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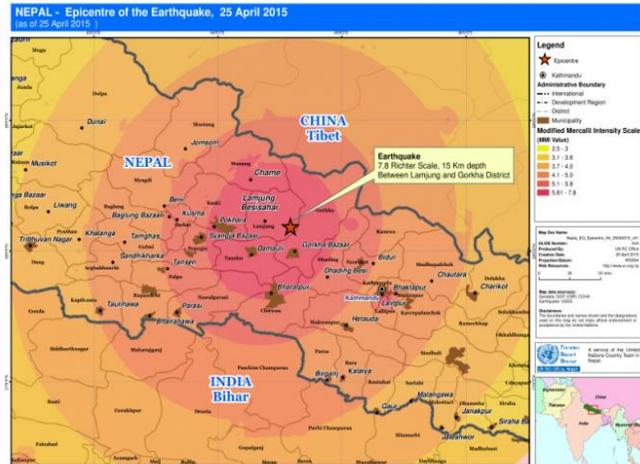
Nepal Earthquake, April 27, 2015 CDIR No. 3

BLUF – Implications to PACOM

- USTRANSCOM is moving AID Teams
- No PACOM assistance requested thus far (USAID)
- UN advises that USAR teams that have not yet arrived in Kathmandu are advised to stand down. All Foreign Medical Teams (FMTs) that have not yet arrived to Kathmandu are advised to stand by. (VOSOCC)
- GON needs (UN):
 - Medication, medical tents, surgical kits and body bags
 - Food, water, shelter
 - Shelter support for identified open spaces (UNRC)

Key Concerns & Trends

- The GON is leading response efforts. International SAR and medical teams are in-country to support the GON effort.
 - An estimated total of 8 million have been affected; over 2 million live in the 11 most severely affected districts
 - An estimated 1.4 million people may need food assistance
 - Hospitals remain overwhelmed. UN says immediate health needs include medication, medical tents, and supplies
 - Access still reported to be extremely limited due to geography and infrastructure damage
 - Meteorologists predict rainfall over the next ten days (UNRC)



Nepal Earthquake – Stats & Facts

Background:

At 11:56 am local time (06:11 UTC), a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal, with epicenter in Lamjung District, located 81 km northwest of Kathmandu (pop. 2.5 million) with a depth of 15 km. (USGS)

Aftershocks continue to affect the area and people continuing to sleep outdoors. (UNRC)

Impact

Government reporting 35 out of 75 districts affected. Most affected areas are Dhading, Gorkha, Rasuwa, Sindhupalchowk, Kavre, Nuwakot, Dolakha, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, and Ramechhap districts. (UNRC)

Logistics, Communications

Kathmandu (day light only) and Pokhara airports remain open and accepting some commercial flights. The main feeder roads outside of Kathmandu Valley are reported to be accessible overall, but many side roads are damaged and access is limited. Status of some roads still unclear. (UN)

Mobile networks are functional with outages occurring. Landlines appear to be functioning. Power limited in Kathmandu. (UNRC)

Affected Population (as of 27 APR)

Deaths: 3,351. Most deaths from Bhaktapur, Lalitpur and Kathmandu. Toll expected to increase as SAR teams reach remote areas. (GON)

Injured: 6,833 (GON)

Total Affected: 8 million people across 39 districts (est.). (UNRC)

Total Population of Nepal: 27.8 million (WB)

Affected State

Military

The Nepalese Armed Forces are assisting with relief efforts.

Civilian

The UN reports hospital capacity is overburdened. Health facilities are overwhelmed and casualty management is a challenge. Hospitals are in need of medical supplies as well as surgeons, orthopedics and paramedics. The UN reports that field hospitals are expected to arrive within the next 24 to 48 hours. (UNRC)

Four Nepalese medical teams have been mobilized to Gorkha district while one international medical team has been mobilized to Dhading district. (UNRC) Nepal has about two doctors and 50 hospital beds for every 10,000 people. (WHO, 2011, Xinhua)

Food trucks are on their way to affected districts outside Kathmandu Valley and distribution will start April 28. According to the Food Security Cluster the GON will concentrate on food distribution in Kathmandu Valley with cluster members focusing on affected areas outside the valley. Of the 1.4 million identified as in need of food assistance, 750,000 live near the epicenter in rural housing. (UNRC)

A six-member surge team is headed to the capital to manage the 16 identified open spaces in Kathmandu Valley to be used as camps. Shelter support has been requested for all sites. (UNRC)

Coordination

The **Government of Nepal (GON) Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA)** is in charge of response coordination. The **National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC)** is operational and stood-up at the MOHA. A 24-hour emergency health operations room has been set up at the **Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP)** and will coordinate with the NEOC. Coordination with bilateral partners goes through MOFA to MOHP; coordination with international agencies and NGOs goes directly to MOHP.

