

Ministry of Home Affairs, Nepal
Nepal Earthquake 2072 : Situation Update as of 11th May

Major Highlights

- An earthquake of Magnitude 7.6 struck with epicenter in Barpak, Gorkha District on April 25 at 11.56 local time, creating greater impact to different villages and cities including Kathmandu. At 14.00 pm, CNDRC meeting headed by Rt'Hon Acting PM and Home Minister took place which recommend declaring of emergency and request the international support.
- Government of Nepal, cabinet declared emergency area at 16.00 hrs local time to 14 highly affected districts and appealed to International Communities for assistance. Cabinet also declared the Custom exemption to relief goods and visa fee exemption to the SAR Team members and humanitarian actors, for custom exemption, the UN model agreement has taken as a base.
- SAR Operation: 4050 persons from 76 SAR team and 135 Canine mobilized from 34 various countries.
- Medical team: More than 87 international medical teams mobilized for the treatment of injured.
- National Emergency Operational Center operationalized.
- Clusters activated both at Secretary Level and DRR Focal Point level, from the beginning and line ministries started response.
- Adopted one door policy. Integrated coordination established with national and international communities, civil society, private sectors etc.
- High priority to Shelter, food, medicine; linking response to early recovery. (CNDRC meeting on 3 May 2015)
- Deployment of Joint Secretary to each district and Electoral Constituency of highly affected districts, that has been specified under the leadership of Under-Secretary at effected districts and the deputed JS has been pulled back to respective Ministries since May 3 decision of CNDRC.
- On 9 May, A common resolution motion (27-points) was tabled in Parliament that propose government to take prompt and specific measures on relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction targeting the people affected by the April 25 earthquake and the Prime Minister deliver speech at Parliament about the effectiveness of ongoing response and initiation of recovery process.
- On 9 May, MOHA issued a letter to Cluster Lead Ministries, Co-Leads and DDRCs for Cluster wise Detail Damage Assessment in order to implement Response and Early Recovery activities effectively.
- As of 10 May , Ministry of Home Affairs/National Emergency Center (NEOC) reports 8020 deaths, 16033 injured; missing- 375; 202157 buildings fully and 214202 buildings partially damaged. 10.95% of houses affected.
- As of 10 May, total of 2.84 billion NRs released to affected districts for the relief support

Overview

On 25 April 2015, at 11:56 local time, devastating earthquake of about 7.6 magnitude struck in Nepal, with epicenter in Barpak VDC (15 KM depth) of Gorkha District (north-west) of Kathmandu; south of China border. This tolled thousands of death and injuries leaving millions of people displaced from rural hilly areas and Kathmandu valley. Many aftershocks were continued and majority of population remain outside the house at least for 4-5 nights. The districts of Western and Central Development Region including Kathmandu valley were highly affected by the earthquake. Most affected districts are Gorkha, Lamjung in Western Region and Kavre, Sindhupalchowk, Dhading, Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Dolakha and Kathmandu valley in the Central Region. Several villages were collapsed in rural areas; collapsed and damage of public and historic buildings in Kathmandu valley.

Major Response Update

- **On 25 April:** Meeting of Central Natural Disaster Relief Committee (CNDRC) was held just two hour after the major hit of earthquake as mandated by Disaster Relief Act 1982 and recommended to Government of Nepal to declared emergency area for 1 month to highly affected districts. The cabinet declared emergency to 14 districts: Gorkha, Sindhupalchowk, Dhading, Kavre, Dolakha, Nuwakot, Ramechhap, Sindhuli, Rasuwa, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, Makwanpur and Okhaldhunga. The meeting also decided to establish Response Coordination Center to accelerate the Search and Rescue (SAR) operation, central command post, coordinate between government and international organizations for relief support and appealed to International Communities for their assistance. Initially, total of 820 deaths reported from 24 districts. With possibility of aftershocks of several tremors, people were alerted to keep calm and requested to provide information for the assistance via contacting to security on 100 and NEOC in 01- 4200258/105/203. MOHA appealed to National, International organizations, donors and local communities to contribute in response activities.
- **On 26 April:** Helicopters of Nepal Army, Private Sectors, and neighbouring county India mobilized for SAR operation in highly affected districts and injured were treated in nearby hospitals. Total of 16 shelter camps were establish in Kathmandu valley for the IDPs. Relief distribution initiated. EQ of 6.9 Rector Scale at 1300hr further increased damage and loss of life. Total death increased to 2430 (Ktm valley- 1152 and outside-1278) and injured-5936 people. MOHA appealed not to generate any unauthentic rumors to the public.
- **On 27 April 2015:** As the situation is gradually changing into normal, MOHA appealed to functionalize all the activities to provide basic services. Further expected to provide constructive support from all sectors to access market, clean water and sanitation, and creating healthy environment.
- **On 28 April 2015:** Total death reached to 4680 and injured-9230. Injured were treated in nearby health institutions. From the preliminary information, 1672 houses fully and 2597 houses were partially damaged. Helicopters of Nepal Amy, Private sectors and neighboring country India mobilized to provide immediate relief package to the affected districts (Ramechhap, Dolakha, Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Dhading, Okhadhunga, Solukhumbu, Kavrepalanchowk, Sindhupalanchowk, Gorkha) districts. Total of 263 million Nepalese Rupees released to

