

Earthquake Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation towards  
Development of a Model VDC/Municipality from the  
Lessons of April 25 and May 12, 2015 Earthquakes in  
Nepal



## Interim Progress Report

Gairabisauna Deuper VDC, Kavre District

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# 1. Background

The devastating earthquake of April 25, 2105 remains in memory of Nepalese people for a long period to come. It is difficult to explain in words how the people affected by this 7.8 Richter scale earthquake followed by 6.9 magnitude on April 26 and 7.4 magnitude in Richter scale on May 12, 2015 and thousands of aftershocks. Nearly 400 aftershocks are above 4.00 Richter scale magnitudes. Loss of people and property is highly significant. The earthquake victims received rescue and relief support from the different agencies and individuals including the Government of Nepal (GoN), foreigners (government, non-government and individual), development partners, NGOs (international, national, local), private sector, and the people in general.

The entire nation is now under a very helpful support and watch from various countries of the world and many international agencies. The national organizations like the Institute of Local Governance Studies (Inlogos) decided to come with the people to support the victims and decided on May 08, 2015 to initiate its own Disaster Relief Program (DRP) from its own resources, whatever small it is. We made a commitment to work with a highly affected community and accompany its reconstruction and long-term revival. Inlogos has always worked very closely with the government mechanisms at both the local and the national level that we followed in this program as well.

Where is Gairabisauna Deupur VDC Located



In consultation, coordination, and cooperation with the local administration Inlogos come up to work in the Gairabisauna Deuper Village Development Committee (VDC) in Kavrepalanchowk (Kavre) district. This is located at about 70 km east of Kathmandu on the hills of Kavre. It is highly affected by the earthquake where many of the residents are poor, underprivileged and depriving. We consulted the Kavre Chief District Officer (Coordinator DDRC), Local Development Officer in DDC (District Development Committee-the Local Body), and VDC Officials including VDC Secretary, political party leaders, and community leaders besides the earthquake affected people (all most all in this VDC are affected).

General Picture of this VDC	
Population	5374 (Male 2497, Female 2877)
Total Houses	1805 (Fully damaged 1800, Partially damaged 05)
Deaths	24 (21 VDC residents, 3 outsiders)
Injuries	160 people are injured by the EQ. Some of them were admitted in hospitals in Dhulikhel and Kathmandu
Loss of livestock	Buffalo 83, Cow 94, Goat 253, Poultry 11000
Loss of Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road damaged (non-functional) in 6 out of 9 wards barring access to schools among others</li> <li>Drinking water tanks damaged, no water supply</li> <li>Biogas system cracked-not functional</li> </ul>
Loss of Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 out of 10 schools are damaged</li> <li>School furniture damaged</li> <li>All seven Early Child Development Centres (ECD) are damaged and non-functional</li> </ul>

## 2. Progress

Inlogos in coordination and consultation with the local authority including the VDC, socio-political leaders, teachers, and the citizens in Gairabisauna Deuper VDC selected 66 families highly affected by the



earthquake. They are economically poor and socially deprived & marginalized. Majority of them belongs to the backward *dalit* community. They were provided roofing materials in two lots. The first lot was distributed on May 26, 2015 for 31 families with 209 family members in ward no 1 and the second lot on July 3, 2015 for 30 families with 174 family members in ward 2 and 9 (list of people benefitted in given in annex 1). One impressive and cooperative attitude the people behave in this VDC is that they spare a part of support they get from Inlogos and distribute it to six more families who were missing from the list. Mr. Sabmhu Lal B.K. said, "It is our humanitarian ethics to support the people who are in sorrow, we spare a few that the others find it great". Like this 410 people in 67 families in ward no 1, 2, and 9 benefitted from the

Inlogos relief materials.

