

## WEEKLY BULLETIN 30 Jan 2017

### General Updates

- The NRA has authorised the disbursement of almost 12 billion NPRs for the second tranche of the housing reconstruction grant. The second tranche disbursement will be made through MoFALD CL-PIU and DL-PIUs across the fourteen most affected districts. The second tranche is disbursed once construction up to plinth level has been completed and inspection (following the inspection SOP) finds the work to be compliant. The request for disbursement was originally for just over 26 billion NPRs, but for now only 12 billion NPRs has been approved for release. The news release, in Nepali, can be found on the NRA website [here](#).
- NRA CEO, Dr. Govinda Raj Pokhrel has stated that grievances will be addressed immediately. A Central Level Grievances Committee has been formed and is working to address all grievances by 7 February. The full news article, in Nepali, can be found [here](#).
- MoFALD has issued the following notice regarding the latest data on household agreements, first tranche disbursement, and grievance registration. The full notice in Nepali is available [here](#).

District	No. of Eligible Households	No. of HHs with Grant Agreement	No. of HHs who received the first tranche	No. of Grievances Registered
Gorkha	58,503	53,349	52,675	15,746
Sindhupalchowk	78,537	74,924	74,912	14,447
Ramechhap	43,609	40,911	39,759	13,972
Dhading	70,581	63,151	52,917	15,589
Nuwakot	65,759	61,370	60,474	11,050
Dolakha	51,762	47,614	47,079	21,712
Okhaldhunga	19,818	18,489	18,301	7,810
Kavrepalanchowk	67,665	60,721	59,751	21,436
Sindhuli	34,256	28,269	26,162	30,601
Rasuwa	11,236	9,455	8,848	1,367
Makwanpur	30,238	20,305	19,009	26,909
Lalitpur	25,506	18,535	7,886	6,118
Kathmandu	42,500	32,998	19,499	10,832
Bhaktapur	26,066	20,150	18,000	6,588
<b>Total</b>	<b>626,036</b>	<b>550,241</b>	<b>505,272</b>	<b>204,177</b>

- New Joint Secretary Yam Lal Bhusal (transferring from Ministry of Industry) has joined NRA central, effectively filling the post that was vacant after the departure of Ram Thapaliya (Policy, Planning, Monitoring, and Development Assistance Coordination Division).

- A total of 435 engineers, sub-engineers, and assistant sub engineers from Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur and Kavrepalanchok have been trained on the Inspection SOP by MoUD CL-PIU. The training sessions were conducted over 14 days from 8 - 23 Jan 2017 and the technicians were orientated on the different types of forms and the detailed procedures for filling the forms. HRRP, SABAL, and JICA also provided trainers for this event.
- HRRP and the [Common Feedback Project \(CFP\)](#) will be strengthening our collaboration to maximise the impact on the reconstruction efforts of the local level feedback and perceptions collected by the CFP. As part of this we will be jointly organising monthly meetings (tentatively scheduled for the last Monday of every month) where CFP will present questions collected and provide an overview of the survey findings. CFP and HRRP will then jointly present a more in-depth look at 3-5 of the findings and then potential actions to address these can be discussed, and commitments to act on this made where possible. The first meeting is planned for the end of February, and we will circulate more detailed information on this soon. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the HRRP Recovery Advisor, Siobhan, [siobhan@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:siobhan@hrrpnepal.org). The most recent CFP report, which summarises findings from 23 focus group discussions, is available [here](#).
- Many thanks to NSET for sharing some [photos](#) and [videos](#) from a shake table demonstration they conducted as part of the Earthquake Safety Day events in Sakhu last week. Laxmi, one of the HRRP technical coordination officers, managed and facilitated this event. Please feel free to contact him, on [techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org), if you have any questions or are interested to conduct a similar demonstration in your working areas.



- Based on the latest round of [4W data](#), only 9 VDCs have full coverage of the technical assistance package in all wards. The remaining 610 VDCs are not receiving the full package of Technical Assistance (TA) support required. There are 202 VDCs in total that do not have any TA activities reported, of which 134 VDCs have more than 60% of damaged structures.

