constructions that are being implemented”, which “may adversely affect the elections”. All partners are requested to abide by the election [code of conduct](#).

Refresher Training for NRA District Support Engineers (DSEs), Himalaya Hotel, 8-10 November: the event, which involved trainers from NRA, HRRP, JICA, IoE, and UNDP, provided an opportunity for the DSEs to share their experiences with their peers and with central NRA, as well as to orient the DSEs on the corrections and exception manual, the retrofitting manual, and confined masonry. The DSEs informed that they are struggling to deal with the situation where a house is approved by the municipality but they have found it to be non-compliant. Some of the specific technical issues that the DSEs have encountered include:

- Hybrid structure with RCC columns and a pitched roof with wooden truss.
- Vertical steel posts in place of steel rebar in masonry structures
- Timber posts covered by concrete
- Columns with reinforcement less than 0.8%
- Use of 10 mm, or even 8 mm reinforcement in columns
- L-shaped or irregular shaped structures with columns that are out of grid in RCC buildings
- Steel structure with brick masonry plus prefab board composite construction
- Stone and mud mortar masonry houses with banding made from bamboo (50 houses in Okhaldhunga)
- Houses using steel sections for banding
- Masonry buildings with two or three storeys
- Masonry and RCC buildings with large openings on the ground floor for shutters
- Block masonry buildings using 6” blocks
- Issues with the quality of materials, e.g. hollow concrete blocks, steel



Kuber Bogati, HRRP National Technical Coordination Officer, facilitating a session during the DSE refresher training.

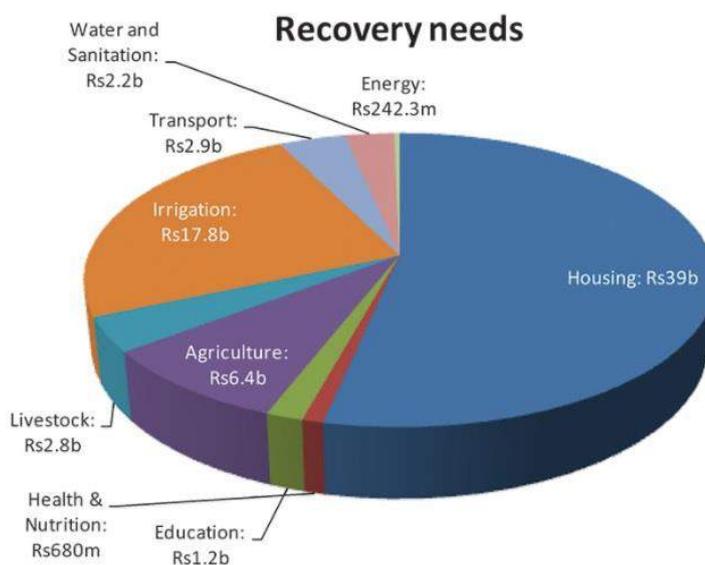
Sharing Event on Toll- Free Number Initiative and iData Project, 9 November: this programme, jointly organised by the NRA and UNDP, was held to share an update on the NRA’s toll-free phone number that was established six months ago with support from UNDP. The event was chaired by the NRA CEO, Mr. Yub Raj Bhusal.

MoFALD CLPIU Enrolment Data, 9 November (Nepali):

