

WEEKLY BULLETIN

19 December

General Updates

- GoN has signed **Participation Agreements** with 476,063 households in 11 districts. The **first tranche** has been released to 448,811 households.
- In the **Kathmandu Valley**, the GoN has signed Participation Agreements with 62,129 households.
- The current phase of DFID funding to the HRRP will come to an end at the end of February 2017. At this point IOM will be stepping down as the lead organisation for the platform. Over the course of the next 4-6 weeks, the HRRP team will be working to ensure a smooth transition to a new lead organisation.
- The **HRRP 4W** format has been updated to more accurately collect data on activities being delivered, and information will now be collected at ward level. This will improve understanding of the quality of technical assistance being delivered, as well as gaps in coverage. Data collection using the revised format is ongoing, and data will be submitted from district to national level on the 25th December for collation, analysis, and preparation of Information Management (IM) products.
- The HRRP would like to highlight to all partners that the Shelter Cluster '**10 Key Messages**' (access [here](#)) posters are missing some elements required for compliance under the inspection SOP. As such we would request that POs do not print or distribute this material. If partners are interested to support an update of the 10 key messages the HRRP can facilitate this process. Interested partners should contact HRRP Recovery Advisor, Siobhan Kennedy (siobhan@hrrpnepal.org).
- This week there will be four ToTs on the Inspection SOP in Kathmandu, and from the following week the training for DL-PIU engineers will be rolled out across the districts. A limited number of HRRP and PO staff are participating in the ToT and will also be supporting the district level training.
- Loren Lockwood, HRRP National Coordinator, will be on leave from 17th December to 13th January. During this time the HRRP will remain open and the national and district teams will be available. We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas!

Technical Session

Postponed Sessions

The **Household WASH** and **Northern Areas** sessions are postponed and we will announce dates in the New Year.

Upcoming Sessions

The technical sessions will restart in January 2017, and we would request that partners share suggestions for topics with Siobhan (siobhan@hrrpnepal.org)

Completed Sessions

Many thanks to all the presenters and participants in the technical sessions over the past few weeks:

- [Enhancing Rural Construction Culture](#) (Tuesday 15 November)
- [Retrofitting Session](#) (Tuesday 22 November)
- [Bamboo](#) (Tuesday 29 November)
- [Technical Assistance Working session](#) (Friday 2 December)
- [Masons Training Experience Sharing](#) (Friday 9 December)
- [Concrete and Soil Blocks](#) (Wednesday 14 December)

Reminder

- **PHOTOS - please share them!** Photos are extremely useful to understand technical issues or emerging trends that are coming up in the districts and we would really urge partners to share photos from your working areas with us so that we can store them as a reference for all partners.
- **Survey on masons construction practices after training** - JICA have prepared survey formats to collect this information and kindly made them available to partners [here](#). We 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 from the Masons Training Experience Sharing Session which includes a section on their findings from the survey can be found [here](#).
- **Supply Chain Field Assessment** - Practical Action have completed a supply chain assessment in Rasuwa and Nuwakot. The draft report is available [here](#). Practical Action have resources to conduct analysis and report preparation for other districts but require support for the data collection. Based on Practical Action's experience in Rasuwa and Nuwakot, the field study takes one month and costs 500,000 NPR per district. The NRA is very keen to see these assessments conducted in all 14 districts, so we would request that POs consider contributing to this and would ask that any interested organisations contact Siobhan (siobhan@hrrpnepal.org).

Useful Documents

- [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.