affected districts for the relief support. MOHA appeals for the optimum utilization of internal and external resources to the EQ affected people.

- **On 29 April 2015:** Ministry of Home Affairs established information desk with focal persons in order to disseminate and publish information on response and relief status at the interval of 4 Hrs each day.
- **On 1 May 2015:** Search and Rescue operation, initial assessment and relief distribution have been continuing. Helicopters from Nepal Army, private sectors and neighboring country India have been used in Earthquake affected areas of various districts to supply relief package and rescue operation. Total of 132427 security personals have been mobilized for search and rescue operation. Total death reached to 6260 and injured 13868 so far. Bangladesh, Algeria and India provided additional 23.6 MT of relief items. Various international communities provided medical service in the affected areas. The team from India, Russia, Thailand, Pakistan, USA, Malesiya, Singapur, China, Tarki, Isreal, Netharland, Belgium, Spain, Canada, France and UK continued SAR operation in affected areas. MOHA released total of 640 million NRs to affected districts for the relief support by this date. Local organizations and communities continue the relief collection and distribution. MOHA urged such concerned organization to coordinate and contact with local administration for the effective response.
- **On 2 May 2015:** Search and Rescue operation, assessment and relief distribution have been continuing. Helicopters from Nepal Army, private sectors and neighboring country India have been used in Earthquake affected areas of various districts to supply relief package and rescue operation. Total of 132754 security personals have been mobilized for search and rescue operation. Total death reached to 7040 (including foreigners-54) and injured-14100. As per the record of MOHA, total of 7812 Quintal of rice, 310 Quintal sugar, 277 Quintal salt, 94442 carton noodles, 28945 carton biscuit, bitten rice-3249 Quintal, lentil-3600 Sac, Tent-47801, water purifying tablet-18900 tablet, Soap-2520 distributed in affected districts. Total of 1.35 billion NRs released to affected districts for the relief support by this date.
- **On 4 May 2015:** Search and Rescue operation, assessment and relief distribution have been continuing. Helicopters from Nepal Army, private sectors and neighboring country India have been used in Earthquake affected areas of various districts (Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Kavrepalanchowk, Dhading, Gorkha, Sindhupalchowk, Dolakha, Solukhumbu) to supply relief package and rescue operation. Total of 131565 security personals (Nepal Army-65016, Nepal Police-41776, Armed Police Force-24775) have been mobilized for search and rescue operation. Total death reached to 7366 (including foreigners-57) and injured-14371 (Including foreigners-51). Relief support from various countries and organization is continuous. As of today, relief support from India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, China, Thailand, Shrilanka, Indonesiya, Ajabaijan, Korea, Aljeria, Oman, Sweetzerland, Singapur, Jarmany, Japan and including other countries reached to: Rice-1271 Quintal, Sugar-61Q, Salt-68 Q, Bitten rice-1580 Q, noodles-8900 cartoon, dry food-400 cartoon, water-45904 cartoon, other-11756 set, Tent-114735, Tarpaulin-34861, Blanket-149840, other-9499. As per the record of MOHA, total of 98191 Quintal of rice, 690 Quintal sugar, 573 Quintal salt, 182034 carton noodles, 57775 carton biscuit, Water-15798 case, Bitten Rice-3249 Quintal, lentil-45 Quintal, Dalmot-90 Sac, Tent-159134, Blanket-4523, water purifying tablet-213171, hygiene kits-2670, Soap-8520 distributed in affected districts. Total of 1.79 billion NRs released to affected districts for the relief support.

