

DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE HITS NEPAL APRIL 2015
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF & RECOVERY ACTIVITIES REPORT



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Situation Report: Devastating Earthquake

Kathmandu along with other peripheral districts (Gorkha, Rasuwa, Sindhupalchowk, Nuwakot, Dhading and Kavre) were struck by devastating earthquake magnitude of 7.9 Richter scale on 25 April 2015 Saturday afternoon. The earthquake was followed by more than 100 aftershocks that damaged several ancient monuments, buildings, houses and left thousands of people dead. Many

people were displaced and in urgent need of makeshift shelters and other support. It was one of the most devastating earthquakes in the history of Nepal.

According to Government statistics, over 7000 as of afternoon of 2 May 2015 people have died and more than 14000 injured and above 1 million houses are completely destroyed. However, the exact number is still unknown. Several villages in different parts of the country have fully and partially destroyed causing extensive loss of human lives. As per the reports, victims are still awaiting rescue team to reach them. Much of the relief material reaching Nepal from various parts of the world already appears to be inadequate to address the immediate needs created by this calamity.

In many parts of the country (e.g Rasuwa, Dhading, Nuwakot districts) still there is no power and the drinking water supply is disturbed including the capital Kathmandu. The destruction caused by the earthquake rendered the majority of the water sources in the affected areas non-functional increasing conditions for potential outbreaks of water-borne and air-borne diseases. There is a total breakdown of sanitation services. The health system is seriously affected. Many dead bodies (people and domestic animals) are scattered all around and are unburied. The huge challenge remains in preventing the likely epidemics and starvation.

It is reported that the main highways that connect people from other parts of the country to the Kathmandu valley is damaged quite extensively due to land/rock slides caused by the earthquake. This has resulted in severe difficulties to return back to the homes (outside Kathmandu valley) to lend their hands to friends, families and relatives.

Gorkha, Dhading, Lamjung, Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Kavre, and Sindhupalchowk that are among the most affected districts are not effectively reached by the rescue team with sufficient relief materials.

Most of the affected families are desperately waiting for the relief and response. Nepalese Army and Police Force are rescuing the victims continuously. Although the international community has responded to the crisis by providing assistance, the steady supply of relief materials particularly potable water, dry food and medicines is still not sufficient.

Activities Carried Out:

Immediately, ICA team visited earthquake affected areas inside the Kathmandu Valley and learned that there still are many people trapped in the debris of the fallen houses. Several heritage sites are completely or partially damaged. The continued tremors (aftershocks) caused further casualties and loss of properties. It has been reported that the earthquake was more intense in and around Kathmandu where the population density is abnormally high.

ICA Nepal with the support the members of Rotaract Clubs (Manohara, Rudramati and Rudramati Babarmahal) and Rotary Club of Rudramati, is massively distributing relief materials to the earthquake victims. Additionally, ICA Nepal team donated blood.

- On 29 April, we went to Bhaktapur area and distributed 500 drinking water bottles.
- On 30 April, 500 drinking bottles distributed in Bungamati area, one of the most affected areas in the Kathmandu.
- On 1 May, 2015, a joint team moved towards Sindhupalchowk with basic food survival package. The package consists materials. The relief materials contain rice, daal, biscuits, drinking water and noodles.

- On 1st May, 2015 in the leadership of Ms. Devaka Shrestha (Mr. Devaka Shrestha is a woman community leader of Changu Narayan who has actively participated in social artistry leadership training conducted by ICA Nepal and mobilizing more than 100 women in income generating and community development activities), 40 sets of basic food survival package was distributed. We were reported that the number of affected people is extremely high, thus, the food packages should continually be distributed.
- Similarly, on 1st May, another team of ICA Team move to Balaju to help Entire Power for Social Action (EPSA) with 10 sets of the basic food packages. EPSA is shelter for differently abled women (women living with physical disabilities). Along with providing shelter, EPSA runs a workshop for handicraft as an income generating activities for women living with disabilities. ICA Nepal is reported that the earthquake destroyed their workshop and they had to live without drinking water for four days. Immediately, knowing this, ICA Nepal team communicated the EPSA members and headed towards their location with food supplies as requested by them.
Ms. Sangita Panti, President of EPSA is herself a woman living with physical disability. She has also participated social artistry training for differently abled people. The training was facilitated by Janet Sanders in ICA Training Hall.
- 2 May, a team headed towards the Dhading districts with relief materials. Dhading is reported to be one of the most affected areas.

