Nepal: Earthquake

**Highlights and Key Messages**

- Targeting 1.15 million people for Phase II of its operation, WFP has so far assisted 500,000 people with food and nutrition support. Of the total assisted people, 40,000 have been reached through cash distributions. To date, WFP has injected over US$500,000 into the local economy, further strengthening and reinvigorating the markets. In Phase I, WFP assisted over two million people with basic food rations in priority districts.

- WFP’s cash for assets programme is currently supporting early recovery efforts through activities such as debris removal and citrus tree planting. As the affected communities recover from the twin earthquakes, the programme will transition into more robust community infrastructure and livelihood rehabilitation activities such as the reconstruction of houses, schools, public buildings, agricultural infrastructure and rural roads.

- The food security situation in the affected zones varies. Some village development committees (VDCs) still require immediate support, while other communities are already able to focus on recovery and rehabilitation. With this in mind, WFP continues to work at scale in the affected communities, capitalising on its expertise in emergency work, as well as early recovery work.

- Two months after the earthquake struck Nepal, WFP has deployed staff and equipment to establish and support the humanitarian community with: eight logistics hubs, handling close to 11,300 mt of cargo for 121 different organisations; emergency telecommunications support for over 140 organisations; aviation support for 97 organisations including the transport of 871 mt of humanitarian cargo and 1,730 humanitarian workers.

- To support the recovery of the health sector, WFP continues to construct mobile health clinics to support the communities whose medical facilities have been damaged or destroyed by the earthquake, or those that are now isolated due to landslides. Nine clinics have already been completed.

- WFP has received generous contributions from many donors, including Australia, Canada, Denmark, ECHO, Germany, Japan, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom, United States, UN CERF and private donors.

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**In numbers**

- 8,844 deaths (3,944 male, 4,894 female, 6 unidentified)
- 8 million people affected by the earthquake
- 2 million people reached in Phase I

Over half a million people have received assistance in Phase II, of which over 40,500 people have received cash

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**Funding**

- Flash Appeal: **US$422 million**
  (46% funded)
- Emergency Operation: **US$80.3 million**
  (33% funded)
- Special Operation Logistics Augmentation and Emergency Telecommunications Cluster: **US$25.6 million**
  (43% funded)
- Special Operation UNHAS: **US$13 million**
  (68% funded)
WFP Response

- **The second phase:** In Phase II of the operation, WFP has reached over half a million people with food assistance, of which 464,311 have been assisted with 3,976 mt of in-kind food rations consisting of rice, pulses and oil.

- **Cash:** In Phase II, 40,509 have received cash in the cash for assets programme. Each participating household received US$80 in Makwanpur district. To date, WFP has distributed over US$525,500.

- **Nutrition:** WFP is working with the Government of Nepal and partners to implement the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) which is a key component of the five pillar nutrition interventions.

  Through BSFP, which aims to prevent acute malnutrition, WFP has assisted 14,291 children under two years, 817 pregnant women and 608 nursing women. Children were given Plumpy’doz, a specialised nutrition supplement, while pregnant and nursing women received Super Cereal, a corn soya blend. To date, 47 mt of Plumpy’doz and 4.35 mt of Super Cereal have been distributed.

  WFP has also been promoting appropriate maternal and child nutrition best practices at all levels through effective behaviour change communication. WFP has worked with ward-level female community health volunteers to ensure that these messages are passed along to all BSFP beneficiaries.

- **WHO Clinics:** WFP is working with WHO to establish medical clinics in some of the worst-affected areas in the country. Thus far, about 44 proposed locations have been identified. Technical assessments of 34 camps have already been completed. Work is currently ongoing on three sites, while nine camps have been completed. WHO is following up with the district health officers (DHOs) to clear the land for rest of the sites.

- **International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) camps:** To support IHP’s deployment to Nepal as part of the earthquake response, WFP has so far established two camps in Charikot and Chautara to accommodate humanitarian aid workers. Facilities include kitchen and dining room, as well as medical room. Total occupancy for both camps is 63.

**Logistics**

- To date, 5,564 mt of food have been dispatched from WFP hubs to the different extended delivery points (EDPs) in preparation for distribution, representing 65 percent of the total food requirements for Phase II.

- Delivery of supplies to mountainous and isolated locations with the help of porters is ongoing.

- An in-kind contribution from the USA, consisting of 1,530 mt of rice and pulses, has arrived at Kolkata port in India. It will be dispatched within two to three days, with expected arrival in Nepal ten days later.