S.N.	Districts	No. of Eligible HHs	No. of beneficiaries added after grievances redressal	Total no. of beneficiaries	No. of HHs with grant agreement	No. of HHs received 1st tranche			No. of HHs received 2nd tranche			No. of HHs received 3rd tranche			No. of grievances registered	No. of grievances cleared	No. of beneficiaries eligible for retrofitting grant
						GoN	I/NGO	Total	GoN	I/NGO	Total	GoN	I/NGO	Total			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			8			9			10	11	12
Cluster 1- Highly affected 14 Districts																	
1	Sindhupalchok	78537	5126	83663	75765	71197	4455	75652	13726	1646	15372	1572	906	2478	14447	10838	376
2	Okhaldhunga	19819	346	20165	18872	18485	505	18990	5036	256	5292	1858	134	1992	8019	7810	1643
3	Nuwakot	65773	3516	69289	62825			63187			11020			1028	11503	11416	936
4	Ramechhap	43609	1431	45040	42015	40722	1282	42004	7451	610	8061	384	430	814	14005	13972	2149
5	Dolakha	51940	10893	62833	53851	50850	1692	52542	11227	1260	12487	1719	930	2649	24379	24379	637
6	Gorkha	58503	2813	61316	54521	54765		54765	9135	546	9681	2106	326	2432	1164		2019
7	Dhading	70581	2759	73340	67154	66732		66732	8225		8225	913		913	17044	16577	1494
8	Kavrepalanchok	67731	4689	72420	64012	61598	2414	64012	6444	502	6946	15	213	228	23939	23486	2415
9	Rasuwa	11236	397	11633	10700	8875	1023	9898	1348	581	1929	521	470	991	1418	1288	117
10	Sindhuli	34269	719	34988	30723	29860	863	30723	4257	534	4791	110	315	425	28627	28627	2408
11	Makwanpur	30238	1579	31817	23333	21006	1359	22365	4233	844	5077	397	705	1102	23961	23919	4150
12	Kathmandu	42500	3300	45800	37162	37036	107	37143	2010	0	2010	101		101	11296	11296	575
13	Lalitpur	25893	1821	27714	22071	20348	756	21104	614	532	1146		427	427	7004	5882	667
14	Bhaktapur	26066	1578	27644	22295	21838		21838	1166		1166	60		60	6340	6330	280
Sub-total		626695	40967	667662	585299			580955			93203			15640	193146	185820	19866
Cluster 2 - Less affected 17 Districts																	
1	Sankhuwasabha	1953		1953	1583	1201		1201			0						326
2	Bhojpur	5749		5749	4500	3082		3082			0			8000			453
3	Dhankuta	2796		2796	2252	2252		2252			0						70
4	Khotang	8443		8443	7200	7200		7200			0						253
5	Solukhumbu	11979		11979	8095	6021		6021			0						456
6	Chitwan	7335		7335	4000	1426		1426			0						593
7	Nawalparasi	872		872	823	790		790			0				143		8
8	Tanahu	13821		13821	10145	9595		9595			0						466
9	Lamjung	13959		13959	12757	10297	200	10497		75	75			3042			539
10	Baglung	2375		2375	1107	1109		1109			0						82
11	Syangja	8766		8766	5342	4340		4340			0						567
12	Palpa	4652		4652	3500	1946		1946			0						384
13	Parbat	5269		5269	4138	4070		4070			0						417
14	Gulmi	4144		4144	2877	2068		2068			0						195
15	Kaski	6026		6026	4393	4393		4393			0						242
16	Arghakhachi	1036		1036	850	591		591			0						67
17	Myagdi	868		868	645	645		645			0						7
Sub-total		100043		100043	74207	61026	200	61226	0	75	75	0	0	0	11185	0	5125
Total		726738	40967	767705	659506	61026	200	642181	0	75	93278	0	0	15640	204331	185820	24991

NRA 5W Reporting: to date 149 out of 152 (98%) POs have reported to the NRA 5W. We understand that many POs who have already reported are having issues with logging in to, and using the reporting system. HRRP is working with NRA to address these issues. If your organisation is facing any issues reporting to the 5W, please contact Keshab Shrestha (im.national@hrrpnepal.org). Once the NRA 5W is fully up and running the HRRP 4W will be phased out.

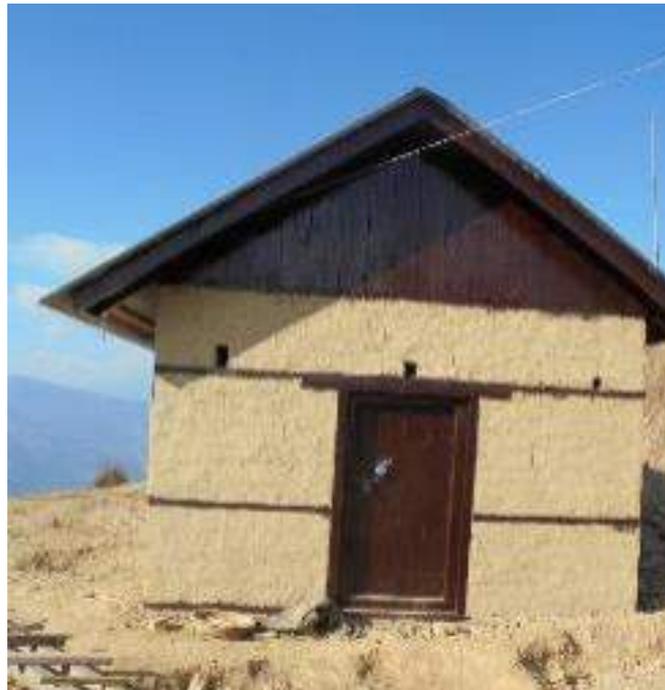
Estimated 73 Billion NPRs Required for Flood Recovery: according to a report from the National Planning Commission (NPC), which will be presented to the Prime Minister in the next two days, the housing sector is the worst affected and accounts for 53.3% of the total flood recovery needs.



