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### **Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 46**

Date: June 9, 2015

Last Update: 2200 hrs

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

Death: 8,702

Injured: 22,220

Give Seeds to the Farmers: President Dr Yadav

President Dr Ram Baran Yadav said that the quake-affected people should immediately be given seeds. He stressed on the attention towards the agriculture sector so as to prevent shortage of food next year. He also added that the northern border point Tibet could be opened to supply food. Yadav was in Gorkha Bazaar after a visit to the Gorkha Earthquake epicenter Barpak.

### Highlights

- In Tanahun, money is being provided to the locals whose houses were damaged in the earthquake for the construction of temporary shelters. CDO Raj Kumar Shrestha informed that Rs 172.35 million was allocated for distribution in one municipality and three VDCs.
- In Bhaktapur, most of the mud and brick houses became uninhabitable following the earthquake of April 25 and its strongest aftershock of May 12. The locals have started demolishing their damaged houses and clearing debris. District Administration Office, Bhaktapur informed that 400 houses have been demolished with the help from Nepal Army and Nepal Police. There are applications asking for demolition of 3000 homes in the district among them 1,000 in the Bhaktapur Municipality alone.
- A team of youths have begun constructing temporary shelters in quake-affected VDC from June 9. The 20-member team led by Uttam Kumar Chapagain include students and other youths affiliated with different organizations. The team will utilize locally available materials and metal sheets. Chapagain said that his team hoped to build seven homes in Dobhane VDC, Sabitra Higher Secondary School and four houses in Kudakkaule VDC and five temporary shelters in Khatamma VDC in two weeks. The team will be building the homes of the most needy including single women, elderly and people with disabilities after identifying them.
- Locals of Kumpur VDC in mid Dhading have been facing difficulties with access to drinking water and toilet as the earthquake damaged the drinking water projects and most of the toilets of the district. The earthquake damaged more than 60 drinking water projects and toilets of 2,000 houses, according to the former VDC chair Ranga Thapaliya. Rajan

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Khatiwada of UCPN-M said that due to the damage in intake, the locals are facing a difficulty to get drinking water. Locals are facing additional difficulties after 2,589 houses out of 2,623 houses in the VDC collapsed in the earthquake. There is a possibility of epidemic as there are still over 2,000 toilets to be constructed, said Ram Saran Giri of Nepali Congress.

- The locals of Haku VDC of Rasuwa have been terrorized by the risks of dry landslide followed by the devastating earthquake of April 25 and its aftershocks.
- Not only Haku VDC but many villages of northern VDCs including Langtang, Ramche, Dadagaun and Thulogaun are at high risk of landslide as the monsoon will start soon. The issue of shifting those villages in safer areas is being discussed in District's Disaster Committee meeting however the process is halted as suitable places are yet not found, CDO Gautam Rimal.
- District Education Office of Okhaldhunga has distributed a financial relief to 210 schools to construct temporary classrooms. District Education Officer Bijay Prasad Acharya said that a relief of Rs 25,000 minimum for a classroom, Rs 76,000 to Lower Secondary and up to Rs 150,000 for higher secondary schools. Schools whose classrooms were completely destroyed. As per DEO, the budget was distributed to the schools to construct temporary classrooms. Out of 332 schools, 150 classrooms of 210 schools were damaged by the earthquake.
- The Natural Disaster Rescue Relief Fund of the district has decided to grant Rs 7.2 million to various community schools in Bhaktapur, work which were damaged due to a devastating earthquake for their repair. In Bhaktapur, 105 schools buildings out of 137 were damaged by the earthquake whereas 159 classrooms were completely damaged, 180 sustained partial collapse and 328 class rooms have minor damage. The grant amount to each school is from Rs 35,000 up to Rs 300,000 depending on the damage.
- Also in Bhaktapur, District Agriculture Office has distributed a total of 17,930 kilos of paddy seeds to farmers whose houses were completely destroyed by the earthquake, according to Purna Dhungana, the chief of District Agricultural Development Office.
- Families of those who had lost their lives in the earthquake have not received a financial relief for funeral expenses. The people whose houses were destroyed were provided Rs 5,000 each for rebuilding their house and Rs 2,000 for food in the first phase. The families of deceased were able to get the compensation and funeral expenses together only after a one month. In Nuwakot, a total of 1,083 people lost their lives in the earthquake. There are still 333 families waiting for funeral expenses as a relief. The families of deceased are receiving funeral expenses along with Rs 100,000 sanctioned as relief amount, said Local Development Officer Rajendra Kumar KC.

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