

Nepal Earthquake Response

The Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Background

Lamjung and Gorkha are among the severely affected districts in the Nepal earthquake on 25 April 2015. Gorkha was the epicenter of this earthquake. In Lamjung, Nepal Red Cross Society data show that 13,723 households have been affected with 5 deaths and 40 injuries. A total of 7,929 houses were fully destroyed and 5,344 were partially damaged. Data from the District Disaster Relief Committee (DDRC), Gorkha show that 58,492 households in the district have been affected by the quake, while 440 people died and 1373 got injured. A total of 44,650 houses have been destroyed fully and another 13,430 have been partially damaged.

After the earthquake, LWR decided to implement immediate relief programme and early recovery program in the affected VDCs of Lamjung and Gorkha. Based on the initial need assessment and recommendation from the DDRC, five VDCs from Lamjung and one from Gorkha were chosen for immediate relief support. As a result, early recovery support has recently been carried out in three VDCs in Lamjung and one VDC in Gorkha. The affected community is largely agrarian and depends on seasonal farming for livelihood. Remittance coming from migrating family members is another source of income for the affected families.

LWR proposes to work in the two districts where majority of the populations are economically vulnerable and socially marginalized. The communities are also at a higher risk of landslide and earthquake due to being located on fragile mountain sides. Almost all the development agencies are focusing their efforts on the fourteen worst hit districts. Whereas, LWR decided to continue working in these VDCs in Lamjung, for they didn't receive much attention from the relief organizations despite sustaining significant damages.

Objectives

The overall goal of the Nepal Earthquake Response Project is to reduce vulnerability of the earthquake-affected families in Gorkha and Lamjung Districts of Nepal.

Specific Objectives

Specifically, the programme intends to deliver a recovery package to the target population, based on the following three components:

- i) Increasing year-round food security
- ii) Helping build safe and habitable homes
- iii) Developing capacity on DRR.

Major sectors

The food security component of the project includes provision of food for 15 days, cash for work scheme for cleaning and maintenance of road and damaged infrastructure, provision of seeds for farming and technical training for improving market linkage. The safe and habitable homes component includes distribution of tarpaulins and corrugated galvanized iron sheets (CGIs), repair and reconstruction of homes. Earthquake affected communities will participate in Disaster Risk Reduction Planning to develop community specific DRR plans along side trainings for preparedness for future disasters.

Key Activities

Under the three components, the major activities are as follows:

- Road cleaning and maintenance through cash for work.
- Cleaning and maintaining five schools and three community infrastructures through cash for work activity
- Form and reform farmers groups
- Provide agricultural seeds, other inputs and support to group members.
- Provide livestock and related support to 300 selected households from project VDCs
- Conduct technical training on agriculture production and livestock husbandry
- Conduct training for market mapping and market linkages
- Provide temporary shelter and fixing tools to 2258 families.
- Support on repair/rebuilding of damaged houses (300 houses)
- Provide training to the beneficiaries and raise their awareness on construction of earthquake resilient houses with material support
- Conduct community based DRR training
- Prepare Community and VDC level DRR Plan

Expected Results

The project expects to achieve the following results:

- Affected households generate short-term income from Cash for work scheme to meet their basic food needs

- Earthquake-affected households increase their agricultural production for long-term food security
- Earthquake-affected households receive temporary shelter support for protection against monsoon rains
- Affected communities increase their knowledge and level of preparedness through DRR
- Earthquake-affected families get assistance on rebuilding or repairing their damaged homes

Duration

July 2015 to April 2016

Budget

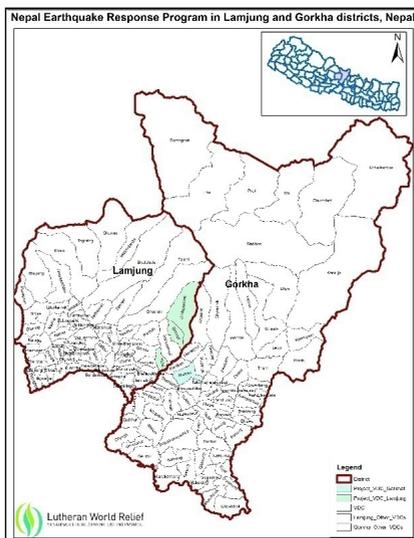
1.3 Million USD

Impact Group

The project's target population are the earthquake-affected families in 3 VDCs of Lamjung and one VDC in Gorkha district. The project is focused on the marginalized families, such as ethnic minorities, Dalits and other disadvantaged communities.

Working Areas/project maps

The working area of Nepal Earthquake Response Project covers three VDCs; Kolki, Bichaur and Dudhpokhari in Lamjung district alongside Jaubari VDC in Gorkha district. The map of project areas is as follows:



Implementing Partner

There are two project partners, one in each project district and the details have been provided as follows:

1. Committee for the Promotion of Public Awareness and Development Studies (COPPADES), Lamjung
Contact Person: Mr. Dikendra Kandel (Executive Director),
2. Shree Swanra Integrated Community Development Center (SSICDC), Gorkha
Contact Person: Mr. Sita Ram Shrestha (Executive Director)

Donors

The following are the donors of the Nepal Earthquake Project in Lamjung and Gorkha districts.

- Evangelical Lutheran Church, America-USA
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