The total package cost Rs. 1500/-

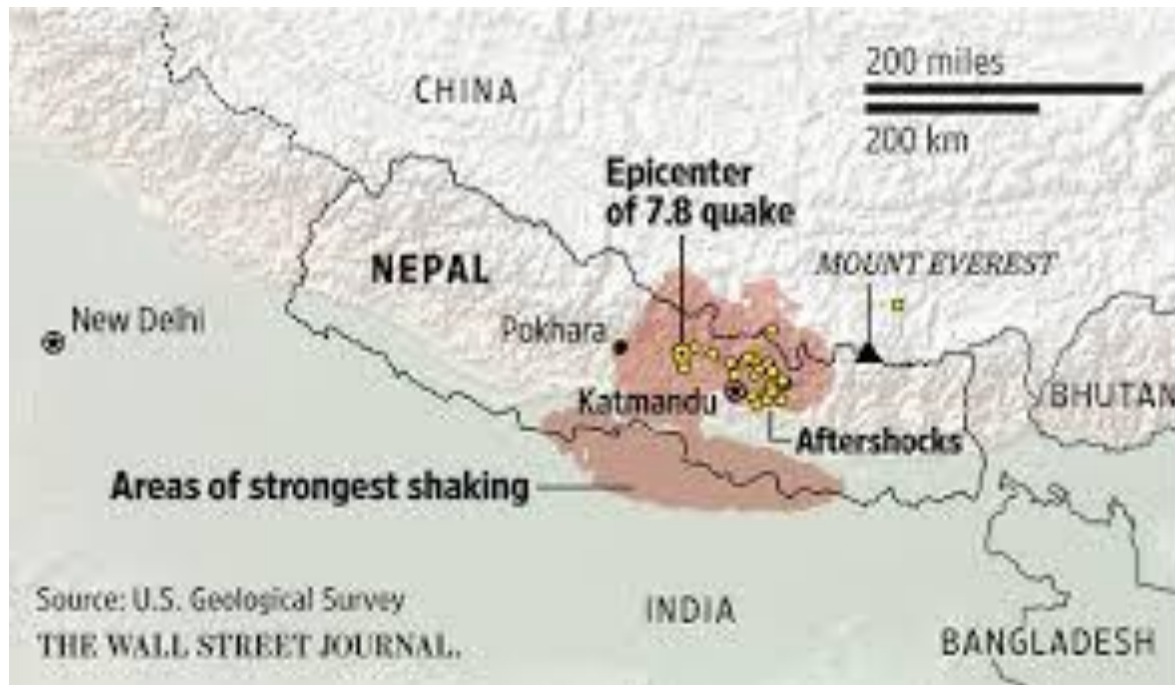
1. Rice 6 Kg
2. Mixed Daal (lentil) 1 kg
3. Salt 1 kg
4. Soybean 1 kg
5. Cooking oil 1 kg
6. Beaten rice 1 kg
7. Masala (chilli, cumin powder, turmeric powder)
8. Biscuits 3 pkts
9. Steel plate 1
10. Spoon 2
11. Plastic jug
12. Plastic bucket 1 pc
13. Noodles 6 pkt
14. Drinking Water Bottles

Within this week we aim to provide 1000 sets of the package to the affected areas.

ICA Nepal is working hard to response this tragic situation. We believe that the package will help 5 members family to survive at least 7 days.

There is a high need of tents and water proof mattress for the earthquake victim. The situation has become very difficult to survive in open space due to rain over time.

Map: The most affected location



Casualties in Nepal (as reported in 30 April) and the number is continuously rising.