Humanitarians

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS): More than 1,500 volunteers and 300 staff from the NRCS have been supporting SAR efforts, providing first aid, psychosocial support, assessments and giving assistance at evacuation centers. The NRCS is headquartered in Kathmandu and has branches in all 75 districts, more than 1,300 sub-branches, 1.1 million members, and 100,000 active volunteers. (IFRC)

International Humanitarian Community

Overview

The **Humanitarian Staging Area** at Kathmandu International Airport is operational and supporting the coordination of international response. (UNRC)

United Nations

Four staff members from **UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)** regional office have arrived to help assist with coordination. (UNRC)

In support of the UN Resident Coordinator, the **UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC)** 23-member team has arrived and established a Reception and Departure Centre at the airport. (VOSOCC, UNRC)

The **Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)** has established coordination hubs at the NEOC, the Humanitarian Staging Area, and at the UN office.

United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has been supporting the GON in gathering and assessing information about immediate needs. UNDP will be providing support aimed at debris removal, and will help to bolster the capacity of local staff in an effort to aid both search and rescue and early recovery. (UN Development Programme)

UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) is sending thousands of plastic sheets and solar-powered lamps to people left homeless and without light. They are sending 11,000 plastic sheets and 4,000 solar-powered lanterns from its warehouse in Damak, eastern Nepal, to the eastern hilly districts of Ramechhap, Okhaldhunga and Sindhuli. (UN High Commissioner for Refugees)

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is coordinating with the GON and humanitarian partners to respond to an estimated 50,000 expectant mother needs. Emergency staff members are being deployed, and dignity kits and reproductive health kits are enroute to Nepal. (UNFPA)

World Food Program's specialized emergency teams have arrived into Nepal to support logistics, IT and food needs. Emergency protocols have been activated to support the response. WFP's teams are already working out of the Relief Hub at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu that includes power, communications facilities, storage space and office buildings. (World Food Programme)

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** is surging additional medical supplies and health workers into the earthquake-affected region to help the Government of Nepal provide rapid medical assistance to the thousands who have been injured in Saturday's disaster. WHO has deployed eight more emergency health kits containing essential medicines, disposables and instruments to cover the health needs of 80,000 people for the next three months. (WHO)

NGOs/IOs

Catholic Relief Services (CRS): emergency personnel have landed in Kathmandu. CRS had prepositioned stocks of emergency aid in India and these supplies - temporary shelter kits (tarpaulins, mats, rope), water purification kits and hygiene kits for 2,000 families - are being transported to Nepal. An additional 3,000 tarpaulins will be flown from a hub in Dubai for distribution within the next couple days. More emergency personnel are on the way. (CRS)

Doctors of the World, in partnership with Solidarités International, sent a 12-person emergency team consisting of medical professionals (surgeons, anesthetists, nurses) and logisticians. They will also be sending 15 to 20 tons of medical supplies (surgery kits, natural disaster kits) to assist the people of Nepal.

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC): A Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) is on the ground to support Nepal Red Cross assessments and to help guide the first waves of international support. Seven Emergency Response Units (ERU) – self-sufficient emergency response assets and teams – have also been dispatched and will arrive this week. These include a rapid deployment hospital, two basic health care units, two logistical units, one emergency relief unit and an IT/Telecommunications unit. Three charter planes laden with relief supplies are also being prepared, with the first set to depart from Kuala Lumpur April 29 carrying supplies for 2,000 families. (IFRC)

Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders: MSF teams (eight) have started to arrive in Nepal and are currently assessing the most urgent medical needs. Further teams are expected to arrive in Nepal later today and over the coming days. (MSF)

