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Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 32

Date: May 26, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: Ministry of Home Affairs)

Death: 8,676

Injured: 21,952

A Month after Devastating Earthquake

A month has passed following the Great Earthquake, the most devastating following the 1934 earthquake. The serious of aftershocks following the April 25 earthquake has inflicted further damage. Individual efforts have been taking place to fulfill the basic needs of earthquake victims. It is definitely not easy to manage such kind of disaster. It is natural to analyze the weaknesses in the efforts carried out by the government during the one month following the quake. The government has admitted its weaknesses during the meeting of National Reconstruction Consultation Committee. The Secretary of Home Ministry presented a report in the meeting.

There are many issues besides interim relief that requires citizen's important role. Shelter for displaced, education, health and employment opportunities, management of destroyed building, construction of new shelter, among others are future challenges. It is necessary that the government comes forward with detail plans on how to solve these issues, what role the INGOs should play in resolving these issues and how citizens should play their role.

Highlights

- 289 male inmates in the district prison of Palpa which has suffered damage in the quake have been living in unsafe conditions. A team of INSEC monitored the condition of prison building.
- A team of INSEC staffs from Central Office and Mid-regional Office contributed labor in clearing rubble of house of Bindu Pariyar in Syuchatar of Nagarjun Municipality that was destroyed by the quake.
- UML Chairperson KP Sharma Oli, who arrived at Dolakha to take stock of the damage inflicted by the quake, said that help of neighboring countries should be taken for rehabilitation and reconstruction works.
- The distribution of relief materials to earthquake victims has been affected following the difference among the major political parties including NC, UML and UCPN-M in Ramechhap. A district-level command force was formed in the involvement of district chairs of the political parties for rescue and relief distribution. The force held meeting everyday to assess the work of previous day and to devise strategies work in the coming days. However, the force's meeting has been affected because of increasing misunderstanding among the political parties.
- National Human Rights Commission has called on the government to take action against World Food Program and Red Cross as the rice distributed by them were

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found substandard. The rice funded by WFP and distributed by Red Cross in Kavre district was found to be substandard.

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