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Situation overview of Shelter and Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Relief Distributions
Mission East and Medair have undertaken repeat distributions in Thakani, Sindhukot and Haibung VDCs. After the cancellation of several scheduled helicopter flights, we finally managed to continue our distributions in Gati. Distributions in Phulpingkatti are ongoing. Due to a major landslide in Jure, the additional distribution of blankets for Gati VDC could not take place and is now scheduled for the 11th July.

HIGHLIGHTS

Overview of the Situation
Monsoon conditions are more and more challenging. Helicopter flights have been regularly cancelled. The team who went to Sindukot on 7th July were stuck behind a landslide and one of the team members had to dig out the landslide to get through. Another team who accompanied the ECHO rep to Piskar had to walk several hours to reach a remote and mountainous VDC and the return trek was 5 hours due to fresh landslides. The Government of Nepal are currently seeking to relocate 56 settlements in the worst affected areas. Sindupalchowk District data in late June 2015 suggests that up to 25% of households need to be relocated.

Distribution progress:
✓ Total households reached: 6,391
✓ Total households planned: 8,768
✓ VDCs reached vs planned: 7/9

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Situation Overview of WASH activities

- On 9th July, materials for monsoon season toilets (a total 400) are being distributed in Sindhukot VDC. Materials are provided based on community sanitation action planning which has been undertaken in each community in the VDC. Toilet construction will be completed within a week, enabling a rapid return to improved sanitation in the communities.
- Mission East has designed an inclusion checklist for accessibility of sanitation to all groups in Temporary Learning Centers

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

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**GENERAL UPDATES**

**Monitoring and Needs Assessment Reporting**

- Mission East and Medair’s Monitoring & Needs Assessment report is finalized. A total of 132 household interviews were conducted in Bhotechaur, Haibung, Thakani, and Sindhukot VDCs. The assessment found that the beneficiaries were satisfied with the community-driven approach to our relief distribution. Approximately 98% of the respondents received the distributed relief items. All items were reported to be needed and useful to the beneficiaries. There were also learning points. Late start of the relief distribution inconvenienced some community members, especially young mothers who came to collect relief items. The outcomes were discussed with logistics and arrangements will be made to address this.

**Donor Visits:**

- On 29th June, Tear Netherlands visited the earthquake affected areas of Thakani VDC. They were accompanied by the Mission East and Medair staff. The one day visit included interaction sessions with the beneficiaries on the situation after the earthquake and the distributed relief items. The visit went well and Tear Netherlands appreciated both organizations effective collaboration on the relief distribution.
- The ECHO representative visited Piskar VDC from 6-8 July with Mission East & Medair staff. The donor saw the distribution of blankets in Piskar VDC. The team had to walk for several hours to reach the distribution site. Challenges in accessing several remote locations have been compounded due to landslides along the route. For the distribution in Piskar, the team employed porters to carry relief items from the nearest roadhead, to the distribution site.

**Some accounts / quotes from the people we serve**

Lanam Thaman is an old man from Dehee who walked 2 hours to the distribution in Thakani VDC on 28 June 2015. His son was with him who’s wife had died in the earthquake. They really appreciated the big strong tarps which they have used to make a temporary shelter. (Picture on the right © Medair / Robert Schofield)
Patak is an old lady from Bhirkharka who received relief items at the Thakani distribution on 28 June. She left the house at 8am to walk an hour to the distribution site. Her house was completely destroyed by the earthquake. She previously received 2 x tarpaulins and is already using them, her family managed to salvage the CGI sheets from the rubble and they have used this to build a makeshift shelter with the tarp over the top. She said she would use the blankets in September time when it gets cold. (Picture on the right © Mission East/ Bibek Karki)

Promoting Healthy Communities through Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) activities - A woman washing hands in Chautara (Picture on the left © Mission East/ John Allen)

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