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Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 39

Date: June 2, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: MoHA)

Death: 8,702

Injured: 22,220

Politicization of Relief Distribution: NHRC

National Human Rights Commission has said that the political parties did not treat all earthquake victims and affected equally. The constitutional rights watchdog said that political parties encouraged relief distribution for only their cadres in their pocket areas. The rights body released a monitoring report regarding the relief and rescue operations following the April 25 earthquake and overall human rights situation on June 1. The monitoring report concluded that earthquake victims were discriminated during relief distribution.

According to NHRC, real victims did not receive timely relief due to lack of coordination and rescue efforts also faced difficulty. The rights watchdog prepared the report after visiting the quake-affected districts. The monitoring report covers issues of right to housing and shelter under economic, social and cultural rights, right to education and right to information.

Highlights

- Government and non-governmental organizations have begun distributing paddy seeds and cash amount to remove the debris of destroyed houses. Agriculture Development Office, Makawanpur distributed paddy seeds as relief to quake affected farmers on May 29. Similarly, World Food Program has started distributing 8 thousand rupees per household through MDI Nepal from May 29 to remove the debris of destroyed house and to clear the nearby roads.
- 47 settlement areas of remote eastern parts of Dhading are at high risk following continuous landslide. A study conducted by the team of CA members has proposed the District Disaster Management Committee to relocate the settlements within a week.
- Chairperson of INSEC Subodh Raj Pyakurel has highlighted the need for food storage for earthquake victims in different parts of the district. Pyakurel urged the stakeholders to store essential relief in time as roads in the district are obstructed during monsoon and it is also difficult to transport goods in chopper due to bad weather. INSEC Chairperson, who visited Solukhumbu to assess the impact of earthquake in the district, monitored various areas, including Phaplu of Dhudhkunda Municipality, Salleri, Basant Bazaar, Naya bazaar.
- Government has started distribution of relief amount of Rs 15,000 to earthquake victims from two remote VDCs of Lalitpur. According to Assistant Chief District Officer Homnath Thapaliya, the relief support to earthquake victims, whose houses were destroyed in the earthquake, was continued following the detail collection of the damage.

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