### 2.1. Meetings at Local Level

An informal meeting was organized on July 03, 2015 in Shree Tapeshwor Higher Secondary School in Gairabisauna Deuper VDC ward no 6. The earthquake victims in this VDC, teachers, students, VDC staff, and the citizens of

Gairabisauna were present in this meeting. Vice-Chairperson Mr. Bansidhar Ghimire, Treasurer Mr. Suryasaran Regmi, Director Mr. Binod Prasad Dhakal, and Member Mr. Krishna Prasad Shapkota participated from Inlogos. Agendas for the meeting was to assess on brief the uses of the roofing materials distributed in the first lot, distribution of the second lot roofing materials and the future priorities. Mr. Chitra Bahadur Dulal the headmaster in Shree Tapeshwor Higher Secondary School coordinated and facilitated the meeting.



#### The agreed points are:

1. The roofing materials distributed earlier results a great. Let go to see the sites and observe few of the houses renovated.

2. Distribute the roofing materials of this second lot to the already identified victim people in ward no 2 and 9. The VDC in consultation with the local leaders, teachers, and the socially respected people earlier that was sent to Inlogos. Let the affected people themselves (family head or member) come and receive the materials by signing in paper.
3. See opportunity for distributing such materials to more people next time (still there are a number of people not getting such type of support from anywhere).
4. Let develop information based practical plan of this VDC immediately. To formulate periodic village development plan following a participatory approach.
5. Think on the income generating activities including micro-enterprise development, employment generation, and market management besides the physical infrastructures including buildings, roads, water supply schemes, irrigation, meeting hall, school buildings, ECD centres, child friendly places, and others.
6. Organize skill development training (mason, carpentry, etc.) for about 100 people in this VDC who can contribute constructing earthquake resilience houses in this VDC and go to contribute others as well.
7. Support small-scale income generating activities immediately, especially for the poor and highly affected people.
8. See opportunity of high value tree plantation like *Buddha chitta*.
9. Since the rice plantation season has starts let, we start further activities by August 2015.



## 2.2. Materials Distributed:

The following materials were distributed to the selected families:

- 26SWG RMC GCI Sheet 6 Ft. 30 Bundle (12 pieces in a bundle) + 12 Ft. 92 Bundle (6 piece in a bundle) = Total 122 Bundle (distributed two bundles per family).
- G.I. Wire 183 KG (3 kg per family)
- Roof Nail 122 KG (2 kg per family)
- Pitch washer 122 packet (2 packet per family)
- Plain Sheet 30 MM 4X8, 61 sheet (1 sheet per family)



The Inlogos Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Director in presence of VDC officials, local political party leader, social leaders, teachers, and the citizens in this VDC distributed the materials. They received by signing the receipt of materials.

### 2.3. Use of the Materials:

The materials were delivered at the nearby road head in this VDC and the people themselves carry it for



their use. The roofing materials provided to them was enough for a small temporary house (in local standard), and thus they need not to use their own money in buying roofing material (some of them whose family size is big added few sheets on their own). They did rest of the works like collecting stones, woods (timbers) for door, window, roof, etc., and all labor works to build a temporary house.

Mr. Bholu Bahadur B.K. a resident of ward no 1 expressed his happiness in getting such type of roofing material instantly. He added, "We were in a big anxiety to survive. We were



struggling for shelter, food and accommodation. We cannot express in words the hurt we face while living eight families under a temporary shed made by half bundle of rucked zasta pata (zinc plate). Now, we are safe, we have separate houses, no matter how the rain comes in this rainy season. We have made temporary toilet using plain sheet for roof and a door". Not only Bholu Bahadur his brother Ram Chandra and other neighbors Nanda Lal, Raj Kumar, and Sitaram expressed the same.

### 3. Coordination Meeting with the Central Level Agencies

Inlogos organized an informal meeting on July 30, 2015 in Kathmandu with the central level agencies and the possible contributors to support Inlogos model village concept.

#### Issues discussed:

- Inlogos Model VDC Concept
- Criteria for VDC selection (Gairabisauna Deuper, Kavre)
- The selection process
- Possible indicators for model VDC
- How it happens
- Who contribute for what (GoN, Inlogos, other partners)
- Areas of intervention (integrated interventions how to address)
- How the GoN is going to support this concept
- How much times its takes to declare model VDC and cover rest of the others
- Opportunities and challenges to implement the concept
- