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Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 47

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Last Update: 2200 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: MoHA)

Death: 8,778

Injured: 22,303

Locals Hesitate to Leave Ancestral Places

“My family has been living here for 400 years. How can I just leave this place”, asked Tolhari Pokhrel of Keureni in Prapcha VDC-9. But, he has little choice as the land above his village is giving up and can bury the likes of Pokhrel anytime. Bishnu Prasad Pokhrel of the same place said, “I am not alone. All the properties, animals are here. I don’t have anything anywhere else”. Along with Tolhari and Bishnu Prasad, 48 families of Prapcha VDC-8 and 9 have been displaced as the landslide had started. Nearby Magar Village of 23 houses is also in danger. The Gorkha Earthquake and May 12’s aftershock have affected Prapcha the most, triggering the danger of landslides. Long cracks have appeared across the village. In Prapacha alone, 71 families are about to be homeless. CPN-M is building temporary shelters for these villagers. DDRC has already submitted a report on the need of transfer of the villagers. After the quake, 26 villages of over 15 VDCs need to be relocated.

Highlight

In Kavre, police have arrested seven people on charge of selling rice and beaten rice they had taken from DDRC Kavre to distribute in the villages. The accused are Guna Prasad Chaulagain, 56, Krishna Prasad Chaulagain, 51, of Gothpani VDC-9, Indra Bahadur Lama, 30, Panji Sherpa, 19, Prakash Tamang, 26, of Dhuseni Shivalaya VDC-6, Surya Bahadur Tamang, 55, and his son Bijay Tamang, 33, of Chaubas VDC-7. Police received a tip off that the five of accused had sold 47 34-kg sacks of rice and 20 sacks of beaten rice transported in a truck Ba 3 Kha 5615, driven by Bijay. The food items were sold at the shop run by Chaulagain duo. It was found that two sacks of rice were sold at the rate of Rs 2,400. Of the relief food, Thuli Lama, the wife of Nima Lama of Sano Wangthali VDC-7 had taken 40 sacks of rice and five sacks of beaten rice via Surya Bahadur and to it to her home in the truck with the number plate Ba 3 Kha 6309 from the shop of Chaulagains.

In Dang, District Administration Office has distributed Rs 100,000 each to the families of four people of the district who lost their lives in the quake of April 25. CDO Loknath Poudyal informed that nine people of the district died in the Earthquake in different parts of the country.

In Okhaldhunga, Central Disaster Relief Committee has sanctioned Rs 13.18 million to distribute among the quake victims. The money will be used to provide Rs 15,000 to the families whose houses became uninhabitable. CDO Ganesh Prasad Bhattarai said that the VDC secretaries would be distributing Rs 11.60 million and 9169 in 32 VDCs. The money

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is being distributed in Mamkha and Manebhanjyang among others while in others VDC secretaries have been deployed to distribute the relief.

In Rasuwa, INSEC and Humanitarian Rescue Accountability Monitoring Program have jointly monitored the district's damage caused by the earthquake, rescue and relief distribution. During a meeting with the Assistant CDO Gautam Rimal informed that 650 people died in Rasuwa while 157 remain missing. Gautam said that identity card for quake victims and Rs 15,000 was being distributed in the second phase of relief distribution. Families of the deceased have received Rs 40,000 as funeral expenses and Rs 100,000 as compensation, Gautam added.

Also in Rasuwa, following the destruction of schools in the Gorkha Earthquake, construction of temporary learning centers has begun. District Education Office said the TLCs were being constructed in support of several donor agencies to assure fearless academic environment for the student. It is expected that the schools were currently in the damaged buildings putting the students and teachers in peril. An NGO representative Nabaraj Acharya said that 35 TLCs would be constructed in 19 schools in Yarsa and Saramthali VDCs.

In Makawanpur, applications are piling up in District Administration Office and Sub-Metropolis asking for demolition of the houses at risk. A total of 65 applications include the ones damaged by the quake and also the adjoining ones threatened by damaged house. "We don't have enough human and technical resources to demolish these houses", Assistant CDO Chandra Bahadur Karki said. The DAO and Sub-Metropolis say they don't have resources to demolish houses higher than two-storied. Ram Bahadur Lama of Hetaunda Sub-Metropolis said if the house is not demolished it endangers neighbors and passersby but the work has not begun. Executive officer of the Sub-Metropolis Bhagwan Aryal said that the houses are being demolished which are at highest risk as per the central policy. The businessmen are still using the dangerous houses as Sub-Metropolis cannot stick stickers on its own and that the team has not arrived from Kathmandu. Still it has already demolished 50 houses with its own resources and had submitted a list of houses which it cannot demolish itself to DDRC. Of 34,270 houses of the Sub-Metropolis, 1,950 houses are completely damaged while 3,690 are partially damaged.

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