
WEEKLY BULLETIN
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General Updates.

- On 20 Jan, Friday, HRRP participated in an introductory meeting in NRA with the new CEO Dr. Govindra Pokhrel. The NRA is preparing for a month long reconstruction campaign from 3 February to 3 March and is looking at deploying security forces and final year engineering students as volunteers for this campaign.
- The NRA Central level Grievances Handling Committee has, on 12 January, transferred 18,500 grievances to the eligible list, 30,925 grievances have been categorised as not eligible for the grant, 17,654 grievances require field surveys, and 3,432 grievances require further field verification. MoUD CL-PIUs have been instructed to complete the field surveys and field verification tasks by 12 February 2017.
- The NRA Executive Committee has been notified about the list of 19,766 beneficiaries from 14 Districts who have been selected for the Retrofitting Cash Grants from the MoFALD CL-PIU as per the Grant Disbursement Procedures for Private Houses Affected by Earthquake, 2073 (2016), which was approved by the meeting of Council of Ministers held in 29 December 2016. The list shall be evaluated and presented for approval in the next meeting.
- An NRA press note ([here](#)) from 13 January announced provisions regarding On the Job Training shall be finalised by 7 February as follows:
 - Identify a list of 250 VDCs from 31 earthquake affected Districts for the first stage of the training.
 - Confirm a list of I/NGOs who have planned or completed OJT trainings.
 - Announce EOIs for the delivery of trainings from eligible private colleges, public colleges and private technical campus through newspapers in January 17, 2017.
 - Two representatives each from NRA, MoUD CL-PIUs and CTEVT shall be involved in the preparation and evaluation of TOR and all other relevant tasks. Expressions of Interest (EOI) shall be evaluated by 31 January 2017. The EOI shall be finalised by 7 February 2017 after which the trainings will start in the VDCs.
 - The MoF will release the necessary budget.
 - VDCs and Municipalities shall be notified within 17 January 2017 to provide details on the mason trainees and eligible houses for OJT (Mason) to the DL-PIU through MoFALD CL-PIU.
 - Make announcement for proposals (EOIs) from interested I/NGOs whose funding sources have been confirmed.
- The press note also announced that a draft of Monitoring Procedures has been prepared to monitor the programs implemented by various I/NGOs whose proposal has been approved by the NRA. This will be reviewed and suggestions shall be presented in the next (regular) meeting.
- Findings from a recent study conducted by the working group under the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation (MoFSC) show:
 - 47,860,745 cubic feet of (round-wood) logs are required for reconstruction for a period of 5 years.
 - A total of 2,179,564 cubic feet of timber is available for reconstruction across the country with government-managed forests, community forests, Collaborative Forests, Forest Products Supply Committee, Sagarnath Forest Development Project, Timber Corporation (TCN) and Forest products traders.
 - Target has been set for the production of 6,467,672 cubic feet of timber annually.
 - Among the most affected 14 Districts, Okhaldhunga, Sindhuli, Makwanpur and Rasuwa are self-sufficient whereas the remaining 10 Districts need to import timber from other Districts.
 - The 17 less affected districts were all found to be self-sufficient in timber requirements for reconstruction.

- This morning at 11am an **Earthquake Safety Day Walkathon** will be taking place. The walkathon will start from Jawalakhel and finish at Mangal Bazaar.
- [4W data shows](#) that **only 14 VDCs out of a total 619 are receiving the full package of Technical Assistance (TA) support required. The HRRP strongly urges all POs to seriously look at expanding their programmes to cover gaps, especially where they are not covering all wards in the working VDCs, to avoid duplications, and to improve the quality of programmes by ensuring that the full TA package is being delivered.** If you have any questions related to this, please feel free to contact the HRRP National Coordinator, Loren (loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org).

