Situation Report 7: Earthquake Emergency Response
18.06.2015

Distribution progress:
✓ Total households reached: 4,824
✓ Total households planned: 8,768
✓ VDCs reached vs planned: 7/9

Overview of the Situation
In the past week Medair and Mission East learned of new restrictions concerning the importation of relief items from the Ministry of Finance, Customs and Border Department. These will constrain our ability to ensure relief items are distributed as per the agreed criteria and geographic location with our donors. Therefore, we are in discussion with the United Nations (UN) and NGO community to find a solution with the Government of Nepal to reach the most affected families.

Situation overview of distributions
On 16 June Medair and Mission East successfully distributed shelter and WASH relief items to 695 families in Gati VDC (in total Medair and Mission East now distributed items to 4,824 households). Parallel distribution was done from two distribution sites and both distributions were conducted in a peaceful manner without any obstructions. The next distributions in the VDC will be done with a helicopter as those places are not accessible by road. Hopefully beginning next week, distribution for Gati and Phulpingkati VDC (per helicopter) will be done.

After adding Listikot to our distribution list, where we will distribute shelter and WASH items to 949 households we now will be working in nine VDCs in Sindupalchowk.
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Staff newcomers and goodbyes:

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COMMUNICATION AND KEY MESSAGES

- Photos: New photos Gati distribution available on the shared hard drive.
- Updates about Nepal on Facebook Medair and Facebook Mission East.
- Nepal: Emergency relief before the rainy season – article on Swiss Solidarity website.

GENERAL UPDATES

- On 16th June, the Country Representative of Mission East, Gyan Adhikari participated in the meeting of Association of International NGOs-Nepal (AIN) held in Kathmandu. The meeting concentrated on the government’s changing procedure on relief response and demanded to extend the relief phase further to at least 3 months since the date of earthquake hit the country on 25th April.

Contact

This SitRep will be produced weekly on Thursdays. If you have questions about the SitRep, or are in need of additional information or want to add anything for the next SitRep, please contact Wendy van Amerongen (Medair) and/or Shreeju Shrestha (Mission East).

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Some accounts / quotes from the people we serve

The people in Gati were so happy with the distribution of shelter and WASH materials that they wanted to celebrate our visit and when the distribution was finished, they started clapping and used traditional Tika (dots on forehead) and Khada (shawls) and flower garlands to say a big thank you. We received the ‘thank you’ on behalf of all the donors and everyone involved in these distributions.

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Dhana Maya Shrestha (32), member of the women’s group Shree Kalidevi Balhit Mahila Samuha in front of her ‘unsafe’ declared house as there are too many cracks and parts collapsed: We all lost our houses in Gati, it’s a completely destroyed village. I also lost my sister in law, but that was due to a landslide. She got caught in the landslide. We are all very afraid for the landslides, there are so many, especially with the monsoon coming. I want to leave this place, but I don’t know where to go, I cannot afford a house in Kathmandu. I hope the government helps us. Now we’re all in the same situation. We help each other. I did not imagine that I would face a day where I would need to ask for help. But when help (you) came today, it’s so good. We are very thankful. At least we have some protection from the rain, and we can collect and store water in the jerry cans. You also took effort to distribute the materials equally. Thank you so much!

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