Districts

Vacancies, Baliyo Ghar Programme, NSET: applications are sought for 2 [Civil Engineers](#), 18 [Technical Officers - Engineer](#), [Software Engineer](#), 10 [Social Development Officers](#), [Admin Assistant](#), [Information Documentation Officer](#), [Civil Sub-Engineer](#), and a [Graphic Designer](#). Applications must be submitted by 5:30 pm, Thursday, 16 November at the latest.

[HRRP District Coordination Team Okhaldhunga, Weekly District Report, 2 - 9 Nov 2017](#)



Bhusinga VDC: a one storey house with attic constructed using stone and mud mortar masonry with timber banding. The home owner has received the second tranche of the GoN reconstruction grant and the house has been approved for the third tranche. The home owner received socio-technical assistance support from UMN.

[HRRP District Coordination Team Rasuwa, Weekly District Report, 2 - 9 Nov 2017](#)



Parbatikunda Rural Municipality-4, Gatlang: a traditional dry stone and timber house undergoing retrofitting as part of a pilot being implemented by Build Change.

[HRRP District Coordination Team Sindhupalchowk, Weekly District Report, 26 Oct-2 Nov 2017](#)



Bhimtar, Indrawati Gaupalika, Sindhupalchok: the house is being constructed using hollow concrete blocks with vertical steel posts of 75mm x 75mm. The house has not yet been approved for the second tranche as it is still under review.

Requests for Partner Support

Data Collection, Cost of Construction: HRRP would like to request Partner Organisations to share any cost of construction data that they have already collected, or are collecting using the format which can be downloaded [here](#). The data shared will be compiled and made available for download on the HRRP website, similar to the HRRP 4W data. Please share the data with Anu Prasai, HRRP National General Coordination Officer, nco1@hrrpnepal.org, who you can also contact if you have any questions or wish to provide any feedback.

Invitation, DFID Consultative Workshop, Monday, 20 November: DFID would like to invite partners to attend a consultative workshop on options and opportunities to support families to reconstruct earthquake compliant housing, especially targeting the most vulnerable, currently left behind in the reconstruction process. The meeting will take place from 2-4pm in the Deepika meeting room at the DFID office in Ekantakuna. Please RSVP to Rakshya Baral, r-baral@dfid.gov.uk.