District	No. of VDCs with no TA	No. of VDCs with no TA with more than 60% damage
Bhaktapur	3	No data
Dhading	0	0
Dolakha	1	1
Gorkha	5	5
Kathmandu	9	No data
Kavrepalanchok	37	35
Lalitpur	19	No data
Makwanpur	6	1
Nuwakot	28	28
Okhaldhunga	26	9
Ramechhap	27	25
Rasuwa	2	2
Sindhuli	18	7
Sindhupalchok	21	21

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](mailto:loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org)).

- With a target of reconstructing around 600 houses in 6 months, the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) has been looking for thousands of volunteers who may not have professional experience in the construction sector. NRNA is looking for volunteers in two categories: Semi-skilled and Unskilled. Interested candidates must submit the application before the end of January 2017. Forms can be submitted online [here](#). For further information, please call NRNA Secretariat in 01-4215247 or send your email to [laprakovolunteers@nrna.org.np](mailto:laprakovolunteers@nrna.org.np). The original article, in Nepal, can be found [here](#). Please note that the approach of the NRNA is to directly construct the houses, i.e. not to follow the owner driven approach.

## Meetings and Events

- A "Livelihood Orientation and Grievances Management Interaction" was organised by the NRA on 27th Jan 2017 in Dhulikhel, Kavre. The major grievances in the district were collected from various stakeholders including government bodies, Partner Organisations, press, and local authorities. CEO Dr. Govinda Raj Pokharel summarised the NRA's plans to facilitate and speed up the reconstruction process. Three working papers on Dignified Livelihood, Grievance Adressal Mechanism, and NRA: Introduction, Work Process, and Guidelines were presented by NRA representatives. The HRRP District Coordinator for Kavre is preparing a summary of the interaction session which will be shared soon.
- **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 soon 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](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org)) if have any questions on this.

- **District technical workshops** will be held in all districts in the coming weeks. These workshops 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. Workshops are planned as follows:
  - **Dhading, 2<sup>nd</sup> February**
  - **Kavrepalanchowk, 6<sup>th</sup> February**
  - **Sindhupalchowk, 7<sup>th</sup> February**
  - **Dolakha, 7<sup>th</sup> February**
  - **Makwanpur, 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Dates for other districts are still under discussion and invitations will be sent out at district level once finalised. 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](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org)).

### 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](#)
- 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](mailto:info@hrrpnepal.org) or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time.

### Information Products

- Updated Dashboards 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 new 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:	336,067 <sup>1</sup>	46 VDCs and 1 municipality
<b>Damage Status - Private Structures</b>		
Damage Grade (3-5)	76,644	Type of housing walls
Damage Grade (1-2)	12,478	Mud-bonded bricks/stone
Total	89,122 <sup>2</sup>	Cement-bonded bricks/stone
		Other
		% of households who own their housing unit:
		Dhading: 85%
		National: 41%
		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 radio in three languages (Nepali, Chepang and Tamang) and NSET held a "Shake Table Demonstration" on 26 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 26 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
AKRA-M	
CA	FOCUS
OXFAM	SAHIS
ICE	
HELVEETAS	JAYAN, MSEI, RMC
NRCS	
NSET	
OXFAMGB	ACTIONAL, PARYAS-N
UMN	HMS, NEDS, PARYAS-N

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

**SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS<sup>3</sup>**

- SHORT TRAINING**: 4,121 (Target: 1,367)
- VOCATIONAL TRAINING**: 335 (Target: 6,665) (Reached: 335, Remaining: 6,330)
- 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, 75%<sup>4</sup>

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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 on the job 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.

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## 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](mailto:techofficer.national@hrrpnepal.org)) and Laxmi ([techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto: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!** We are developing a system to be able to share these photos. Photos can be sent to Kuber ([techofficer1.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techofficer1.national@hrrpnepal.org)) and Laxmi ([techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techofficer2.national@hrrpnepal.org)) and include details of where the photo was taken and what it shows.