Situation Report 10: Nepal Earthquake Emergency Response
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Overview of the Situation
Following the earthquakes of 25th April and 12th May 2015, relief efforts across Nepal are slowly drawing to a close, with the focus shifting towards supporting communities with the process of recovery and reconstruction. The onset of the monsoons, and the accompanying risk of landslides in several mountainous areas, will continue to pose challenges for accessing communities affected by the earthquake in several remote locations of the country. Challenges also remain around the proposed relocation of communities in several areas that have been deemed unsafe due to the risk of landslides following the earthquake.
Situation Overview of Shelter and Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Relief Distributions:
Due to a major landslide in Jure, the additional distribution of blankets for the higher wards of Gati VDC could not take place as rescheduled for the 11th July. The team finally managed to reach these isolated sites 17th of July. Tatopani VDC has been removed from our distribution list. Though Medair & Mission East had a working agreement with the District to work in Tatopani, we came across another NGO who started already distributions in the more accessible part of Tatopani. After coordination with this NGO, we decided to work in another VDC. With Listikot added to the list, the total of VDCs where we are serving is back to eight. We have fully completed 5 VDCs with follow-up distributions. Still remaining are Phulpingkatti VDC, Bhotechaur and Listikot.

Finalizing the Households for follow-up distribution: Series of VDC level meetings is initiated in Mission East/Medair working VDCs namely, Bhotechaur to discuss on the household numbers for follow-up distributions of hygiene kits and blankets. VDC members, representatives of ward citizen forum and members of political parties were present in the meeting which took place on the 18th of July.

Tool kit distribution
As part of the recovery phase, of July 21st MEDAIR/Mission East have started to coordinate with Haibung and surrounding VDC Committees and Ward Citizen Forums for distributing tool kits to groups of households particularly, for rubble removal and demolition of uninhabitable houses. The delivery of tool kits together with a short training on its usage is targeted to be finished by the end of August.

Situation Overview of WASH activities
Materials for 830 household latrines have been delivered to Piskar, Gati, and Bhotechaur VDCs. Additionally, remaining sanitation items have been distributed in Sindhukot VDC. Toilet construction demonstration using the materials has been conducted with local partner staffs and they are providing technical support to the communities. Ten cases of severe diarrhea were reported in Phulpingkatti VDC on 16th July. Mission East/Medair has responded with the provision of 1000 packets of ORS and the distribution of hygiene kits. No further spread of disease has since been reported. Sanitation materials to Phulpingkatti await delivery by helicopter. Hygiene promotion is ongoing, including demonstration of contaminated water with coliform tests and promotion of safe drinking water treatment with the purification provided to communities. The inclusion checklist for accessibility of sanitation to all groups in Temporary Learning Centers have been introduced to the local partner CDECF.

GENERAL UPDATES
Monitoring and Needs Assessment: Monitoring visit was made in Piskar (8-11 July) and Gati (19th to 22nd). In Piskar, the activities are going on as planned and outcomes are promising. Whereas in Gati VDC, it was observed that messaging in water purification and hygiene promotion activities needed further improvement. The detail report will be published within a week.
Feedback Mechanism: Mission East and Medair are jointly putting a Feedback mechanism in place to encourage beneficiaries to approach the organizations in cases of any feedback such as suggestions or
complaints during and after the emergency relief program. The feedback mechanism is an addition to the complaint desk during distributions and post distribution monitoring one week after distributions. The feedback mechanism will be reached and accessible to everyone (including people from the marginalized groups such as single women, Dalits, people with disabilities). A preliminary focus group discussion has been done in Thakani and Gati to involve the beneficiaries in the development of this feedback system. Important findings were that people prefer to contact organization staff directly. We also learned that it is very important that beneficiaries understand the symbols we are using in our communication posters. The beneficiaries appreciated the concept of a feedback system and believed it to be very useful.

Some Photos

![Community Volunteers at Bhotekarur helping with the follow-up Distribution, 22nd July © Mission East / Bibek Karki](image)

![Medair/Mission East Team building Session, 10th of July © Mission East / Vera Van Ek](image)

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