

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

27 March 2017

### This Week's Highlights

- As of 19<sup>th</sup> March, MoFALD reports that 85% of eligible HHs have received the first tranche of the housing grant
- As of 27<sup>th</sup> March, [MoUD CL-PIU](#) reports that 7,011 HHs have been approved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche and 1,166 HHs have been approved for the 3<sup>rd</sup> tranche
- HRRP district profiles based on 10<sup>th</sup> March data
- NRA approves 6 new house designs
- DUDBC Chief in Sindhupalchowk highlights need for PO technical assistance teams at VDC and ward level to work in collaboration with DL-PIU engineers and VDC Secretaries.
- Many thanks to the five partners who reported to the NRA 5W last week, 79 out of 131 partners have now reported
- Support is required to complete the supply chain assessment in Ramechhap and Okhaldhunga, if your organisation can support please contact [Siobhan Kennedy](#), HRRP Recovery Advisor
- [Contact details for incumbent Rural Municipality, Sub-Metropolitan, and Metropolitan CEOs in the Kathmandu Valley](#)
- [Contact details for District Focal Points for DL-PIU engineers](#)



Reconstruction in Prok VDC in Gorkha in May 2016. Photo credit, Loren Lockwood, HRRP.

## General Updates

[Updated Enrolment data released by MoFALD, 19<sup>th</sup> March \(Nepali\):](#)

District	No. of Eligible HHs	No. of HHs with grant agreement	No. of HHs received 1 <sup>st</sup> tranche	Grievances				
				No. Registered	Deemed Non-eligible	Deemed Eligible	Re-survey / field observation required	Remaining
Gorkha	58,503	53,349	52,675	15,746	5,835	2,313	3,458	4,140
Sindhupalchok	78,537	74,924	74,912	14,447	565	1,269	1,130	11,483
Ramechhap	43,609	40,911	39,759	13,972	4,792	1,043	2,718	5,419
Dhading	70,581	63,978	62,849	15,589	6,189	2,515	4,268	2,617
Nuwakot	65,773	62,046	61,575	11,189	2,260	2,714	2,559	3,656
Dolakha	51,940	48,113	47,079	21,712	3,266	8,227	5,351	4,868
Okhaldhunga	19,819	18,489	18,301	7,810	4,575	346	1,854	1,035
Kavrepalanchok	67,731	60,721	59,751	21,436	4,414	1,734	2,825	12,463
Sindhuli	34,269	28,269	26,162	30,601	240	20	39	30,302
Rasuwa	11,236	9,682	9,106	1,367	395	374	453	145
Makwanpur	30,238	21,565	19,490	26,909	2,709	456	881	22,863
Lalitpur	25,893	19,675	12,395	6,118	846	448	332	4,492
Kathmandu	42,500	35,136	30,893	11,851				11,851
Bhaktapur	26,066	20,156	19,553	6,588				6,588
<b>Total</b>	<b>626,695</b>	<b>557,014</b>	<b>534,500</b>	<b>205,335</b>	<b>36,086</b>	<b>21,459</b>	<b>25,868</b>	<b>121,922</b>

[HRRP Media Digest](#), some major stories include:

[NRA approves six new designs of low-cost housing](#): The NRA Executive Committee has approved six new low-cost housing designs. These designs were prepared by the Society of Nepali Architects and JICA, and HRRP and Build Change supported the NRA and MoUD CL-PIU with the structural review of the designs as part of the approval process.

[Centuries-old pati, hit by 2015 earthquake, reconstructed in Patan](#): A 349-year-old pati (inn), Lunchhen Nani Phalcha in Chabahal, Tangal of Patan, destroyed by the Gorkha Earthquake 2015, has been handed over to the community after its reconstruction.

[NRA tells govt to facilitate timber supply for reconstruction](#): The National Reconstruction Authority Chief Executive Officer Dr. Govinda Raj Pokharel has directed the government authorities to distribute timber at a subsidised price for the construction of houses in earthquake-affected districts.

[Govt told to launch reconstruction fund within a month](#): The Development Committee of the Parliament on Wednesday told the concerned government bodies, including the National Reconstruction Authority, to set up a reconstruction fund within one month. Without this fund in place, the NRA must request the Ministry of Finance to release the reconstruction budget.

**NRA 5W Reporting:** to date only 79 out of 131 partners have reported to the NRA 5W system. We urge partners who have not reported to share their data as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact Gaurab Pradhan, [gaurab@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:gaurab@hrrpnepal.org), for more information. Once the NRA 5W is fully up and running the HRRP 4W will be phased out.

## Meetings and Events

**NRA Housing Technical Working Group:** on Thursday 22 March, the technical working group met to work on preparing a scoring system for inspection and compliance. It is being proposed that houses would be initially evaluated to determine if they can be reviewed under the scoring system, if yes, houses will then be reviewed and if they meet a certain % they will be awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche but must make the corrections required to reach 100% before applying for the 3<sup>rd</sup> tranche. The NRA also presented retrofit options that have been developed using timber, iron rod, GI wire mesh and combinations of three. The Non-Resident Nepali (NRN) group presented their house design for their planned settlement work in Larpak, Gorkha. The NRN design had not incorporated earthquake forces in their structural calculations and the designs were rejected. Any POs interested to support the technical working group may contact Narayan Marasini, HRRP National Technical Coordinator, for information on how to get involved.