DOCUMENTS & PRODUCTS

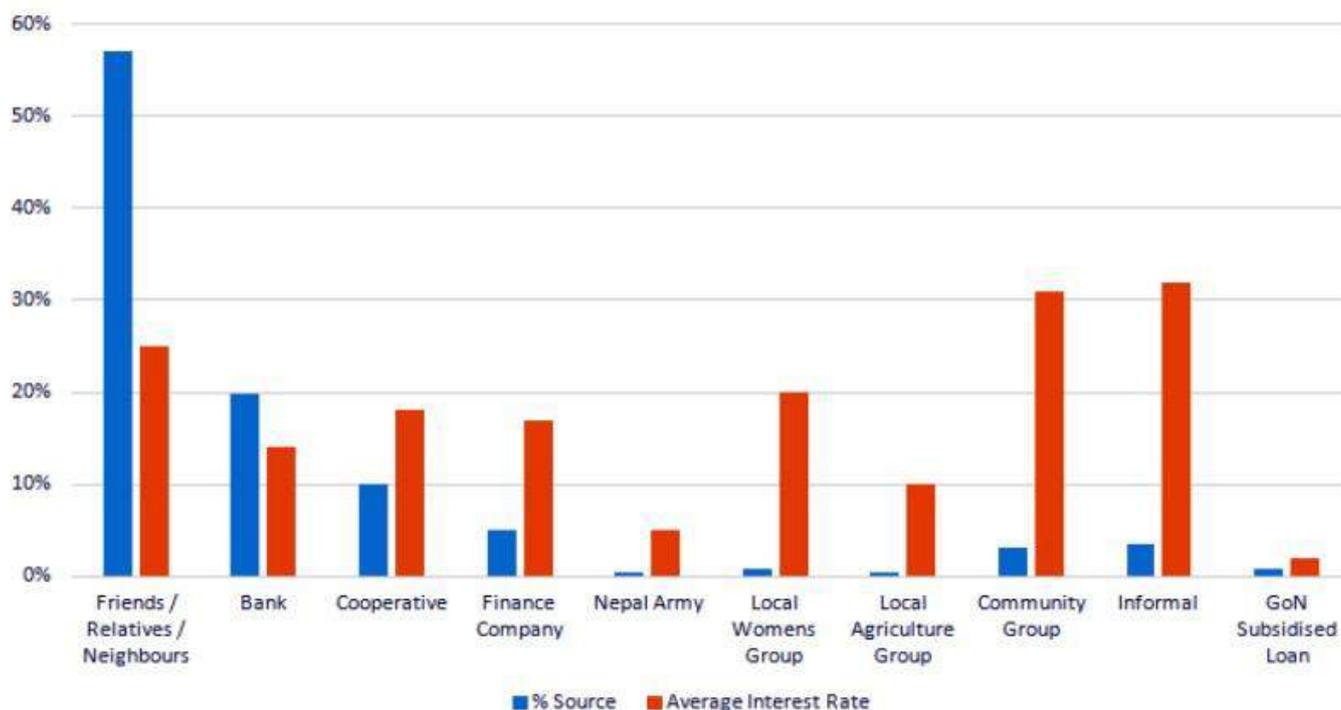
Government of Nepal

[28 Point Manifesto to Expedite Reconstruction Works, NRA, Nepali and Unofficial English Translation](#)

[National Urban Development Strategy 2017, Ministry of Urban Development:](#) recently approved by cabinet, the NUDS is expected to enhance the national urban policy vision and facilitate periodic review and appropriate changes, provide strategic direction for MoUD, define the scope of urbanisation and urban development and to indicate the areas that come under MoUD, and inform and facilitate sectoral activities of other government agencies related to urban development (e.g. transport, industry, trade, environment, water and sanitation services, culture, tourism, and local development).

HRRP

[HRRP Cost of Construction Report, October 2017:](#) the report provides a summary of data collected on costs and financing of reconstruction from across the 14 districts most affected by the earthquakes. The Common Feedback Project, in their October 2017 report, highlighted that of the 25% of respondents that had completed construction of their home, 75% had taken loans to do so. As the data in the HRRP report indicates that the average rate of interest on loans is 23% (annual), the cost implications for households are very high. It is also concerning that many people are taking informal loans, where the consequences of missed, or non-payment of the loan may include loss of assets, including the family home. In the long term, increasing levels of debt are likely to impede households, and their communities, overall recovery.



Sources of loans and associated average interest rates.

Maps of MoFALD Enrolment Data, 3 November:

- [% of Households that have Signed the Participation Agreement with the GoN](#)
- [% of Households that have Received the First Tranche](#)

Partners

[‘Self-recovery from disasters: an interdisciplinary perspective’, Working and Discussion Papers, ODI](#): the paper presents the findings from a pilot research project, which included Nepal as a case study, that investigated how disaster-affected households in low- and middle-income countries rebuild their homes in situations where little or no support is available from humanitarian agencies. The project was an interdisciplinary collaboration involving social scientists, geoscientists, structural engineers and humanitarian practitioners. The executive summary is also available in [Nepali](#).

[Baliyo Ghar TV Programme, Episode 76](#): this episode focuses on a special interview with the recently appointed CEO of the NRA, Mr. Yub Raj Bhusal. Episode 77 airs this week and is focused on the technical details of the Correction and Exception Manual.

[Milijuli Nepali, Episode 784](#): in this episode the presenter travels to Dhuskot, Sindhupalchowk. There residents share the challenges they have encountered after the earthquake as they had to move away from their destroyed homes. They tell the presenter about the reconstruction scenario in their area and their plans to rebuild resilient houses.

