

# Nepal Earthquake Response

## The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Nepal

### Background

The devastating earthquake that struck the country on April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> in the year 2015 with magnitudes of 7.8 and 7.3 Richter scales respectively, took lives of over 8,800 people. Millions were rendered homeless, as the tremors flattened 604,930 houses. Other 288,856 homes were partially damaged in the disaster. Water supply and sanitation were fully or partially disrupted, directly affecting 4.2 million people (OCHA). Likewise, 25,000 school classrooms were destroyed or damaged, owing to which 870,000 children have been unable to return to their schools (UNICEF). Additionally, large numbers of people are continued to suffer psycho-social trauma from the deaths and destruction caused by the earthquake.

In the aftermath of the devastating earthquake, Dan Church Aid (DCA), Finn Church Aid (FCA), The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) are working towards saving and sustaining life in dignity during the earthquake emergency and contributing to recovery of the affected population.

### Overall Objective

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

### Outcomes

#### Shelter

Vulnerable earthquake-affected people who have been rendered homeless live in healthy and rainproof emergency/transitional shelters, including pit latrine sanitation that 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 people have the basic cooking and other household equipment and supplies that enable a dignified life during the emergency.

#### WASH

Vulnerable earthquake-affected families have basic sanitation measures both while in temporary sites, and in their permanent home villages.

#### Psychosocial Support

Psychosocial wellbeing of vulnerable earthquake-affected families is enhanced with 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-based livelihood.

## Outputs

### Shelter

1. 17,000 vulnerable families receive and use emergency temporary shelter kits.
2. 4,500 vulnerable families receive up to USD 250 cash grants and/or in kind inputs to construct or improve a safe and healthy transitional shelter including repairs to family pit latrines.
3. 4,500 vulnerable families receive up to USD 500 (including grants or inputs for transitional shelter) to construct earthquake-resistant permanent homes.

### NFIs Output

1. 15,000 vulnerable earthquake-affected families receive and use basic NFIs.

### WASH

1. 15,000 vulnerable families are provided with emergency WASH kits, which they use while being displaced.
2. 17 communities (estimated 15,000 households) use rehabilitated permanent water supply systems in their home villages.

### Psychosocial Support

- 1) 15,000 men, women, boys, and girls receive psychosocial support from strengthened community support networks.
- 2) 2,500 single mothers, women, displaced people, children, disabled and other vulnerable people receive focused support and protection through community support networks.
- 3) Higher Community Based Psycho Social Support (CBPS) mainstreaming capacity amongst ACT Alliance Nepal members.

### Food Security

- 1) 12,500 vulnerable earthquake-affected families receive and consume family food packages.
- 2) 2,500 vulnerable earthquake-affected families receive and use inputs critical to resumption of livelihoods.

## Key Activities

### Shelter

- Procurement and distribution of emergency shelter kits.
- Training and technical support for improvement of transitional shelters.
- Distribution of cash grants or in-kind inputs for building or improving of transitional shelters and repairing or improving permanent pit latrines.
- Training in earthquake-resistant construction techniques for householders, local masons and carpenters.
- Distribution of cash grants or in-kind inputs for permanent house construction.

### NFIs

- Procurement and distribution of priority NFIs.

## **WASH**

- Procurement and distribution of emergency WASH kits
- Participatory identification of vulnerable families' villages requiring rehabilitation of damaged permanent water supply systems.
- Procurement of inputs and rehabilitation of damaged permanent water supply systems.

## **Psychosocial**

- Identification and training of volunteers in communities willing and able to facilitate Community Base Psychosocial Support (CBPS).
- Identification and training of community networks and organizations by the trained volunteers.
- Participatory identification of vulnerable groups and individuals in the community.
- Community networks and CBOs organize culturally appropriate activities for vulnerable groups.
- Train LWF and other ACT requesting member staff and partner staff in CBPS mainstreaming.

## **Food Security**

- Procurement and distribution of family food packages.

## **Approaches**

- Coordination with government, local authorities and district stakeholders (DDRCs, clusters, ACT Alliance, AIN, etc.)
- Partnership and ownership of local organizations and communities (community-led/owned plus targeting of marginalized groups)
- Gender equality and social inclusion
- Participatory assessments for identifying needs, problems, opportunities
- Capacity building at local level
- Community-based psychosocial and protection
- Practice of core humanitarian standards, including complaints mechanisms and social audits
- Results-based M&E and knowledge management
- Technology and innovations based on local knowledge/skills and resources
- Rights-based and advocacy approach
- Linking relief, recovery to development

## **Duration**

26 April 2015-25 April 2016

## **Budget**

Total Budget—USD 6,031,526

## **Impact Group**

Priority to marginalized groups, that include:

- Women-headed households
- Households with disabled or chronically ill members
- Households made up of solely elderly members
- Dalit households
- Ultra-poor households depending solely on daily wage labour

## Area

Target Districts	Target VDCs
Kathmandu (7 VDs)	Kapan, Balambu, Kathmandu Municipality (Stadium Camp), Kirtipur, Bajrayogini, Nanglebhare, and Lapsiphedi
Bhaktapur (6 VDCs)	Changunarayan, Mahamanjushri, Chitrapur, Balkot, Thimi, and Chhaling
Lalitpur (11 VDCs)	Lele, Ghimdi, Chhampi, Ghusel, Asrang, Bhattedanda, Pyutar, Malta, Bhardeu, Chaughare, and Devichaur
Rasuwa (5 VDCs)	Gatlang, Goljung, Chilime, Yarsa, and Ramche
Sindhupalchok (4 VDCs)	Baramchi, Gumba, Pangtang, and Selang
Dolakha (5 VDCs)	Jiri, Suri, Marbu, Japhe and Bhirkot

## Implementing Partners

Partner's name
Manekor Society Nepal, Rasuwa
Gramin Mahila Srijanshil Pariwar (GMSP) Sindhupalchok
Human Rights Awareness and Development Center (HURADEC), Dolakha
Integrated Community Development Organization (ICDO), Lalitpur
Society of Local Volunteers Efforts (SOLVE), Lalitpur
Transformations Nepal, Bhaktapur

## About LWF

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Nepal, a country program of the LWF Department for World Service (DWS), has been working with marginalized and disadvantaged communities of Nepal since 1984 on Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Preparedness and Response; Sustainable Livelihoods, and Community-led Actions for Governance and Justice. Its core commitments are Human Rights; Impartiality; Inclusion and Participation; Accountability; Gender Justice and Climate Justice; and Environmental Sustainability.

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