**Northern Areas Technical Session:** tentatively scheduled for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in DUDBC Conference Hall; keep an eye out for the invitation with all the details!

**Taking Action Based on Community Feedback:** first, of what will be regular meetings, focused on action planning to address reconstruction issues raised by communities took place on Wednesday 22 March. The summary of the meeting will be available soon. The actions recommended during the session included:

- 6-activity technical assistance package: communities going through the reconstruction process need to have access to continuous and targeted information throughout the process. TA needs to be comprehensive and needs to target various groups; households, masons, vendors and producers, community / political leaders, women, young people, etc.
- Vulnerable top-up grants: currently only planned for 535 households, POs requested to consider expanding coverage of the top-up grant to support vulnerable and remote households
- Design support: POs were requested to scale up support to communities for house design preparation either through door to door technical assistance teams or [helpdesk / technical resource centres](#) (coverage of helpdesks / resource centres is currently very poor, including a number of centres which do not cover full VDCs)
- Information on finance: scale up information to households on accessing additional finance for their reconstruction and on budgeting.

**Sindhupalchowk Shelter Cluster Meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** there were two agenda points; preparation for an earthquake drill that the Shelter Cluster is going to hold on 31<sup>st</sup> March with the DDRC, and housing reconstruction. The drill is intended to examine the current strengths and capacity of the clusters and DDRC, and identify areas for improvement. The DUDBC / DL-PIU Chief requested POs to support with preparation of a trained masons roster, including photos, which will be kept in an earthquake memorial museum planned for Chautara. DUDBC have found that coordination at field level between POs staff and the DL-PIU engineers is weak. The **DUDBC Chief requested POs to collaborate with the DL-PIU engineers at field level and work as one team.** The SABAL programme will be holding coordination meetings for VDC Secretaries, DL-PIU engineers, and POs at VDC cluster level soon. The next Shelter Cluster meeting will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Please contact [Rup Kumar BC](#), HRRP District Coordinator in Sindhupalchowk, for more information.

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**District Technical Workshops:** now complete for all 14 districts (district reports available [here](#)), and a summary report is available [here](#).

**Video Storytelling Training of Trainers:** Moving Stories will be delivering a 3-day ToT on the 29, 30 & 31 March where participants will learn how participatory storytelling can be combined with technology to create stories that catalyse action on critical social issues. The course costs 15,000 NPRs (early bird NRs 13,000 until 15th March). More information available at [www.movingstories.info](http://www.movingstories.info). HRRP is also considering potentially organising additional ToTs for partners. If you, or someone from your organisation would be interested to participate please inform Siobhan Kennedy, the HRRP Recovery Advisor, [siobhan@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:siobhan@hrrpnepal.org).

## Useful Documents

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**NRA MIS Training Reporting Format:** partners are requested to use the format for training records and to submit one copy to MoUD DL-PIU, and HRRP district team who will submit to NRA MIS. For already complete trainings, the HRRP district team are converting existing records to the new format.

### [Updated NBC 202, 203, 204, and 205](#)

**Demand and Supply of Construction Materials in Ramechhap District:** report prepared by the Nepal Agricultural Market Development Programme (NAMDP), on behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC, monitored the price of key construction materials in the district headquarters and three other key market centres in Ramechhap district. The assessment was carried out on a weekly basis from the first week of December 2016 for eight weeks.

**Retrofitting Status Update:** a draft document summarising the status of retrofitting activities for reconstruction. Please feel free to share any feedback or questions on the document with Narayan, [techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org).

**NepalMonitor.org:** a system designed to alert local organizations to human rights and security incidents happening in their area; as well as allow them to easily share incidents they witnessed in local, national and international organizations. Information on how to subscribe is available [here](#), more information about the project is available [here](#), and the first post is available [here](#).

**NRA Grievance Handling Reports:** for each of the fourteen districts, and updated on a regular basis. A summary table in English is also available [here](#).

**MoUD CL-PIU MIS portal:** district-wise overview of inspection and reconstruction progress from DL-PIU engineers' reports. A translation of the headers is available [here](#).

### [Contact details for incumbent Rural Municipality, Sub-Metropolitan, and Metropolitan CEOs in the Kathmandu Valley](#)

**Contact details for District Focal Points for DL-PIU engineers:** district focal points will be able to provide contact details for DL-PIU engineers at VDC level.

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**[Independent Impacts and Recovery Monitoring, Quantitative Results, Phase 3](#)**: released on 23 March by The Asia Foundation. Please note that the data presented in the report was collected in September 2016 and as such reflects a reconstruction context of 6 months ago.

**[HRRP Briefing Pack](#)**: highlights particularly useful documents to support people and organisations new to the Nepal earthquake recovery and reconstruction understand the context, the actors involved, and the standards to be followed.

**[Q&A](#)**: new questions to be included can be shared to [info@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:info@hrrpnepal.org) or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time. Nepali version of Community FAQs also available.

## Information Products

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**[District Profiles](#)** based on 10<sup>th</sup> March 4W data:

[Dhading](#)

[Dolakha](#)

[Gorkha](#)

[Kathmandu Valley](#)

[Kavrepalanchok](#)

[Makwanpur](#)

[Nuwakot](#)

[Okhaldhunga](#)

[Ramechhap](#)

[Rasuwa](#)

[Sindhuli](#)

[Sindhupalchok](#)