

## HRRP Weekly Bulletin

Dear Partners,

We would like to draw your attention to the following updates and information from the HRRP team.

- On behalf of the NRA, we are very pleased to share the **final version of the Inspection SOP** ([access here](#)). An official English translation of the document will be prepared and shared as quickly as possible. It is recommended that partners look to align their technical assistance activities with the inspection SOP, so that supervision results in a higher level compliant construction.
- Please note that any PO providing the housing grant must follow all relevant GoN policies and procedures (See [Grant Disbursement Guidelines here](#)), including the inspection SOP. The second tranche of the housing grant must only be released once the inspection process has been completed. If you have any questions on this please contact Loren ([loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org)).
- The HRRP Government Liaison Officer, Prajwal Sharma ([prajwal@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:prajwal@hrrpnepal.org)), met with the MoFALD Central Level Programme Implementation Unit (CL-PIU) Chief this week and was informed that the first tranche of the housing grant has been disbursed to the bank accounts of **425,664 households**, or **68%** of the total number of eligible households. To date, 91% of eligible households have signed the participation agreement with the Government.
- The NRA has released seven **Public Service Announcements (PSAs)**, which are also available through the [google drive link here](#). As the file sizes are quite large, partners are also welcome to come to the HRRP office to collect the PSAs directly. The PSAs include audio and video versions of seven announcements relating to the following:
  1. *Reassessment/Survey (grievance process for households that have not been surveyed)*
  2. *Community Reconstruction Committee establishment and role, and prioritisation for vulnerable population (elderly, disabled, single women)*
  3. *Enrolment Process (get enrolled, provide the correct details, people with more than one house where one of the houses was not affected by the earthquake are not eligible, and the housing grant tranches should be used for reconstructing a seismic resistant house)*
  4. *Local Materials (Local materials like Stone, Mud, Timber/Bamboo can be used to construct an earthquake resistant house)*
  5. *Technical Assistance (explains the three tranche mechanism, including inspection process, levels at which inspection is required; plinth, roof, completion)*
  6. *Encouraging masons and carpenters to stay in Nepal and get involved in training activities to support reconstruction.*
  7. *Earthquake resistant house construction (refers to the DUDBC design catalogue and outlines methods to construct a house using a design that is not in the catalogue)*

Partners are encouraged to use these PSAs across their working areas, and are requested to send updates on where, when, and for whom the PSAs have been used to [im.national@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:im.national@hrrpnepal.org).

- In Kavre District the DUDBC **District Level Programme Implementation Unit (DL-PIU)** are planning to deliver **masons training** in the 43 VDCs (out of a total of 80) where training has not been provided, and is not planned. A proposal for this masons training has been submitted to CL-PIU and it is expected that the DL-PIU will begin delivering the trainings within 15 days. The DL-PIU have informed POs that further proposals for masons training in the district will not be approved as the gaps will be covered by the DL-PIU.

- DUDBC have approved **6 designs for the second volume of the housing design catalogue**. These designs include RCC Band in Stone Masonry, Dry stone Masonry, Compressed Stabilised Earth Blocks (CSEB), Concrete blocks, timber structure, and Stone/Brick Masonry with Steel truss. The review process for additional designs already submitted for inclusion in the catalogue is ongoing, but at this moment DUDBC are not accepting any new designs for inclusion in the catalogue.
- Any organisations that are planning to support **winterisation** efforts over the coming months, are requested to report to **Shelter Cluster Nepal**. Please contact Deepika at [Deepika.BHARDWAJ@ifrc.org](mailto:Deepika.BHARDWAJ@ifrc.org). The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) will be holding an internal meeting on winter preparedness on 17 November.
- We also wanted to bring to your attention that the annual "**Earthquake Safety Day**" is coming up in mid-January 2017. Over the coming weeks there will be sessions taking place to prepare for the event, and we will be keeping you up to date on this. If you have any questions related to the event, please feel free to contact [info@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:info@hrrpnepal.org).

## Reminders

- An updated [Briefing Package](#) has been circulated 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 updated Package includes the newly published NRA Inspection SoP and the Housing Reconstruction Grants Disbursement Guidelines.
- Technological Solutions to Enhance Rural Construction Culture Session, **15 November, 4:30 PM**, HRRP office. RSVP to Sushmita at [sushmita@hrrpnepal.org](mailto:sushmita@hrrpnepal.org).

## Information Products

- Maps have been produced for **eight districts** to highlight the geographical distribution of **market centers for reconstruction materials** with overlays of access routes and number of damaged structures at VDC level (Grade III - V). Please access the maps from the links below.
- [Gorkha District](#)
- [Dhading District](#)
- [Dolakha District](#)
- [Kavrepalanchok District](#)
- [Nuwakot District](#)
- [Okhaldhunga District](#)
- [Rasuwa District](#)
- [Sindhupalchok District](#)

[Updated Dashboards for 13 district](#) that show Who, What activities, Where and When (4W) in the housing recovery and reconstruction sector.