

1. **Purpose.** To provide a daily situation report of Project HOPE's response to the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

2. **Situation.** A massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck 77 kilometers (48 miles) northwest of Nepal's capital Kathmandu at 0611 GMT on 25 Apr 2015



The magnitude of Nepal Earthquake was updated to 7.9 by IMD on 25th April. The epicenter was in the Lamjung District (NW of Kathmandu) and south of the China border. The Government reports that 35 of 75 districts are affected in the Western and Central regions, including the Kathmandu Valley districts. This includes rural areas, as well as the very densely populated districts of Kathmandu and Pokhara. The most affected districts include: Dhading, Gorkha, Rasuwa, Sindhupalchowk, Kavre, Nuwakot, Dolakha, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, and Ramechhap.

3. **Nepal Field Update**

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Situation Update – Key Highlights

Strong earthquake of 7.3 magnitude (USGS) hit Nepal today at 12:50 local time, just 18 days after the major earthquake that killed over 8 000 people and injured 17 800.

Efforts are on to get information from districts about the impact of today's earthquake. The Ministry of Health and Population and WHO are meeting at the Health Emergency Operations Centre.

16 deaths have been reported so far from Kathmandu, Sindhupalchok, Dolakha and Sindhuli. 335 people have been reported injured (as of 5 PM confirmed by National Emergency Operation Centre.).

WHO, on the request of MOHP, is mobilizing tents for four hospitals - Civil Hospital, Shree Birendra Hospital, and Trauma Centre in Kathmandu, Patan hospital in Lalitpur and Dhulikhel hospital in Kavre.

WHO is sending medicines and medical supplies with two assessment teams that MOHP is sending to Ramechhap and Dolakha this evening.

Later today, an emergency meeting has been called in the National Emergency Operation Centre by the Ministry of Home Affairs, which will be led by the Minister.

Other Highlights

A third health sub-cluster - on Injury Rehabilitation has been established.

Disease surveillance in all highly affected districts has been enhanced.

No communicable disease outbreaks have been reported.

26 hospitals (3 completely and 23 partially) damaged and more than 900 primary health care centers and health posts have been rendered non-functional.

A total of 46 national medical teams and 99 foreign medical teams are working in the affected districts.

WHO is present in the 14 most affected districts, supporting District Health Offices in surveillance and coordination.

Ongoing priorities are to manage the injured, consolidate and standardize assessments, ensuring coverage of areas beyond district headquarters, prepare for the upcoming monsoon period, restore primary health care services with logistical support (medical supplies, tents) and provide rehabilitation support to the patients discharged from the hospitals.

Health cluster coordination

The MoHP continues to lead the health cluster with co-leadership from WHO. Two weeks into the response, cluster meeting frequency was reduced from daily to three times per week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

In a major push by Nepalese authorities and the humanitarian sector to reach into remote, mountainous communities in urgent need of support, cluster partners are strengthening presence in 4 districts – Sindhupalchok, Gorkha, Nuwakot and Rasuwa. The last two districts will be supported from Kathmandu while the former two are being supported with joint UN presence. From there, WHO and partners are supporting the national authorities to rush medicines, health care professionals and other life-saving resources to some of the most remote regions impacted by the earthquake.

GIK Update

Together with the logistician we visited the cargo at the airport and met the chief officer from the Rapid Response Team from the Ministry of Health and Population, Mr. Rajeev Pokhrel, to arrange the logistics for the upcoming shipments. All the documents were once again reviewed and it was confirmed that everything is fine and shipment will be custom cleared tomorrow. The Project HOPE photographer will be allowed to accompany the GIK team during the process of custom clearance and transportation of the drugs to the Ministry's warehouse. The shipments should arrive today (May, 12) 20:05 local time. The cargo will be discharged at the cargo airport and will be cleared in the morning.

Later on, after today's 7.3 earthquake new supplies were purchased locally for the volunteers that are treating patients in the Manmohan Memorial Teaching Hospital.

It was first working day for the local logistician.

Volunteer Program Update

Current Situation:

- As of the evening of May 12th, we have 8 volunteers positioned in tents immediately outside of the Manmohan Memorial Teaching Hospital emergency room entrance. Security guards are positioned at the doors, helping to ensure the safety of the hospital and also our team outside.

This afternoon's earthquake:

- Project HOPE's Volunteer Coordinator Kenly Flanigan and volunteer photographer Ted Wendel were at the hotel and felt the violent shaking and were able to get outside safely. 11 volunteers had gone to lunch and were outside at the time of the quake, all are safe. Andrea Dunne-Sosa, Project HOPE's Director of Vol and 2 volunteer doctors were in a meeting with the hospital's director on the second floor of the MMTH and took shelter under furniture and braced in the doorway.
- At the MMTH hospital, the team quickly re-grouped and established an external receiving triage area, and "green" – "yellow" – and "red" treatment areas and placed volunteers accordingly. The majority of patients had severe wounds requiring sutures, bandages and casts. Several inpatients were also injured due to falls from their beds during the quake.
- Supplies provided yesterday by the GIK team were organized and utilized during the response.
- Additional supply needs were requested of the ICU team and the head nurse, and through the GIK team we were able to secure the materials to replace those consumed during the afternoon and to anticipate needs of an expected second wave of incoming patients.

Other updates:

- The volunteer team spent the morning engaged in the hospital with direct patient care. Nurses provided care, changed dressings and bathed the patients.
- We will continue to participate in organized cluster meetings for health, rehabilitation, mental health and Foreign Medical Teams as necessary.