- On 7 May 2015:** Search and Rescue operation, assessment and relief distribution has been continue from government, NGOs and private sectors. For this, Helicopters from Nepal Army, India, China and America have been used in Earthquake affected areas of various districts (Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha, Sindhupalchowk, Dolakha, Solukhumbu, Ramechhap) to supply relief package and rescue operation. On 7 May, total of 131557 security personals (Nepal Army-65017, Nepal Police-41776, Armed Police Force-23764) have been mobilized for search and rescue operation. Total death reached to 7802 (including foreigners-57) and injured-15911 (Including foreigners-52). Relief assistance from various countries and organization is continuous. As of today, relief support from India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, China, Thailand, Shrilanka, Indonesiya, Ajabaijan, Korea, Aljeria, Oman, Sweetzerland, Singapur, Germany, Japan, Baharain, Bhutan, Canada, Netherland, Poland and including other countries reached to: Rice-2915 Quintal, Sugar-292 Q, Salt-96 Q, Bitten Rice-1885Q, Noodles-12716 cartoon, Biscuits-19608 cartons, dry food-1921 cartoon, water-41647cartoon, other-23161 set; Tent-118348, Tarpaulin-195058, Blanket-170754 , other-11396.

As per the record of MOHA, total of Rice-105234 Quintal, Sugar-719 Q, Salt-851.5 Q, Noodles- 210623 carton, -Biscuit-75559 carton , Water-17798 Case, Bitten Rice-4895 Q, Lentils-145 Q, Dry Food-2525 Carton; Tent-266818, Solar Light-3528, Blanket-325703, cloths-21 Sac, Soap-56226, water purifying tablet-213172 tablet, hygiene kits-2670 including kitchen utensils distributed in affected districts.

As of this date, total of 2.43 billion NRs released to affected districts for the relief support. Monitoring of the relief distribution from the monitoring team is continuous in the affected districts.
- On 8 May 2015:** The Home Ministry issued a statement on 8 May following news from Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur that some landlords were increasing house rent after in the earthquake of 25 April 2015.

“It is not fair on social, ethical and legal grounds to charge high rent from those affected families instead of helping them,” mention in the statement.

The ministry has also requested people to inform the authorities if the house owners increase the rent. Complaints could be recorded by calling Nepal Police at 100 and call cente-1234 or the Armed Police Force-1114.

The government has also directed to District Administration Offices to take stern action against those house owners inside Kathmandu Valley who increase the house rent taking undue advantage in the aftermath of the earthquake.
- On 9 May 2015:** As per the decision of Government of Nepal on 8 May 2015, The Government clarify the notice in order to dismantle the houses that were not completely damaged but not appropriate to live by the devastating EQ on 25 April 2015. In this regard, the Press Appeal states that If the house owner wants to manage by dismantling the building by himself, he/she should need to apply to concerned Metro –Politian city/Sub-metro Politian/Municipality/VDCs to dismantle the buildings with estimated cost, So that, he/she will be eligible to receive relief support as equivalent to other affected .
- On 10 May 2015:** Search and Rescue operation, assessment and relief distribution has been continue from government, NGOs and private sectors, for this, Helicopters, Nepal Army, Nepal Police, Armed Police Force and Civil servants were mobilized.

Total death reached to 8020, Injured-16033 and missing-375. According to initial assessment report, total of 416359 houses were damaged (fully damage – 202157, partially damage-214202). Among which, Full damage of Physical infrastructure (including Government buildings, Temples, Educational and Health institutions and others)-1661, partial-11332; Damage of private houses: full-200546, partial-202870.

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The demand of Tent/Tarpaulin is high from the affected districts. Tent/Tarpaulin provided by India is 229298 and other country provided-340221 (China, Thailand, Pakistan, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, and other MOFALD, Ministry of Urban Development). This Tent/Tarpaulin was provided to districts as: Sindhupalchowk-38728, Rasuwa-10524, Dhading-14217, Kavre-28410, Nuwakot-20210, Sindhuli-22440, Okhaldhunga-12024, Ramechhap-26956, Gorkha-29098, Dolakha-31553, Makwanpur-13998, Kathmandu-43567, Lalitpur-22841, Bhaktapur-21071 and Lamjung-4584. Local organizations and NRCs supported Tents in other districts as well.

Ministry of Home has received news on relief distribution that was mostly concentrated to accessible areas and people other than real victims taking advantage from the relief. In this regard, Ministry of Home appeals to all organizations to provide relief to needy people and support in remote areas in equitable manner. Also, Ministry requests to all organizations to coordinate and contact with concerned DDRCs in order to minimize above gaps and optimum utilization of the resources.