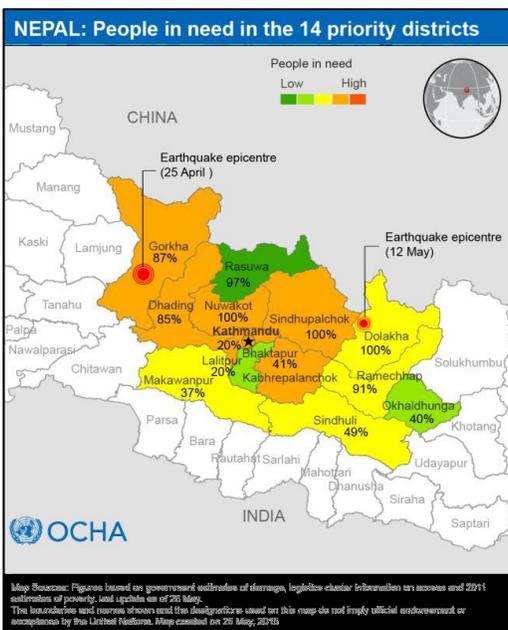


# Nepal Earthquake Response: Three Month Update

## Context

World Renew is implementing a long-term response to the catastrophic earthquake that shook the country of Nepal on April 25, 2015. The 7.8 magnitude earthquake was the worst disaster to strike the country in 80 years. On May 12, a second 7.3 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal, this time in the Dolakha District. A total of 32 out of the country's 75 total districts were affected.



According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (UNOCHA) the death toll from both earthquakes was 8,844. In total, 2.8 million people are affected.

With the coming monsoon season, shelter is a high priority. As of July 7, there are 598,400 houses that were completely destroyed; and 283,600 homes that were severely damaged.

Infrastructure has also been impacted. For example, approximately 32,145 classrooms have been destroyed or heavily damaged, leaving one million children without a classroom to return to when schools reopened on May 31.

Similarly, more than 180,000 household latrines were destroyed leaving 1,138,565 people without access to sanitation facilities, and 1,049,859 people do not have access to water facilities.

Another immediate concern is for food. Food security has deteriorated in the affected areas, and is particularly worrying in remote mountain areas, where close to 70% of households report that they do not have sufficient food to meet their nutrition needs.

Many of these families are farmers who have also lost their rice seed during the quake. This will cause long-term hunger by limiting what can be planted and harvested in the coming growing season. Approximately 236,000 farming households in six districts (Sindhupalchowk, Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha, Rasuwa and Dolakha) report a high loss of seeds with half the farmers having lost over 75% of their rice seeds.



### Locations of World Renew Response:

World Renew provided an initial distribution of vital food assistance and 140 tarps to 1,942 families in five districts within the first two weeks. Following this initial response, World Renew's Disaster Response team in Nepal has received permission to work in one ward in the VDC of Duraguan in the district of Ramechhap and all 9 wards of the VDC of Manakanama in the district of Nuwekot for the next three months as it carries out the "emergency phase" of its work.

World Renew's Senior Program Manager, Grace Wiebe, and

International Relief Manager, Pete Diepersloot, were in Nepal for four weeks to help set up World Renew's earthquake response.

This involved such tasks as finding and leasing office and warehouse space, purchasing office equipment, leasing vehicles, finding suppliers for the first phase of emergency distribution, getting government permissions, attending UN sector meetings.

International Relief Managers, Harry and Annie Bergshoeff worked in Nepal until mid-May to manage more distributions of emergency supplies and recruit local staff. They were joined by Indra Moelyowati, a water and sanitation expert, who is continuing to coordinate and plan World Renew's water and hygiene response.

On June 3, International Relief Managers Mike and Colleen Hoyer arrived to join this effort. They will remain in Nepal until Mid-August. From mid-August to mid-November, another IRM, Dwayne Nienhuis will carry the process forward as World Renew seeks to hire local staff.

Grace Wiebe returned to Nepal in July for two weeks and has been actively working with various levels of Government to officially register World Renew as an International Non-Governmental Organization in Nepal.

### **World Renew Distributions**

#### **May 2015**

1,942 families received vital food assistance in early to mid-May as well as 140 tarps

#### **June 2015**

Three more distributions took place to 1,325 households:

- A two-week food supply of rice, lentils, oil, salt and Nutrila (a soya bean based product)
- Plastic buckets
- Hygiene Kits (made up of bar, toothpaste, 6 toothbrushes, a family towel, feminine products, laundry soap, a comb and oral rehydration tablets)
- A handout of five hygiene messages
- Tarps and ropes



#### **July, 2015**

- 465 more families in another district were added for a total of 1,790 families served during this phase
- Distribution of 2-3 blankets per household was completed
- Each household is also receiving a shelter kit consisting of 16 sheets of corrugated galvanized iron sheets (CGI) claw hammer, tie wire and nails to erect a temporary shelter that will provide better shelter than a tent or tarp during the coming monsoon season

Next Stage: August to November 2015

World Renew is planning to construct at 250 temporary toilets

Fall 2015: World Renew is consulting with various experts to design an earthquake-resistant, permanent shelter that is appropriate for the Nepal context (available local materials, slope, etc). Construction will begin in the Fall and continue into 2016. We anticipate that we will build a minimum of 200 houses.

**Beneficiary Story:**

“Thank you to the many people who gave to World Renew so that they could help my family,” Dawa said to World Renew’s International Relief Manager, Annie Bergshoeff.

Dawa is twelve years-old and has not had an easy life even before the earthquake. Despite his age, he is only in grade one. Education has not been easy to come by. The school is a long walk from his home and his parents have not always had the funds to pay for his uniform and school fees. In fact, when Annie met Dawa he was wearing pants that are much too short for him. Each set of clothes must last him several years.

Another complication to Dawa’s education is the fact that lessons at school are taught in Nepali, which is not his first language. This makes learning more difficult when he is able to attend.



Dawa was at home when the first earthquake hit but was playing outside with friends. He told Annie that he is extremely grateful that none of his family was inside the house when the quake hit. The entire house collapsed within seconds. Anyone who had been inside would have been killed. In fact, that is exactly what happened to Dawa’s uncle who lived in another house nearby.

Dawa is currently living in a tent with his father, mother and six siblings. Although he refused to admit that he was scared during the earthquake, he did express concern about sleeping in a tent when the monsoon rains and colder weather comes. That’s why he was so grateful for the supplies that his family received from World Renew.

The tarp and rope will help them make a better shelter and the food will keep them from being hungry. His favorite item, however, was his new toothbrush. Before receiving the hygiene kit from World Renew, his family shared one toothbrush, now they have six brand new ones.

**Please Pray**

- for the survivors as they grieve the loss of their family and community members and are suffering in the aftermath of this terrible earthquake
- that those in need will have stronger shelters to protect them from the rain and cold weather this monsoon season
- for wisdom as World Renew seeks to respond to immediate needs as well as longer-term needs
- for the staff on the ground as they bring immediate assistance and seek to comfort and encourage Nepalese people who have been traumatized by the two earthquakes



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