



Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 20

Date: May 14, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: Ministry of Home Affairs)

Death: 8,309

Injured: 16,808

The aftershock measuring 7.1 on Richter scale that struck at 12.56 am on May 12, 2015 disrupted the public life that was limping back to normalcy. The great aftershock incurred more damage in the districts of Sindhupalchok, Dolakha and Ramechhap already ravaged by the Great quake. The big aftershock brought down the houses and structures, claiming the lives spared on April 25. The people of the Kathmandu Valley, who were just moving inside their homes after days living in the tents, again were traumatized and spent night in the tents. The insensitive rumors and continued aftershocks also have also added to the panic.

INSEC district representatives have reported locals' complaints of delayed and



Locals of Khandbari Municipality-7, Sangkhuwasabha complain that they are forced to spend the nights in the open due to lack of tarps. Photo: Chhetu Sherpa

disorganized relief distribution including no relief in those villages cut off or untouched by road. Continued aftershocks are triggering landslides and it is feared that the impending monsoon will bring more landslides and loss of lives and properties especially because of the cracks developed in the hills of these affected districts. This can exacerbate the lives of already battered communities. Much work is desired to address the problems created by natural calamities. Many roads are damaged and are in need of immediate repair. Unless some preparedness is adopted, the life in these districts will become more challenging.

Highlights

- INSEC Lalitpur handed over 15 tarpaulins to Human Rights Watch Group to distribute to most affected victims of earthquake in Badikhel, Lalitpur. Management program chief at INSEC, Prem Prasad Parajuli distributed tarpaulins, brushes, toothpastes, soaps, torchlights and urged the members of the Watch Group to support the earthquake victims. The relief materials provided by INSEC will be managed for the distribution through a meeting of Human Rights Watch Group.



Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC)

www.inseconline.org

For Human Rights and Social Justice

- The earthquake of April 25 and May 12 has damaged 88 schools in Parbat District. According to District Education Office, 12 are operating temporarily under a tent. Two schools in Banau and Kyang VDC have been damaged. Janata Primary School in Banau VDC and other two schools at Kushma Municipality-1 have also been damaged. The schools in the district are closed until May 17 due to the earthquake of May 12.
- The death toll has reached 11 in Ramechhap and 64 have been injured following the May 12 earthquake. Helicopters rescued 22 people from different places and 15 of them were airlifted to Kathmandu for treatment. April 25 earthquake claimed 25 lives and rendered 40000 of 45000 houses uninhabitable.
- School buildings in Taplejung that sustained cracks during the April 25 earthquake have been destroyed by the earthquake of May 12. A total of 24 school buildings were destroyed by the earthquake, according to District Education Officer Nil Mani Khanal. He said that the report of further destruction is yet to come. A decision will be made soon regarding making temporary schools, he said.
- The earthquake of May 12 has claimed two lives in Sunsari District leaving 10 other injured. District Police Office of Sunsari said that Santa Maya Bhujel, 95, of Itahari Sub-metropolis died while undergoing treatment. Dil Kumari Rai, 65, of Ramdhunubhashi Municipality-10 was also killed due to cardiac arrest. At least 10 people were injured during a stampede in the district.
- At least 16 people have died in Sindhupalchok due to May 12 earthquake. The deceased were identified and their bodies were handed over to the family. Almost all houses in Chautara have been destroyed by the earthquake. Police have restricted movement in the district headquarter owing to risks. All policemen from Area Police Office of Larcha, who were missing after the quake, were airlifted to Barabise Area Police Office., according to DSP Deepak Kharel. None of the houses in the district are now inhabitable.
- The earthquake of May 12 has left cracks in 17 houses and buildings of 14 VDCs in Achham District. According to District Police Office of Achham, a total of 11 schools and six houses sustained cracks due to the tremor. Damage of houses and school buildings is being continuously reported, said DSP Dilip Singh Deuba. A team of police has been deployed to assess the situation, Deuba said.
- An amount of Rs 600,000 has been collected in Dolpa district and deposited in Prime Minister Relief fund for earthquake victims on May 14. The district had already contributed 856,000 to PM Relief Fund, according to assistant CDO Diwakar Luitel.
- In Rukum, 500 physical structures were damaged in the quakes of April 25 and May 12. The worst-hit VDCs of the district are Rukumkot, Garaila and Taksera among others. DSP Govinda Khanal said that police teams had been mobilized to assess the damage in the district and the genuine quake victims.
- PM Sushil Koirala has expressed pledge to bring forth a program on relief and support to the quake victims. He was speaking at Manthali, Ramechhap during his visit to the district after a meeting with political parties and security agencies.
- The earthquake of May 12 has flattened five schools in Khattamma VDC, the VDC which was already ravaged by the April 25 quake. These schools were partially damaged in the earlier quake. Bharat Rai, the Jalpa Secondary School principal said that they were conducting classes in those damaged buildings but now the studies

Informal Sector Service Centre(INSEC)

Syuchatar-4, Kathmandu, Nepal

Email: inseconline@insec.org.np

Phone : 977-1-4278770/ 4280591

Fax : 977-1-4270551

www.facebook.com/inseconline; www.twitter.com/inseconline



Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC)

www.inseconline.org

For Human Rights and Social Justice

have been suspended. Rai added that two students were even injured on May 12 when the quake struck.

- A total of 89 people have been injured in the May 12 earthquake in Makwanpur district. The people injured in the same quake were arriving at the Hetaunda Hospital even on May 13. Some of them got injured when they were running when the tremor came at 3 am on May 15. Police informed that over 500 homes of two municipalities and 35 VDCs were damaged in the two great earthquakes. The houses of the Bankariya people, people of an endangered ethnic group, have been badly damaged in the May 12 quake. April 25 quake had flattened only two of their houses. But the second big earthquake in three weeks completely damaged remaining 15 wooden houses.
- The survivors of April 25 and May 12 quakes have complained of not receiving any kind of relief until now. They said that the relief including the tarpaulins was distributed in the district headquarters only and that there was no government monitoring over the distribution. The locals of a remote VDC Makalu have not received anything, Ashok Chapagain, a local teacher informed. Meanwhile, the locals in Khandbari, the district headquarters have complained of political bias in distribution of relief. The report shows 150 government houses, schools and organizations were damaged but the locals claim that the real number could be higher.
- Three schools are completely damaged in Pyuthan district while 51 are partially damaged, District Education Office informed. Two teams were mobilized to situation of the school in the district.
- Two great earthquakes dated April 25 and May 12 have damaged 49 government and private buildings in the district of Banke. Among the damaged buildings, 15 are government buildings, 15 community school buildings and 19 private buildings, District Administration Office informed. The CDO quarters has developed cracks making it uninhabitable. Other government buildings include that of Nepal Electricity Authority, Police units, DSP Shushil Singh Rathore said. District Education Office said that they had received information of damage on 15 community school buildings. Assistant CDO Gorakh Bahadur Thapa said that he would be able to inform only after assessing the applications and information they received.

For Details: <http://www.inseconline.org/>

Informal Sector Service Centre(INSEC)
Syuchatar-4, Kathmandu, Nepal
Email: inseconline@insec.org.np
Phone : 977-1-4278770/ 4280591
Fax : 977-1-4270551

www.facebook.com/inseconline; www.twitter.com/inseconline