



Nepal Earthquake 2015 Update: Day 9

Date: May 3, 2015

Last Update: 2300 hrs

Human Casualties (Source: Ministry of Home Affairs)

Death: 7,250

Injured: 14,267

Relief Distribution Inadequate, Urgent Need of Tarpaulins

INSEC monitoring of relief distribution in different districts has found that though the relief materials have reached affected districts, they are not adequate.

INSEC representatives reported that food items and medicines have been distributed but tarpaulins are not enough and some places have not received any, leaving the quake survivors stranded. The government has sent first round of relief in the most-affected districts;

however, they are not enough for all victims. Lack of drinking water has forced the quake survivors to drink unsafe water making them ill. The children have also taken ill as they have been kept in open space. The threat of an epidemic looms large if the quake survivors are not provided with emergency shelter immediately.



Flattened houses in the Barpak village of Gorkha, epicenter of the devastating April 25 earthquake. Photo: Bimal Chandra Sharma

Highlights

- Duwakot shelter in Bhaktapur, which has one hundred survivors, has received only one set of tarpaulin. Relief materials and drinking water is also inadequate. The quake survivors have taken ill as they are drinking polluted water from well.
- INSEC district representative monitored the situation in Bidur Municipality and the VDCs of Budhsingh, Gerku, Kaule, Bhalche, Phikuri and Mankamana in Nuwakot. Not even 20 per cent of the victims have received any kind of relief. Bhalche VDC-1, with over 500 affected villagers, received government assistance sufficient for only 50.
- Shaheed Memorial Hospital in Kathmandu has faced a crunch of IV and antibiotics making the surgery performance difficult.

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- INSEC Western Regional Office has conducting the monitoring of the situation in Barpak, the epicenter of devastating earthquake of April 25. Rescue operation and treatment of the injured were found satisfactory but there was shortage of tarpaulin. Children are suffering from cold as the locals are living in the open for lack of tarpaulin.
- 23 affected households of Jyamdi VDC-7 in Kavre received food items, medicines and some tarpaulins provided by non-profit "Stories of Nepal" in coordination with INSEC.
- Earthquake survivors in Palpa complained that they have not received any tarpaulins in the name of relief. More than 1 dozen VDCs, including rural eastern villages Sahalkot, Mityal, Galdha, Jalpa.
- Most of the health centers in the quake-affected areas in Gorkha have been destroyed. With damage in 60 health centers, the health workers posted on these facilities have left the district. The survivors of the quake have begun getting symptoms of cold, sore throat and fatigue. Problems of diarrhea are seen in Laprak VDC while the people of Kharibot, Saurpani, Gankhu, Takukot, Aruarwang and Barpak VDCs are having respiratory problems.
- Those displaced by the earthquake in Syuchatar, Ramkot area of Kathmandu complained that they have not received any tarpaulins.
- The major three political parties, including two ruling parties NC and UML have agreed to allow everyone to distribute relief support to the April 25 earthquake survivors. The decision comes despite the government's insistence of ensuring that the relief distribution takes place through a one-door system.

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