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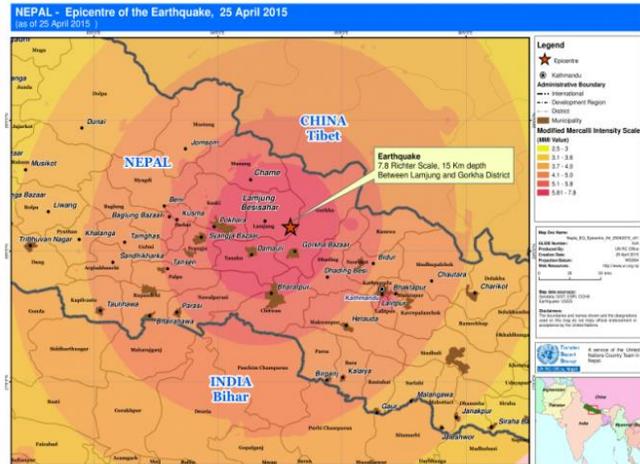
Nepal Earthquake, 12 May, 2015 CDIR No. 18

BLUF – Implications to PACOM

- On 12 May, a 7.3 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal at 12:50 am local. The epicenter was located 76 KM northeast of Kathmandu in Dolakha District. 31 out of Nepal's 75 districts have been affected. (USGS, UNOCHA)
- Prior to this new earthquake, demand for rotary wing and tilt rotor capabilities had decreased due to improved ground distribution and airlift capability provided by UN/NGOs. (JTF 505)
- JTF-505 continues steady state operations and the Multinational Military Coordination Center (MNMCC) continues to effectively coordinate relief operations and expand its capabilities. (USPACOM)
- Dependence on foreign assistance continues to decline and the foreign military presence remaining will be limited to Canada, China, India, US, and UK (USPACOM)

Key Concerns & Trends

- Kathmandu International Airport (KTM) suspended operations immediately after the 12 May earthquake to assess the status of the tarmac. At 15:05 Nepal local time air operations resumed as normal. (LC)
- The area affected by the 12 May earthquake is prone to landslides which may further block roads and make transport difficult. (LC)
- The weather before the new earthquake and in the following days is a concern. On 10 May, heavy rain around Chautura affected those living in tents that lost their homes. (UNOCHA)



Nepal Earthquake – Stats & Facts

Background:

On April 25 at 11:56 am local time (06:11 UTC), a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal, with epicenter in Lamjung District, located 81 km northwest of Kathmandu (pop. 2.5 million) with a depth of 15 km.

Impact

According to the Government, 31 out of Nepal's 75 districts have been affected by the 12 May earthquake. Sindhupalchok district, the worst-affected district by the initial earthquake, is expected to be further severely affected, as is Dolakha. Reports are also coming in of injured people and damaged buildings in Sindhuli, Gorkha, Ramechhap, Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, and Lalitpu. (UNOCHA)

Logistics, Communications

Several major landslides have been reported in Sindhupalchok and Dholaka. Also in Sanjat district landslides have been reported. The 12 May earthquake is expected to further limit access to remote areas. Phone lines in Kathmandu are congested but functioning. (UNOCHA, LC)

Affected Population (as of 12 May)

Deaths: 8103 (Cumulative) (USPACOM, VOSOC)
Injured: 19,227 (Cumulative) (USPACOM, VOSOC)
Total Displaced: 2.8 million (UNRC)
Total Affected: A total of 8.1 million affected; 4,261,210 people are seriously affected, out of which an estimated 1.7 million (40 per cent) are children below the age of 18 years. (UNICEF, IOM)
Total Population of Nepal: est. 27.8 million (WB)

Affected State

Military

In response to the 12 May earthquake, the Government of Nepal advised it dispatched **military** helicopters to assess damage and possibly provide emergency health assistance. The Government has also asked the hospitals in affected areas, including Kathmandu, to remain on stand-by to treat the injured. No request for international SAR teams was made. International SAR teams, which remain in the country, were requested to support the response. No additional international assistance has been requested so far. (UNOCHA)

