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Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 25

Date: May 19, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: Ministry of Home Affairs)

Death: 8,617

Injured: 16,808

Prime Minister Disaster Relief Fund has been receiving support of various organizations from local to central level. INSEC handed over relief amount to Prime Minister Sushil Koirala for PM Disaster Relief Fund at the latter's residence in Baluwatar on May 19. Founding Chairperson of INSEC Sushil Pyakurel handed the relief amount collected from contribution of one-week's salary of INSEC staffs to the Prime Minister. In the same time, Nepal Airlines and Nature Conservation Fund also handed over amount collected from their staffs to the PM Disaster Relief Fund.

Criminal activities like black marketing, selling of relief materials, theft, looting, sexual abuses, child trafficking at a time when half of the population is struggling for their life have added more concerns. It is necessary for common people to be aware and take other measures to minimize such criminal activities which are happening taking advantage of security apparatus being involved in rescue, relief and other operations.

It will be effective if Child Welfare Committee conducted programs in coordination with NGOs in temporary camps to spread awareness on child trafficking. Similarly, help of former police personnel, ex-army men can be useful in making security at these camps strong. Security groups formed by local organizations, area committees can play a crucial role in preventing criminal activities.

Highlights

- Earthquake victims of Gotikhel, Manikhel, Shankhu, Dalchoki, Chaughare and Bhardeu VDCs are making temporary shelters considering the oncoming monsoon.
- A team of National Disaster Management, Monitoring and Directive committee formed by Legislature-Parliament concluded after its visit to Nuwakot that adequate relief had reached in places accessible by road whereas places inaccessible by road had received little relief.
- In Ramkot and Bhimdhunga of Nagarjun Municipality in Kathmandu, 90% houses are damaged. Currently, locals are living in tent and tarpaulin. In Bhimdhunga area, an INGO World Vision has provided adequate tents, food and operating health camps whereas in Ramkot, locals complained of lack of tarps.
- The National Disaster Management, Monitoring and Directive Committee has started monitoring of relief distribution in various earthquake affected areas of

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Bhaktapur on May 16. A team of CA members Prem Suwal, Bhim Rawal, Gopalman Shrestha and Kunti Shahi visited the areas.

- An earthquake victim of Maitrinagar of Kirtipur Municipality-2 complained that none of the organization or government representatives have come there to take stock of their situation. Ward secretary Kesh Maharjan of Maitrinagar said that 90% houses in Maitrinagar are damaged in an earthquake.
- Preparation to resume studies of 183 schools of Khotang that were damaged in earthquake is on. Temporary huts are being constructed for the purpose.
- Out of 56 health facilities in Ramechhap, 25 were destroyed. District Hospital Ramechhap, Khimti Health Post and 23 health posts were destroyed in the earthquake. Likewise, 25 health centers suffered partial damage and six health centers incurred no damage. Eight birth centers have also been destroyed.
- Earthquake victims of ward no. 6, 7 and 8 of Tatopani VDC in Sindhupalchok have arrived at Kathmandu seeking safer place. The devastating earthquake of April 25 had rendered them homeless. Hotel Dwarika with support of an American organization has managed tents for temporary shelter of more than 3 hundred earthquake victims at the open field in Nayabasti Planning Area of Kathmandu Metropolis-7.
- A team of National Disaster Management, Monitoring and Directive committee formed by Legislature-Parliament said that earthquake victims of Makwanpur complained that only victims in urban areas and those with access received relief. The team visited earthquake victims of Hatiya and Chhatiban VDCs on May 19.
- There is a need to relocate 2214 households of 22 villages in Gorkha District. The DDRC has concluded that it is not possible for immediate rehabilitation of the village due to continuous landslides caused by earthquake in 11 VDC of constituency 2 and 3. 11 VDCs were destroyed in the earthquake.

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