

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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This Week's Highlights

- [New administrative divisions introduced Friday 10th March](#)
- No NRA notice has been issued regarding 28 March deadline for completion to plinth level
- 200,000 NPRs relocation grant proposed for households on at risk land
- Number of VDCs with no TA has dropped from [296](#) to [150](#) between November 2016 and February 2017, but [only 22 VDCs out of a total of 618 receiving the full package of 6 activities, i.e. 3.6% coverage](#)
- Four technical assistance maps based on 25th February HRRP 4W data now [available](#)
- Community Feedback Project protection [report released](#)
- New photos from HRRP & DFID 8 March field visit in Lalitpur district available on the [HRRP flickr account](#). Photos are an incredibly useful resource for technical discussions and we would appreciate it if you could continue to share them with us!



Demonstration house, using locally produced earth bricks, under construction in Kot Dada, Godawari Municipality through collaboration between Build Up Nepal, Build Change, and We Help Nepal.

General Updates

[New administrative divisions introduced \(Nepali\)](#): the details of the new administrative divisions have been released by MoFALD. VDCs will be merged to form 'Gaun Palika' and in some cases municipalities ('Nagar Palika') are also expanding. These will be the local government structures and will be led by elected officials. The MoFALD notice provides case by case details of this and [HRRP has prepared an unofficial English translation of one example 'Gaun Palika' and one example 'Nagar Palika' from Okhaldhunga](#) for reference. There will also be metropolitan and sub-metropolitan areas as existing. There will be seven provinces introduced but the district structures will remain in place during the transition phase. The District Coordination Committees will be working on the management of the transition.

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

[Amendment to Reconstruction Working Procedure](#): NRA CEO Dr. Govinda Raj Pokhrel announced that preparations are underway to amend the Reconstruction Working Procedure so that households who do not have land ownership certificates can still receive the GoN housing reconstruction grant.

[NRA plans 200,000 NPRs relocation grant for households on at risk land](#): during the Friday 10th March meeting of the NRA Executive Committee NRA CEO Dr. Pokharel recommended the Council of Ministers to provide the 200,000 NPRs to 1,500 households.

[Proposed provision to issue loans through mortgaging house or land \(Nepali\)](#): during a meeting with the Prime Minister, NRA CEO Dr. Pokharel proposed to provide a facility for households eligible for the housing reconstruction grant to access loans by mortgaging their house or land.

[District based review of grievances](#): district-based grievance committees under the CDOs will continue to register grievances as per the existing guidelines and will now start to review and address grievances under the new plan.

[Two-day conference held to attract foreign investment to Nepal](#): investors from 30 countries took part in the conference where the government hoped to attract at least one billion US dollars in new foreign investment.

[Republica reports NRA notice regarding 28 March deadline for completion to plinth level](#): this has been raised with NRA and no such notice has been issued and there is no deadline for plinth construction. HRRP would request that this is communicated widely to ensure that households and communities are informed.

[Improved coverage of Technical Assistance \(TA\)](#): the HRRP 4W data from the previous four months shows that there has been some improvement in the coverage of technical assistance, and we would like to thank POs who have managed to expand coverage and quality of TA. The number of VDCs with no TA has dropped from [296](#) to [150](#). Unfortunately, February 25th HRRP 4W data shows that there are [only 22 VDCs out of a total of 618 receiving the full package of 6 activities, i.e. 3.6% coverage](#).

[Orientation for engineering student volunteers in Dhading](#): orientation was conducted on 3rd March for the [Pokhara University engineering students who are volunteering in Dhading](#). The orientation focused on data collection methods, including the mobile application that will be used, to support their assessment work in the district. The orientation was facilitated by NRA-Dhading, DUDBC, EHRP, DDC, NSET, and HRRP. Students were provided with the eligible household list by VDC, Open Data Kit (ODK) software, NSET-Baliyo Ghar booklet, and 18,000 NPRs (per volunteer) for 21 days of work.

[Geo-Hazard Risk Assessment](#): survey is now approximately 50% complete. On 1 and 5 February 2017, the survey teams presented the findings of the first phase of inspections to the NRA Technical Committee. The government are still reviewing the results of the first phase prior to final approval and release for implementation. 12 teams have been

redeployed to continue with the second phase of inspections in Chitwan, Makwanpur, Lalitpur, Solukhumbu, Kavrepalanchok, and Ramechhap. This second phase of inspections is expected to be completed by mid-April.

Joint Technical Working Group: formed by NRA to work on operational guidelines for the 100,000 NPRs retrofitting grant, finalise a corrections manual (to address non-compliances), and to develop a scoring system to introduce tolerances into the inspection process. The working group is led by Dr. Hari Parajuli and includes technical experts from NRA, MoUD CL-PIU, NSET, Build Change, JICA, UNDP, and HRRP. POs interested to commit technical expertise to the working group may contact Narayan Marasini, HRRP National Technical Coordinator, for further details (9808565098, techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org).

Structural Review of Low-Cost Housing Designs: HRRP and Build Change are providing structural engineers to MoUD CL-PIU to support with preparation and review of structural calculations for 9 low-cost housing designs that have been submitted to government for approval. The review process is complete and has been submitted to MoUD CL-PIU.

Meetings and Events

District Technical Workshops: now complete for all 14 districts (district reports available [here](#)), and a compiled report is being prepared. A national level session to disseminate the findings will be organised once the compiled report is complete.

Supply Chain Assessment: in collaboration with Practical Action, HRRP Partners are supporting supply chain assessments across 11 earthquake affected districts outside of the Kathmandu Valley. Planning and orientation sessions have now been completed for all districts except for Sindhupalchok where the session will take place on Tuesday, 14th March. The first round of results is expected in early April.

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.

Useful Documents

Community Feedback Project Protection Report: report is the result of 2100 surveys completed in randomly selected households throughout the 14 priority affected districts, as well as one focus group discussion and feedback aggregated from four partner organisations. 40 percent of respondents reporting that they feel someone in their community is being excluded or discriminated against in reconstruction support up from 13 percent in August 2016.

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 DL-PIU engineers](#)

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 or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time. Nepali version of Community FAQs also available.

Information Products

Technical Assistance Maps: four maps illustrating coverage of technical assistance and training have been prepared based on the February 25th HRRP 4W data.

[Coverage of 6 Activity Technical Assistance Package](#)

[Areas with no Technical Assistance, with Damage Overlay](#)

[Vocational Training \(50-day CTEVT curriculum\) Coverage](#)

[Short Training \(7-day DUDBC curriculum\) Coverage](#)

[Updated map showing no. of IDPs by site and average annual precipitation, as of 10 Mar 2017](#)