The **Nepal Army** is leading the **Multi-National Military Coordination Centre (MNMCC)** at the Army HQ. In support of the Nepal Army and the GON, the **UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team (UNDAC)** has set up a **Civil-Military Coordination Cell** in the MNMCC to facilitate information from the **OSOCC** to the MNMCC. The **MNMCC** is coordinating all foreign military assets through daily meetings. (USPACOM, UN, OCHA, UNRC)

Civilian

As of May 10, the **Government of Nepal (GON)** has released a total of 90 million Nepalese Rupees (approximately \$879,000) for the purchase of seed, fertilizer, and animal feed for earthquake affected populations. (USAID)

Nepal Police are recommending the use of SMS as phone lines are overwhelmed (UNOCHA)

The **Government of Nepal (GON)** is leading the response through the **National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC)** (<http://neoc.gov.np/en/>) located next to the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA)** in the Singha Durbar premises. In support of the GON, the **On-Site Operations and Coordination Center (OSOCC)** have been set up to coordinate the international support to the response. The other coordination hubs are the **MNMCC** at army HQ; the **Reception/Departure Center (RDC)** and the **Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA)** at the airport. (UNRC, Log Cluster, VOSOCC)

Humanitarians

In response to the 12 May 7.3 earthquake, the **Nepal Red Cross** has mobilized first aid teams in Kathmandu Valley and team members are providing services to the injured. Red Cross Ambulances have been mobilized and are bringing the injured to hospitals. (Irish Red Cross)

International Humanitarian Community

Overview

Most international humanitarian efforts are being coordinated through the **UN Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)**. Two **humanitarian hubs** are operational in Chautara (Sindhupalchowk District) and Gorkha Bazaar (Gorkha District). The geographical coverage map is available at: <http://bit.ly/1QyFAHG>

To facilitate and expand earthquake response coordination, the **UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator** appointed two area humanitarian coordinators on May 9 to serve as representatives to local authorities, lead local humanitarian country teams, and facilitate inter-cluster coordination outside of Kathmandu Valley. The Gorkha-based coordinator will cover Dhading, Gorkha, and Makawanpur districts, while the Sindhupalchowk-based coordinator will cover Dolakha, Kavrepalanchowk, Okhaldhunga, Ramechhap, Sindhuli, and Sindhupalchowk districts. (USAID)

Humanitarian Clusters

Latest highlights of cluster actions listed below:

Camp Coordination and Camp Management: As the humanitarian community transitions out of the initial emergency response phase, the CCCM Cluster plans to assess which sites are suitable for use during the upcoming monsoon season, as some displaced populations will likely need to remain in camp settings. (USAID)

Logistics: The following general logistics planning maps are available on the website for Sindhupalchok: <http://www.logcluster.org/map/nepal-general-logistics-planning-map-sindhupalchok-district-may-2015> and Dolakha: <http://www.logcluster.org/map/nepal-general-logistics-planning-map-dolakha-district-may-2015>.

Nutrition Cluster (NC): UNICEF nutrition programming is targeting approximately 590,000 children, based on the 50% affected population estimates by the government. UNICEF has distributed all necessary nutrition supplies to 12 affected districts. (NC)

Food Security: Although the April 25 earthquake destroyed many shops and markets in Sankhu, local residents interviewed during the DART's assessment did not report access to food as a major concern due to the town's proximity to Kathmandu and successful efforts to recover household food stocks from collapsed structures. Community members did, however, express concern about livelihoods opportunities, as coping with shelter needs is limiting time available for field labor. (USAID)

Health Cluster (HC): The latest assessment figures from the government has shown that more than ninety percent of the total number of health facilities in the 14 severely affected districts are not functional, due to totally damaged or partially damaged infrastructure and/or loss of equipment and supplies. Almost 200 National (NMT) and Foreign Medical Teams (FMT) and 19 temporary hospitals in 8 of the 14 districts are filling the resulting gaps. (HC)

Regular **Cluster coordination meetings** are published at:
www.humanitarianresponse.info/operations/nepal

