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**Earthquake Response Activities of**  
**Situation Report**  
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**A. Needs:**

Due to M7.3 struck on 12 May at 12:50pm local time (The epicentre was southeast of Kodari, Sindhupalchowk District, 76 km northeast of Kathmandu), and local government offices have reported being further affected.

**DDC offices:**

11 DDC offices (Dolaka 1, Kavre 2, Dhading 6, Makwanpur 2) have been severely damaged  
 Sindhuli DDC office is partially damaged and office is outside the building.

**Municipality offices:**

In Sindhupalchok District only, a total of 22 municipality buildings (including ward offices) are completely damaged and not usable.

**VDC offices:**

Previously 72 VDC offices were reported as totally damaged, and after 12 May quake, 25 more VDC offices are totally damaged.

In Dolakha, 48 VDC offices that were reported as partially damaged after 25 April are not completely damaged after 12 May earthquake.

Local body leaders/staff who have been continuously working since 25 April, throughout the 12 May earthquake, are physically and mentally exhausted and need some rest and psycho-social support.

**B. Response:**

- 772 Social Mobilizers have been mobilized immediately after the 12-May earthquake
- Government had established 5-member team consisting of technical staff (engineers) to conduct visual building assessment to all the affected district to categorize the level of vulnerability of the buildings.
- After 13<sup>th</sup> May Parliament decision on the *27-point Resolution Motion on reconstructions of damaged physical properties and relief of the victims of the devastating earthquake*, MOFALD immediately started the preparation of the action plan
- Out of NPR 500 million mobilized from MoFALD/LGCDP, total of NPR 86 million was utilized by 465 local bodies (municipalities and VDCs)
- ER cluster focal is stationed in Gorkha from 14 May to support the field coordination of ER-related activities

**C. Gaps and Constraints:**

The 5-member technical team dispatched for building visual assessment in Dolakha, Sindhupalchok, Ramechhap, and Sinduli districts are now 'stand-by' after the M7.3 quake on 12<sup>th</sup> May, and not able to reach out to the farther VDCs to check the buildings due to the risk of aftershocks, further collapse of the buildings, and risk of landslide in some places.

Local people started working on debris management and local bodies who started moving towards early recovery are now back to securing themselves from the further risk of aftershocks and building collapse and/or back to immediate response operation.