

Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development
Early Recovery Cluster
Earthquake Response Activities of
Situation Report
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A. Needs:

3 areas in Rasuwar District (Lantang, Rashwagadhi, Mailung) are reported as heavily affected, and VDC secretariat offices that cover this areas are overwhelmed by the situation on the ground and requiring extra capacity to handle the situation (eg. they had an issue of managing the dead body)

Previously reported needs of the local government offices.

DDCs – 15 most affected District

- Dolakha and Sindhupalchok DDC office main building is damaged and need support for office space
- Out of 472 DDC staff, 88 are reported as affected

Municipalities – 43 municipalities in the 15 most affected Districts

- Bhaktapur municipality building is completely damaged
- 4 municipalities (Ramechhap, Manthali, Chautara, and Melamchi)' buildings are partially damaged
- Out of 393 accounted municipality staff (more information of total staff is awaiting), 52 are reported as injured – supplemental staff capacity is required

VDCs – 530 VDCs in the 14 most affected Districts

- 111 VDCs do not have VDC secretary and 1VDC secretary injured, and 1 died, hence their humanitarian response capacity is very limited. Immediate provision of VDC secretary to respond to the needs of the people is required.
- So far 72 VDC offices are totally damaged (Sindupalchok accounts for 33 VDC offices), 97 VDC offices are partially damaged, and only 60 are reported to be functional. Immediate support to the totally damaged/partially damaged VDC offices are required for them to be able to be functional to respond to the needs of the people, coordinating aid influx and take leadership on early recovery.

B. Response:

- 5 VDC secretaries were sent to Rashwar District to support the VDC Secretariat operation on response.
- ER Cluster hub was established in Chautara, Sindupalchok, and District Disaster Response Committee appointed an official to coordinate the ER intervention on the ground.
- 5 teams comprised of MOFALD officials and some members of Joint Funding Arrangement donors are planned to visit 10 District to conduct a quick visual observation of the situation on the ground to capture some levels of needs and understand the ER work can be rolled out.

C. Gaps and Constraints:

- In Nuwakot, 3 VDC secretaries were attacked by the unsatisfied affected people. There is increasing tension among the affected population hence it is creating some level of security concerns.
- In affected district (eg. Rashwar), Social Mobilizers who are the major responders to the disasters (supporting VDC offices on the ground), have lost their houses and family members and are not able to provided the support needed to the VDC Secretariat offices. This has been one of the reasons that VDC Secretariat offices are not able to effectively respond to the situation.