United Nations

UN Flash Appeal was revised to US\$423 million. As of May 11, total requirements are only about 10 percent funded (US\$42.3 million, including US\$15 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund). (OCHA)

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** reports 26 hospitals (3 completely and 23 partially) are damaged and more than 900 primary health care centers and health posts have been rendered nonfunctional. A total of 46 National Medical Teams and 99 Foreign Medical Teams are working in the affected districts. (WHO)

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has appealed for USD 8 million to support its immediate interventions response while long term needs are being assessed. (FAO)

NGOs/IOs

The **Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ATCD)** is getting ready to deploy a team to Namche Bazaar near the epicenter of the earthquake which has struck the East of the country. Their teams have distributed shelter material to help 10,000 people protect themselves from the rain and the cold in Sankhu, just North of Kathmandu. (ATCD)

Christian Aid emergency workers in Nepal are trying with partner organizations to get relief through this morning to the area worst hit by today's earthquake. Since the first earthquake struck, Christian Aid has worked through partner organizations in Nepal distributing blankets, tarpaulins, food, water purification equipment and water purification tablets to communities struggling to rebuild their lives. (Christian Aid)

GOAL's emergency response team in Nepal is currently working to establish the damage, injuries and potential casualties caused by today's earthquake (GOAL)

Handicap International (HI) distributed an entire plane load (33 tons) of humanitarian aid including emergency shelters, bedding, hygiene, and cooking equipment on Friday, May 8. This is the first time HI chartered an entire airplane to deliver emergency aid on such a scale (HI)

Medair will continue to assess and reach remote villages cut off from assistance with essential relief items. This includes those areas affected by both the 25 April and 12 May earthquakes. (Medair)

The **Norwegian Red Cross** is reporting that the injured (12 May earthquake) have been arriving at its makeshift hospital in Chautara. (OSOCC)

Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) and the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) emergency relief team finished the first distribution of food package to 200 households in Kubinde village, Sindhupalchowk District, which is one of the worst affected area. The emergency food package provides food for an average family size of six for one month and contains lentils, rice, oil, and salt. (PWJ)

Project HOPE (PH) medical volunteers in Nepal provided emergency medical care to patients injured in the 12 May earthquake. Project HOPE has shipped USD \$2.2 million of medicines to Nepal. (PH)

Save the Children (SC) is now assessing the situation on the ground to find out what impact the 12 May earthquake has had on families. Just days ago a prepositioned plane filled

with 44 tons of tarps, tents, hygiene kits, household kits and other supplies left Manila and has now arrived in Nepal (SC)

Assisting States

Civilian

The **Government of Japan (GoJ)** decided to implement the Emergency Grant Aid amounting to 14 million US dollars to support the Government of Nepal. In this aid, humanitarian emergency assistance such as food, emergency medical care, shelter, health, and water and sanitation is to be provided to the most affected areas such as Sindhupalchowk, through World Food Programme (WFP), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and others. (GoJ)

The **United States Agency for International Development (USAID)** Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) continues to conduct humanitarian assessments in earthquake-affected communities. On May 9, DART and USAID/Nepal staff assessed Kathmandu's Sankhu municipality and nearby Naglebhare village. The DART estimates that more than 50 percent of houses observed were damaged or destroyed, with more than 80 percent of houses collapsed in downtown Sankhu. (USAID)

Military

In support of Operation Sahayogi Haat, **United States** Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines are ensuring humanitarian assistance and disaster relief supplies and personnel are moving smoothly in and out of Nepal at an intermediate staging base at Utapao Royal Thai Navy Airfield, Thailand.

Airmen with the 36th Contingency Response Group attached to Joint Task Force-505 and members of the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal teamed up to conduct an assessment and necessary repairs to the airfield (Government of the United States of America)

For more information on international Military and Civil Defence Assets (MCDAs), visit the UN Civil-Military Coordination website:

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/nepal/civil-military-coordination>

For more useful links and information resources, please visit the CFE-DMHA Nepal Earthquake Crisis Response Page at: <https://www.cfe-dmha.org/DMHA-Resources/Nepal-Earthquake>

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