

Nepal Earthquake Response under ACT Appeal

1. Context

The 7.8 magnitude earthquakes struck Nepal on 25 April followed by a powerful 7.3 magnitude aftershock on 12 May 2015 with their epicenters in Gorkha and Sindhupalchok respectively. According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, as of 20 November 2015, 8,891 people have died and 22,302 injured by the earthquakes. It also flattened 604,930 homes and 288,856 homes were partially damaged. Water supply and sanitation has been fully or partially disrupted for 4.2 million people (OCHA); 25,000 school classrooms were damaged or destroyed with 870,000 children have been unable to return to school (UNICEF). Similarly, 1.4 million people needed food assistance in the first 3 months of the emergency (WFP), 10 hospitals and 600 smaller health facilities were damaged (WHO). Additionally, large numbers of people continue to suffer psycho-social trauma from the deaths and destruction caused by the earthquake. The total value of the damages and losses caused by the 2015 earthquakes is estimated at NPR 706 billion (US\$ 7 billion)¹.

In the aftermath of the devastating temblor, ACT Alliance Nepal Forum members provided humanitarian assistance from day one and Dan Church Aid (DCA), Finn-Church Aid (FCA), ICCO, Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Nepal and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) have been working towards addressing the needs of the affected people under ACT Appeal.

2. ACT Alliance Nepal overall goal for the emergency response

Save and sustain life in dignity during the earthquake emergency and contribute to early recovery of the earthquake-affected population.

3. Organization-wise Goal

3.1 DCA Overall Goal

To save lives during the earthquake emergency and contribute to early recovery of 15,000 Earthquake-affected households.

3.2 FCA Overall Goal

Contribute to the realization of the right to education and improvement of well being and protection of earthquake-affected Nepalese children and adolescents.

3.3 ICCO Goal

Recover and improve the income generation of 10004 households who are mostly affected and have the least resilience capacity in a more resilient and sustainable way.

3.4 LWF Overall Goal

Save and sustain life in dignity during the earthquake emergency and contribute to early recovery of the earthquake-affected population.

3.5 LWR Overall Goal

Reduce vulnerability for earthquake-affected families in 3 VDCs, 2 in Lamjung and 1 VDC in Gorkha district.

4. Organization-wise Outcomes

4.1 DCA Outcomes

Shelter

Disaster-affected people have access to safe and adequate temporary shelter and/or settlement based on the standard set, and enable them to either rehabilitate or reconstruct earthquake-resistant permanent homes.

WASH

1. Beneficiaries have access to safe drinking water of sufficient quantity for drinking, cooking and maintaining personal and domestic hygiene, meeting Sphere standards
2. Beneficiaries have access to adequate sanitation facilities meeting Sphere standards
3. Beneficiaries are aware of key WASH-related health risks and take action to prevent them.

Food Security

Beneficiaries are able to meet household food needs, and reconstitute productive assets, in order to resume pre-crisis livelihood.

Psychosocial Support

Existing social, community, and family systems promote an environment for recovery and human development.

4.2 FCA Outcomes

Education and psychosocial support

The well being and safety of vulnerable earthquake-affected children and adolescents, their teachers and families, has been improved and further stabilized by the creation of CFSs, TLSs and by the provision of quality education opportunities.

4.3 ICCO Outcomes

1. Incomes of 10004 household are restored and improved through on and/or off farm involvement.
2. Restoration of markets of 20 commodities and 16 services assisted and 16,712 affected peoples' access to markets increased.

4.4 LWF Outcomes

Shelter

Vulnerable earthquake-affected families whose homes have been destroyed live in healthy and rain proof emergency/transitional shelters, including pit latrine sanitation which are gender- and age-appropriate, while at the same time, being empowered to reconstruct earthquake-resistant permanent homes.

Non Food Items (NFIs)

Vulnerable earthquake-affected families have the basic cooking and other household equipment and supplies that enable a dignified life during emergency.

WASH

Vulnerable earthquake-affected families secure safe and sufficient water both while in temporary sites, and in their permanent home villages.

Psychosocial Support

Psychosocial well being of vulnerable earthquake-affected families is enhanced and there is a safer environment for community members.

Food Security

Vulnerable earthquake-affected families secure a sufficient, nutritionally balanced diet which is culturally appropriate during the emergency, and are able to resume agriculture livelihood.

4.5 LWR Outcomes

Shelter

Vulnerable earthquake-affected families are able to build temporary shelter that provides sufficient protection.

Livelihood Recovery

Vulnerable families whose livelihood were disrupted by the earthquake receive inputs and training to rebuild agricultural livelihoods.

Non Food Items (NFIs)

Vulnerable families who lost household goods in the earthquake receive provisions of material resources.

Food Security

Vulnerable families have emergency food supplies to last 15 days.

5. Program Districts under Act Appeal

ACT members	Geographic areas of response
DCA	Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, Dhading and Gorkha districts
FCA	Lalitpur, Bhaktapur and Kathmandu districts
ICCO	Dhading , Sindhupalchok and Makawanpur districts
LWF	Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, Rasuwa, Kathmandu, Sindhupalchok Dolakha , Kavre, Nuwakot and Makawanpur
LWR	Lamjung and Gorkha districts

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