The WFP-constructed International Humanitarian Partnership camp in Chautara opened on 4 July. The camp can facilitate 42 people.

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Clusters

Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- **Funding:** Funding against the food security component of the revised flash appeal has reached USD 27.7 million (28.1% of requirements) leaving a gap of US$70.1 million (FTS 04 July 2015). However, a number of projects, led by NGOs that are not part of the flash appeal, have received funding including 16 NGOs targeting 325,000 individuals through food assistance and 6 NGOs targeting 14,500 households through livelihoods intervention.

Analysis: The 2015 monsoon season monitoring from the Government of Nepal indicates that accumulated rainfall in most of the country is normal to above normal. Flood forecasting is below warning level and is steady.

Logistics Cluster

- **Cargo:** To date, a total of 34,425 m³ (11,297 mt) of humanitarian cargo has been handled through the Logistics Cluster on behalf of 121 different organisations.

- **Logistics Hubs:** Negotiations with local authorities are currently underway to set up a Logistics Cluster hub in Dhading Besi (Dhading district). Personnel has already been deployed and one mobile storage unit (MSU) is planned to be set up at the hub, which will serve Dhading district.

- **Capacity Development:** Together with Plan International, the Logistics Cluster is organising four-wheel-drive training for national drivers. A total of 60 drivers working for UN agencies, INGOs and NGOs will be trained.

- **Truck Fleet:** In light of current needs, the truck fleet in Kathmandu has been reduced from 15 to 10 trucks, and smaller trucks (with a capacity of between 6 and 10 mt), better suited to reaching remote locations, are now available.

- **Remote Access Operations (RAO):** Post-earthquake assessments missions were conducted with the local mountaineering and trekking associations on the main trekking trails, to identify those in need of rehabilitation to ensure safe passage and to reopen market access. RAO teams continue trail rehabilitation activities in Gorkha and Dolakha districts. In Dhading, Rasuwa and Sindhupalchok districts, trail assessment reports have been finalised by RAO teams and trail rehabilitation work is to commence soon. As of 2 July, approximately 115 mt of food and 3.9 mt of non-food items have been dispatched. Distribution are ongoing in Gorkha and Dolakha districts.

- **UNHAS:** From the start of the operation, UNHAS has carried out 1,643 sorties to 115 different locations. 1,730 passengers and 871 mt of cargo have been transported on behalf of 97 organisations. Adverse weather conditions continue to result in delays and cancellations of flights.

- **Mapping:** Current Logistics Cluster maps include a regularly updated Road Access Map, maps of helicopter landing zones, local district maps of the trails to be used by porter operations and topographical area maps. These are all available for download on the Logistics Cluster website at [http://logcluster.org/ops/nepal](http://logcluster.org/ops/nepal).

- **Customs:** The Logistics Cluster continues to liaise with Government representatives to ensure that the evolving customs procedures facilitate a smooth process for humanitarian organisations.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC, including partners from emergency.lu, Ericsson Response, NetHope, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) together with WFP, is providing shared internet services for the humanitarian response community at 15 sites across three common operating areas of Gorkha, Chautara and Charikot.

- The ETC continues to provide secure telecommunications across the three common operating areas to ensure the safety and security of humanitarians operating in those areas.

- More than 1,158 humanitarians from 140 organisations are using internet services provided by the ETC in Nepal.

- The ETC continues to receive service requests from organisations in Nepal.

Staff Deployments

- A total of 120 local staff have been hired for this emergency to date. Meanwhile, 235 international WFP staff members have been deployed, of which only 82 are still on the ground.
Resourcing Update

- WFP has received generous contributions from a number of donors, including Australia, Canada, Denmark, European Commission, Germany, Japan, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom, United States, UN CERF and the private sector.
- With an operational requirement of US$80.3 million, the Emergency Operation is now 33 percent funded. Urgent funding is required to continue delivering food and nutrition assistance through the monsoon and initiate recovery efforts through conditional cash transfers from July onwards.
- UNHAS will maintain its fleet to meet the needs of the humanitarian community. The operation has requirements of US$13 million, which is currently 68 percent funded.
- The US$25.6 Logistics and ETC Special Operation is now 43 percent funded. It is in the interest of all the stakeholders to have both Special Operations fully-funded as they specifically support organisations in their relief efforts.

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- Nepal SO — United Nations Air Service (UNHAS)

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