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## **Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 12**

Date: May 6, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: Ministry of Home Affairs)

Death: 7,675

Injured: 16,390

### **Effect of Earthquake in Education Sector**

Education programs of school-level will have to face adverse effects as necessary measures were not taken in time following the April 25 earthquake. The earthquake has destroyed many school buildings and damaged many, rendering them unfit for use.

The fact that school buildings in 23 districts, other than the most affected, have sustained damages proves that no one had taken the safety of these buildings into consideration. Luckily, there were not many human casualties in these buildings as the earthquake struck on a public holiday (Saturday). According to the Education Department, 565 schools have been destroyed and 969 schools have sustained damages in 36 districts. This is preliminary information. This number would definitely rise based on the information received from districts in INSEC.

The schools have been shut till the end of mid-May. The safe school buildings have been turned into shelters for earthquake victims. It is not possible to conduct classes in these schools until other alternatives for shelter are arranged for these victims. Hence, it is necessary to make arrangements for shelters for the earthquake victims before starting the school programs. Moreover, the studies should begin even by merging these schools into other schools. Inactive children tend to be out of control and the risk of them getting into criminal activities for fun in situation of emergency. Thus, this requires serious attention.

#### **Highlights**

- The deadly earthquake of April 25 has destroyed 149 building providing health services in the most affected 14 districts.
- The deadly earthquake has damaged 170 schools in Okhaldhunga. According to the details made public by the District Disaster Relief Committee, 60 schools have been destroyed while 110 are also in no condition of use.
- Earthquake victims of the Dobhane, Khatamma, Chaukidanda, Kulung, Nepaledanda and Kudakakaule VDCs of Bhojpur are yet to receive relief though 11 days have passed since the deadly earthquake hit the nation on April 25.

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- District Education Office has said that the earthquake has caused damage worth NPR 10million in 62 community schools of Kaski.
- 50 schools have sustained damages in Palpa.
- Prime Minister Sushil Koirala, UML Chairperson KP Sharma Oli and UCPN-M Chairperson Pushpa Kamal Dahal jointly visited most affected areas of Dhading. The leaders observed Lapa, Tipling, Sertung, Jharlang Dhuwakot, Satyadevi, Darkha and other eastern villages through a chopper. 95 percent of the houses have been destroyed in these areas while the rest are also unsafe for use.
- 20 persons injured in the devastating earthquake of April 25 have been left stranded in the TU Teaching Hospital in Kathmandu. According to Professor Doctor Deepak Mahara, Director of the TUTH, they were brought to the hospital in the aftermath of the hospital. Mahara said that the treatment of the injured had reached final stage but they could not be discharged as their relatives have not come in touch.
- Five students have dies while 11 community schools have been damaged in Makawanpur.
- 450 students of Nepal Secondary School in Malikabota VDC, which is a day's walk from the Jumla district headquarters Khalanga bazaar, have contributed NPR 45,000 to the account of the District Disaster Relief Committee. They collected the amount by selling beans.
- INSEC staffs of Far-western Regional Office and Civil Society for Democracy and Peace, Kailali have handed over NPR 20,000 to buy tarps and other relief materials for the earthquake survivors.

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