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Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 31

Date: May 25, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: Ministry of Home Affairs)

Death: 8,659

Injured: 21,952

Insufficient Support from International Community

The government has informed that international support has not arrived as per expectation in the disaster-struck Nepal. Jamie McGoldrick, UN Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nepal, in a press meet on May 25, also said that the international support did not pour in as expected.

Some 1.9 million people are in need of immediate food assistance and 1.5 million people require sanitation and hygiene support, according to UN. The UN noted that providing immediate learning spaces and support to some 1.1 million children is an immediate protective and psycho-social measure for children and will allow families to return to livelihood activities. To date, only US\$ 92.4 million, or 22 per cent of what is required for the response, was received against the \$423 million humanitarian appeal, launched by the UN and partners on 29 April.

The government has not come out with detail plans of taking relief and rehabilitation works effectively to the victims. More support from international community can be expected if the government presents a work plan with timeline and ensures them that the aid amount will not be misused.

Highlights

- Among the inmates who absconded from Sindhupalchok prison following the Great Quake, five including two women have come in contact with District Police Office, Hetauda and Bhimfedi Prison.
- 56 houses in Gerku VDCs are at risk following the devastating earthquake of April 25. The 56 households of Keraghari in Gerku VDC-9 are in verge of displacement after the earthquake left big cracks in the land.
- 1,946 women were killed and 1,570 women injured by the devastating earthquake of April 25 and its aftershock on May 12 in Sindhupalchok, according to Women and Children Office.
- Maiti Nepal, Nepalgunj has said that that the teenagers, women of quake-affected districts have set out for risky journeys. 17 women have been returned from the border from the period April 25 to May 24, according to Maiti Nepal Nepalgunj Coordinator Keshav Koirala. 15 of them have been handed over to their relatives while the rest are being kept at the Protection House of Maiti Nepal.

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- According to District Police Office, private and public property worth Rs 30million has been damaged in Jumla.
- Quake victims of Gorkha have not received Rs 15 thousand that the government had announced to provide those victims whose houses were destroyed in the quake. Though one month has passed following the Great Quake, the locals are still spending their night under tarps. Assistant Chief District Officer Dipendra Paudel said that preparations to distribute the relief amount is on.
- The people distributing relief in the VDCs of Rasuwa are facing problems as the numbers goes up as they are distributing the money. This has led to shortage of fund that the government sent to be distributed in the first phase. Earlier, the household number recorded by Ward Citizen Forum for Dhaibung VDC was 1272. When Forum began distributing money, the number went up to 1384 while the technicians doing door-to-door assessment reported 1326, VDC secretary Tikam Bahadur Shahi said.
- CPN-UML chairperson KP Oli has pledged that he would ensure that no Nepali would die of hunger. He added that all those losing homes in the Great Earthquake will have permanent roof over their heads. Oli, who was in Ramechhap to observe the damage incurred by the quake on, was speaking with political leaders, government and non-government representatives and victims in Manthali on May 25.
- The large-scale relief operation launched in the wake of the devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake, which struck Nepal on 25 April, continues to intensify, according to United Nations. "The momentum is there. We have been making substantial progress for the past month," said Jamie McGoldrick, Humanitarian Coordinator in Nepal at a press meet in Kathmandu on May 25. "Considering the conditions and complexities, we are now well-positioned to assist all the affected communities".
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