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**Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 44**

Date: June 7, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

**Human Casualties (Source: MoHA)**

Death: 8,702

Injured: 22,220

In Nuwakot, The President Dr Ram Baran Yadav, who was on a visit to the district to meet the quake victims, has stated that there is no option but to move ahead hand in hand. Talking to chief of government District Offices and political leaders, Dr Yadav said people from all levels and sectors should contribute to resolve the national crisis. "All should join hands. Government, parliament, army, police and bureaucracy are all active at this time, he added.

Deputy PM and Home Minister Bamdev Gautam urged the government agencies to create positive environment to support the quake victims. He added that the government had ensured effective relief distribution program and that no one would be deprived of food and treatment. CDO Koshhari Niraula briefed the visiting dignitaries that 1093 people were killed while 91 were rescued alive from the rubble. Niraula added that 2622 classrooms of 486 schools were damaged in the quake.

**Highlights**

- Nepal Police has established a High Level Task Force (HLTF) for anti-trafficking activities. Assuming that traffickers might get active in the post-earthquake scenario, the HLTF was formed with DIG Mingmar Lama, director of Nepal Police's Crime Investigation Bureau (CIB), Women and Children Service Directorate. The HLTF, investigating the crimes related to human trafficking and foreign employment, also has CIB's SP Kiran Bajracharya, Women and Children Service Directorate's SP Durga Singh, Interpol branch's SP Basundhara Khadka and CIB's Inspector Achyut Chapagain.
- Nepal Police informed that 41776 workforce of the organization was involved in rescue of, relief distribution to and search of quake victims claiming it played a crucial role in those activities. According to the police, it managed to rescue four people alive while retrieved 59 bodies, provided treatment to 466 people at Nepal Police Hospital and conducted free health camps at affected areas as Kapan, Bhudanilkanth, Kabhresthali where it provided free services to 2221 people.
- In Ramechhap, women-friendly spaces have been created at five places. District-based Protection Cluster with the support of WOREC Nepal began operating the spaces for women. According to Women and Children Office Ramechhap head Sushila Wagle, the spaces opened at Manthali, Doramba, Chuchure, Ramechhap and Phulasi VDCs. The women with special conditions will be provided shelter at these spaces, Wagle said.

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- In Sindhupalchok, the whereabouts of 46 people, missing following the quake, are still unknown. Of them 28 are male and 18 female. Most of them were the ones coming to Tatopani and Liping for visit. 29 of them are from Sindhupalchok while others are from other districts.
- Also in Sindhupalchok, the amount of Rs 15,000 provided by the government to quake victims for construction of temporary shelter has been suspended. The dispute over violation of the rule in the VDCs of Thulosirubari, Yamunadanda and Kalika led to the suspension. The government directive says that only those people losing their sole houses would be provided the money. However, the people who have houses in Kathmandu and other places also demanded the money, VDC Secretaries Welfare Center chairperson Durga Prasad Dhungel said. CDO Bharat Prasad Acharya said that they would call for an all-party meeting soon as similar problems might arise in other districts too.
- Still in Sindhupalchok, the District Agriculture Office has begun distributing seeding of different paddy variants from June 5 to the quake-victim farmers. The decision to distribute paddy seeds from three centers in the district was taken as the paddy seeds of the farmers were lost when their houses collapsed.
- In Nawalparasi, the quake victims of the district began to get relief materials from June 5 after the list of the victims was completed by the authorities. According to the available data, there were three deaths but only one family has accepted the funeral expenses and monetary relief. The quake injured 41 people while it completely damaged 864 homes, partially damaged 3268.
- In Makawanpur, the cadres of UML have reconstructed the house of Sancha Maya Bholan, 72, of Simdhop in Phaparbari VDC-8. The Gorkha Earthquake had flattened her two-storey house on April 25. The reconstruction work was led by UML cadre Anil Baniya. The home was rebuilt by 20 cadres in two days. The cadres of NC, UCPN-M and CPN-M along with UML are working on reconstruction of damaged schools and individual houses.
- In Bhojpur, the work on building the temporary classrooms are going on after the April 25 Earthquake destroyed the school buildings. A total of 156 classrooms are being built in 34 community schools of the district after the schools faced problem running classes. District Education Office said Rs 25,000 per classroom was allocated.

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