Mercy Corps: Distributing emergency supply kits including clothing, cooking utensils, water purification tablets, and hygiene products. MC emergency responders are being deployed to assist immediate response and begin planning for longer-term recovery. (MC)

Mercy Malaysia: has sent an emergency medical team to Nepal to help in relief efforts. The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) left for Nepal on April 27 and will be in the country for at least a month. (MM)

Oxfam: workers are on the ground in Nepal, preparing to launch an emergency response with a focus on clean water, sanitation, and emergency food distribution. Additional Oxfam teams are ready to fly in from the UK and Thailand. (OXFAM)

Search and Rescue Assistance in Disasters (SARAID): Team of 14 rescue technicians with 1.5 tons of specialist (SAR) equipment are being deployed.

Save the Children: has begun the delivery of 136 tarpaulins in Kathmandu, while in Bhaktapur district, 180 baby packs – which include children’s clothes, blankets and soap – are being distributed. SC will also begin distributing many more items to some of the hardest-hit regions outside Kathmandu Valley, including Gorkha and Sindhupalchowk districts. (SC)

Assisting States

Civilian

China: is providing 20 million yuan (US\$3.3 million dollars) in humanitarian aid to Nepal, according to the Ministry of Commerce. The aid, including tents, blankets and generators, will be delivered to Nepal by chartered planes. (Xinhua) A 62-member China International Search and Rescue Team (CISAR) arrived in Kathmandu on April 26, according to the China Earthquake Administration. (Xinhua)

Iceland has donated 10 million Icelandic kronas (US\$ 75,000) for humanitarian assistance through the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. (Government of Iceland)

India: India is also sending UAVs to Kathmandu to help map out affected areas and assist rescue efforts. The UAVs will be under command of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). NDRF has supplied 33 vehicles to transport the injured to the hospital. India's National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) is deploying an eight-member team of scientists to the Himalayas for a detailed study. (Times of India)

Japan: has provided emergency relief goods worth 25 million yen (US\$210,000) (Tents, blankets etc.) to Nepal, through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). (Government of Japan)

Norway: has announced they will contribute NOK 30 million (US\$3.9 million) to the emergency relief effort. The funding from Norway will be channeled through the UN system and various NGOs. (Government of Norway)

Singapore: RHCC Enhanced Operations Group (EOG) was activated and the RHCC Baseline Operations Group (BOG) conducted the initial brief to RHCC EOG and the ILOs April 26. RHCC had deployed its advance team and a French UN OCHA UNDAC Team Leader on April 26. The team departed with the 1st tranche of Singapore's Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Support elements comprising the SCDF's DART team and the SAF Medical Task Force and was expected to arrive in Nepal on April 27. (RHCC)

Switzerland dispatched a team of specialists to Nepal on the morning of April 26. Working under the coordination of Swiss Humanitarian Aid, the team includes a doctor, a structural engineer, a logistics specialist and a water expert, and will set up initial emergency assistance. (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation)

United States: US Secretary of State John Kerry said the US is sending a total of US\$10 million in relief to Nepal. A U.S. military plane departed for Nepal carrying 70 personnel, including a U.S. Agency for International Development disaster assistance response team (DART), 45 tons of cargo and a 56-person Virginia Task Force from Fairfax County was deployed. They are expected to reach Nepal on April 28 (local time 0600). A group of 57 specially trained firefighters from Los Angeles is also on its way to take part in SAR efforts

and deliver 25 tons of equipment and supplies and is expected to arrive some 10 hours later. (CNN, Xinhua, AFP, VOA)

Military

India: has launched a relief operation in Nepal, dubbed “Operation Maitri,” with more than two dozen aircraft, including heavy lift planes such as the C130J Hercules and C-17 Globemaster, and hundreds of personnel from the military and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) assisting the GON with relief efforts. The focus is on deploying medical and engineering teams and restoring road links. India sent three top military commanders, led by Major General J S Sandhu, to Nepal to coordinate efforts. The senior officers from the army and air force will work with NDRF chief O P Singh and Nepalese officials. (Hindustan Times)

United States: The Pentagon said two U.S. military Special Forces teams in Nepal on a training exercise are now supporting disaster relief, including high altitude SAR and medical assistance. (VOA)

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