



## **Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 45**

Date: June 8, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

## **Human Casualties (Source: MoHA)**

Death: 8,778

Injured: 22,302

INSEC chairperson Subodh Raj Pyakurel has visited Barpak in Gorkha which was the epicenter of devastating April 25 earthquake on June 9. He interacted with the locals collecting information about the damage inflicted by the earthquake, difficulties faced in the quake aftermath, current situation, relief distribution process and chances of reconstruction. The locals of Barpak told him that the process of relief distribution and rebuilding were satisfactory. During his monitoring visit, Pyakurel also met Barpak VDC secretary, local political leaders and volunteers who were busy reconstructing a health camp and schools among others. The locals requested bringing the policy of earthquake resistant houses and to recreate the beautiful Barpak village as it was before the Earthquake.

Three thousand people taking shelter at Tundikhel in Kathmandu after their homes were damaged in the April 25 earthquake are yet to return home. They said that they had not yet found secure homes and rooms to rent. One of such victims, Nanu Pandey of Dhading complained that she was searching for rooms over a month but had not found any adding that they were forced to consume raw rice. "No one sees the people who live in rented rooms. All our belongings were buried in the quake. The landlords come here asking for rent though we have not been living there", Basanti Tamang of Ramechhap said. The children of families with weak financial conditions living there have not been able to attend the schools. One of such children said, "The school is open. My uniform and books are buried in the collapsed house. Mother says she does not have money to buy those. I will not go to the schools without them", he said. Nearly 3,000 families are living there.

### **Highlights**

- In Rasuwa, Radio Rasuwa's station manager Deepak Lama and staff Anu Acharya were assaulted by Dhunche VDC assistant Arun Thokra on June 7. Thokra was angry that the Radio air news informing that Dhunche VDC had distributed relief materials including cooking oil, sugar, tea and salt from the amount of Rs 900,000 allocated for the quake victims.
- In Bhojpur, DDRC is sending a team of experts to the district's far north VDC of Dhobhane immediately after some villages came under threats as the land there developed.
- DDRC Okhaldhunga has begun monitoring of distribution and data collection from June 8. The monitoring team led by CDO Ganesh Prasad



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Bhattarai was launched after the number of households inflated by the locals just to claim the relief amount. There was a report that the number of houses damaged surpassed actual number of houses in the VDCs of Narmadeshwar, Raniban and Singhdevi among others.

- Lack of temporary learning centers in the districts in Nuwakot has forced many schools to conduct classes in school grounds. Principal of Chhetrapal Higher School at Chaughada Krishna Bahadur Rai said that only five classrooms were spared and as these would be sufficient space to teach indoor, they were conducting classes under a tree shade. They have built a small hut for teaching purpose. Rai said he hoped that there would some more money coming to construct more huts. District Education Office said that of the total of 4,554 classrooms of 561 private and community schools, 2622 classes are completely damaged while 823 have partial damages while 887 classrooms are safe enough.
- In Tahahun, the schools that suffered damaged because of the Gorkha Earthquake has been allocated Rs 13.795 million for reconstruction. District Disaster Relief Committee's meeting on 8 decided to provide at least Rs 25,000 to each of 305 damaged schools of the district. Earlier, a meeting of District Education Committee had recommended the DDRC to provide Rs 89 million to 98 schools. In the same meeting, District Education Officer informed that recent storms had taken away metal sheets of 105 classrooms of 35 schools.

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