

# District Report

## Dolakha

12 - 25 October 2018

### Summary of events during this period

| Name of activity/event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Event date | Participants summary |        | Contact Person                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Reference Document |
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| <b>Interaction with Civil Society concluded:</b><br>Interface Nepal, HURADEC and Kalinchowk FM concluded a programme with civil society members. More than 500 people participated in the programme. Significantly, there media's role in reconstruction also discussed. | 14 October | M: 421               | F: 146 | <a href="mailto:dc.dolakha@hrrpnepal.org">dc.dolakha@hrrpnepal.org</a><br><a href="mailto:techcord.dolakha@hrrpnepal.org">techcord.dolakha@hrrpnepal.org</a><br><a href="mailto:ravi@hrrpnepal.org">ravi@hrrpnepal.org</a> |                    |
| <b>District Level Consultation Meeting for establishing pool funding concluded:</b><br>District Level consultation meeting concluded to establish pool funding in district concluded organized by HURADEC Nepal.                                                         | 16 October | M: 18                | F: 8   | <a href="mailto:dc.dolakha@hrrpnepal.org">dc.dolakha@hrrpnepal.org</a><br><a href="mailto:techcord.dolakha@hrrpnepal.org">techcord.dolakha@hrrpnepal.org</a><br><a href="mailto:ravi@hrrpnepal.org">ravi@hrrpnepal.org</a> |                    |

### News & Updates

#### Tranche Update (September 4, 2018)

| Palika       | Total Beneficiaries | 1st Tranche | 2nd Tranche | 3rd Tranche |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bhimeshwar   | 12112               | 9827        | 7153        | 4179        |
| Jiri         | 5774                | 4450        | 3347        | 2431        |
| Gaurishankar | 6093                | 5496        | 4920        | 4512        |
| Kalinchowk   | 8861                | 7852        | 6915        | 6093        |
| Melung       | 7463                | 6127        | 5240        | 4081        |
| Tamakoshi    | 7359                | 6113        | 5635        | 4734        |
| Baiteshwar   | 8249                | 7114        | 6278        | 5357        |
| Bigu         | 6699                | 5740        | 4895        | 3952        |
| Shaiung      | 8098                | 6190        | 5014        | 3611        |
| Total        | 70708               | 58909       | 49397       | 38950       |

Source:GMaLI, Dolakha

In Nepali: *Udhyo Singati* <https://www.kantipurdaily.com/news/2018/10/23/154025882991426857.html>

Source: Makar Shrestha/Rajendra Manandhar, Dolakha; Kantipur national daily October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

### Singati Rises

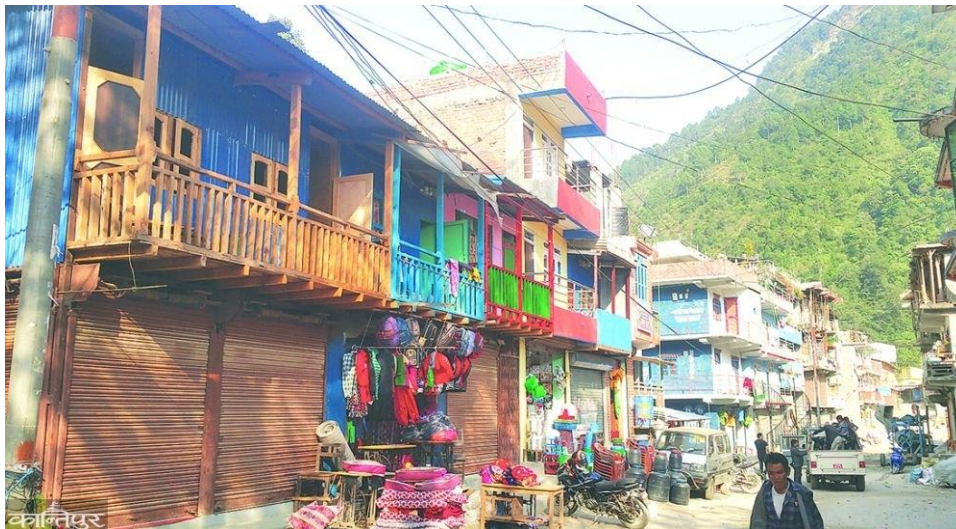


Figure: Singati after reconstruction Photo: Kantipur

Singati is the major trade spot of northern Dolakha.