S.N	Name of District	No. of Casualties	Injured
1	Sindhupalchowk	2071	648
2.	Kathmandu	1130	4634
3.	Nuwakot	718	1300
4	Gorkha	407	1032
5.	Dhading	495	594
6.	Rasuwa	304	748
7	Kavre	286	594
8	Bhaktapur	266	1886
9.	Lalitpur	171	1085
10	Dolakha	60	159
11	Makawanpur	33	116
12	Ramechhap	24	23
13	Solukhumbu	22	68
14	Okhaldhunga	17	35
15	Sindhuli	9	55
16	Sunsari	16	24
17	Chitwan	6	37
18	Bara	5	29

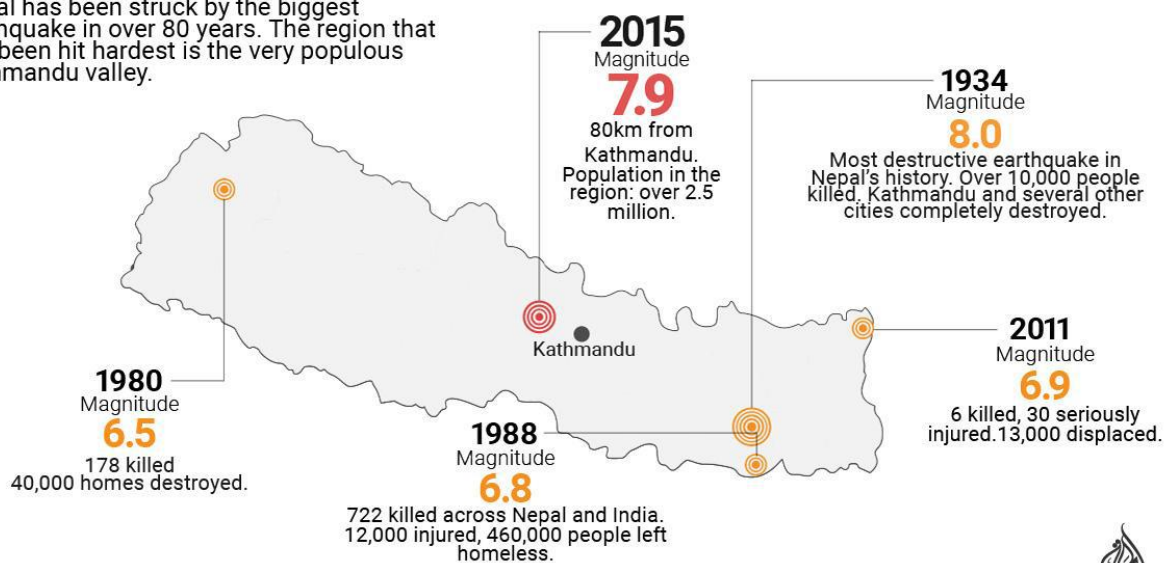
19	Parsa	5	23
20	Lamjung	4	25
21	Rautahat	1	20
22	Morang	2	41
23	Bhojpur	2	8
24	Kaski	2	21
25	Dhankuta	2	2
26	Sarlahi	1	49
27	Dhanusa	1	19
28	Tanahu	1	18
29	Nawalparsi	1	9
30	Taplejung	1	3
31	Rukum	1	1
32	Rolpa	1	1
	Total	6166	13232

History of Earthquake in Nepal

Timeline: Nepal earthquakes

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Nepal has been struck by the biggest earthquake in over 80 years. The region that has been hit hardest is the very populous Kathmandu valley.



Glimpses of Earthquake and ICA Nepal's Response

In this tragic situation, ICA Nepal will continue our presence to enable the affected people to recover from the impacts on longer term.



ICA Nepal Team in Bhaktapur



Scene of Bhaktapur, ICA Team with the earthquake victim



Member of ICA Nepal donating blood



ICA Volunteers distributing Drinking Water Bottles in Bhaktapur



People collecting their belongings from rubble in Bungmati



Tri Ratna Cooperative School in Bungmati, School has been immensely damaged by the Earthquake



Temple has turned into the debris in Bungmati



Basic Food Survival Package



Making Basic Food Survival Package



Volunteers loading Relief Support to distribute



Relief Materials ready to be distributed



Ms. Devaka Shrestha distributing Relief Materials



Earthquake Victim carrying relief materials



Relief Materials

Some heartbreaking pictures (source: social networking sites)





ICA USA on behalf of ICA Nepal is raising fund for **‘Earthquake Relief Fund’** which will be used for relief, recovery and rehabilitation activities for earthquake affected people in Nepal. ICA-USA will be accepting donations to send to ICA-Nepal between now and Friday May 15th. Your gifts will be tax deductible and the entire amount donated will be sent to Nepal. ICA Nepal acknowledges global community and volunteers for lending a hand to help Nepal rise again.

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