[Citizen Helpdesk Bulletin, Issue 9, English and Nepali](#)

[Stay or Go - Migration Should be a Choice, International Labour Organisation](#)

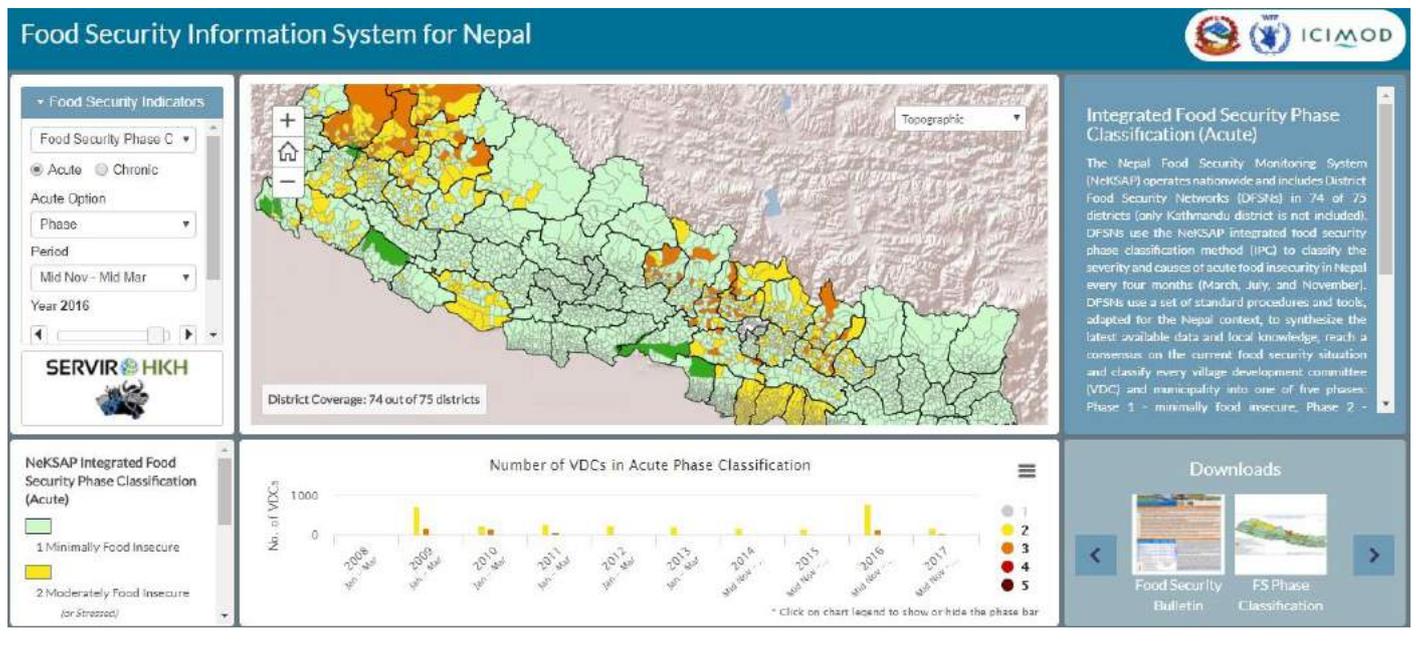
[ASF Nepal Newsletter, September – October 2017](#)

[‘To build resilient cities, we must treat substandard housing as a life-or-death emergency’, World Bank](#): the article looks at the merits of using a triage strategy for housing risk reduction.

[The Little Data Book on Information and Communication Technology 2017, World Bank](#): provides country specific data, including for Nepal.

	Country data		Low-income group
	2010	2015	2015
Access			
Fixed-telephone subscriptions (per 100 people)	3.1	3.0	0.9
Mobile-cellular telephone subscriptions (per 100 people)	34.3	96.7	60.0
Fixed-broadband subscriptions (per 100 people)	0.2	1.1	0.3
Households with a computer (%)	4.2 ^a	8.9 ^a	4.8
Households with Internet access at home (%)	2.1 ^a	6.3 ^a	7.1
Usage			
Int'l. voice traffic, total (minutes/subscriber/month)
Domestic mobile traffic (minutes/subscriber/month)	48.9
Individuals using the Internet (%)	7.9	17.6 ^a	9.5
Quality			
Population covered by at least a 3G mobile network (%)	20	..	51
International Internet bandwidth (bit/s per Internet user)	1,879	2,700	4,245
Affordability			
Mobile-cellular sub-basket (\$ a month)	2.8	2.4	9.4
Fixed-broadband sub-basket (\$ a month)	23.3	6.5	33.6
Mobile-b'band, prepaid handset-based, 500 MB (\$ a month)	11.4	6.1	8.0
Mobile-b'band, postpaid computer-based, 1 GB (\$ a month)	..	7.7	10.8

[Food Security Information System for Nepal, Online Portal](#): launched by ICIMOD, WFP, and the Government of Nepal, the portal provides data visualisation for a range of food security indicators.



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