Meetings and Events

- On Friday 20 January, HRRP participated in an event Humanitarian Accountability Monitoring Initiative (HAMI) Community Self-Reliance Centre (CSRC) and Oxfam, which initiated discussion on causes and factors of inequalities in Nepal, and looked to build common understanding on them and discuss possible next steps.
- **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 will be available soon. A session will be held in Kathmandu during the week of the 30th January 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. We hope to be able to finalise the date for this session soon – keep an eye out for the invitation! Please feel free to contact Narayan (techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org) if have any questions on this.
- Many thanks to all the presenters and participants in the ‘Information Collection and Management Tools’ technical session on the 19 January. The presentations and summary of the session will be available on the HRRP website [here](#). Topics for upcoming sessions are planned as follows, and we hope to send out more details for these sessions soon:
 - Northern Areas
 - Social Mobilisation
 - Household WASH
- We are also pleased to share a movie of the talk on gabion band technology given by Randolph Langenbach available [here](#). This talk was part of the 15th November 2016 technical session on ‘Enhancing Rural Construction Culture’. All information on completed technical sessions can be found [here](#).
- Preparations are also underway for **district technical workshops** which will provide a chance for reconstruction actors to come together to share experience to date on delivering technical assistance and to discuss challenges faced and develop possible solutions to address these. Please feel free to contact Narayan (techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org) if have any questions on this.

Useful Documents

- Guideline for Wood Production, Import and Management, 2072 available [here](#)
- Procedures for providing credit for the reconstruction of earthquake affected houses, 2072 available [here](#)
- Unofficial English translation of Revised Grant Disbursement Guidelines available [here](#)
- ‘Review of the 9 Minimum Characteristics of a Disaster Resilient Community’, developed by the Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium (NRRRC), Durham University, and Foundation for Development Management, available [here](#). Please contact Krishna.KC@ifrc.org, the lead for this work under Flagship IV of the NRRRC, if you need any further information on this report.
- Sphere standards discussion paper on ‘Engaging with National Disaster Management Authorities to adopt humanitarian standards’ available [here](#)

- The preliminary findings of the third round of The Asia Foundations' Impacts and Recovery Monitoring Programme are available [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

- We would like to thank partners for their efforts in submitting data via the new HRRP 4W. The second round of data collection using the revised 4W template was completed on January 12th and District Profiles are being prepared.
- The maps shared last week based on the previous round of data collection are available here:
 - [Coverage of 6 Technical Assistance Activities](#)
 - [Example of Coverage of 6 Technical Assistance Activities at ward level \(Dolakha\)](#)
 - [Areas with no Technical Assistance with Damage Overlay](#)
 - [Technical Assistance: Short Training Coverage](#)
 - [Technical Assistance: Vocational Training Coverage](#)
 - [Technical Assistance: WASH activities Coverage](#)
 - [Technical Assistance: Demonstration Construction Coverage](#)

Reminders

- **Household WASH:** We still have not received anything following last week's request for partners to **share existing toilet designs or WASH information materials** that have been developed. We would greatly appreciate it if you could share any materials you have on this with Kuber (techofficer.national@hrrpnepal.org) and Laxmi (techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org). This will not only benefit development of standards for household WASH in relation to the 25,000 NPRs of the housing grant linked with this, but may also support with common review and approval of toilet designs and WASH information materials through NRA.
- JICA have very kindly made available to all partners, the **refresher training package** that they have developed for existing masons that have completed the 7 day training package. These training materials are available [here](#). We would request that if you use this training package, you inform HRRP of the location in which the training was carried out so that we can share this with JICA. This training package has been developed as a follow up to JICA's [survey on masons' construction practices after training](#). HRRP would really appreciate partner support to carry out this survey to gain a better understanding of the impact of training across the districts. The JICA presentation on their finding of the survey from the Masons Training Experience Sharing Session can be found [here](#).
- **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!** Photos can be sent to Kuber (techofficer.national@hrrpnepal.org) and Laxmi (techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org) and include details of where the photo was taken and what it shows.