After the Gorkha earthquake in Baisakh 12, 2072 (April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015); and from the powerful aftershock in Baisakh 29, 2072 (May 12, 2015) Singati was devastated by the mighty earthquake. Before the earthquake only few RCC (Reinforce cement concrete) houses were in Singati. Sadly, the Stone masonry with mud mortar (SMM) houses were destroyed in the earthquake. Lots of locals died in the debris. In such harrowing situation, some went in Charikot and some went their villages leaving Singati bazaar.

Total, 32 people died in the earthquake. Not much relief reached there which is just 32 km far from Charikot, the district headquarter. Gradually, people returned to Singati. Currently, Singati is far better than before. Local from Bigu Gaunpalika Mr. Jagat Khatri, 77 told that the government grant process takes years, so he started his house to construct from himself. He didn't wait government or development partner to support to construct his house.

Previously, people commented his construction effort that why this person had been constructing house in the bank of river and such devastated place. But, he continued. He was the first person who received NRs 50,000 from the National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) from distributing first tranche NRA started the reconstruction campaign from Singati.

Then, people followed Mr. Khatri's path and started to construct their houses.

Singati lies in the midst of Kalinchowk and Bigu Gaunpalika. People from Kalinchowk, Bigu and Gaurishankar Gaunpalikas came there to buy essentials from Singati Bazaar. In our last visit, people from Gaurishankar, Bigu and Kalinchowk queued in Singati bazaar to receive the tranche from Century and NIBL Banks.

Ward chair Mr. Buktam Tamang told that 35 houses are RCC now out of 75 in Bigu Gaunpalika site. He further added, 'earthquake provide opportunity to construct houses as earthquake resilience. Which are Build Back Better.'

In Kalinchowk Gaunpalika side, lots of houses are earthquake resilience according to ward member Mr. Puskar Siwakoti. He further added that most of house owners have been doing insurance of houses with the support of Insurance company. Nearly 200 houses are in the Kalinchowk Gaunpalika side.

After the earthquake, the development activities have been rising in Singati bazaar. Gabion retaining wall and other safety majors taken in Tamakoshi river and *Thado khola*.

Mr. Yudhisthir Khadka, chair, Bigu Gaunpalika told that they have been succeeding to distribute tranche to the locals. Currently, they have been working to make the settlement safe. He also told us that they have been constructing public places in every ward which have been missing in new construction.

Significantly, Tamakoshi hydro project also supporting in the reconstruction efforts. They have been widening the road according to the project chief Mr. Bigyan Shrestha. Further, they have been doing landslide management.

In Singati, now government/non-government, banks' offices have been established in fast pace. Currently, Ilaka Prasasan office have been established there. Bigu Gaunpalika also established contact office there. 'A' class Century and Nepal Investment Bank

Limited(NIBL) branches have been established there which also have been working on tranche distribution to the beneficiaries. Further, hydropower office, hospital and industries have been established there in Singati.

According to Mr. Jagat Khatri, who has been residing more in the last 25 years in Singati told that the economic activities also flourished in Singati. People have been investing crores to construct the commercial building. Mr. Bodhraj Shrestha, local invested more than one crore to construct 5 story commercial building where NIBL have been working. In this building, modern hotel will be opened soon. Previously, where agriculture farming taken place, there building have been constructing. Mr. Khatri added, land price soared there.

Shutter of shop rent also soared. People have been paying NRs 15,000 for shutter in highest.

(References: *Uthyo* Singati <https://www.kantipurdaily.com/news/2018/10/23/154025882991426857.html>

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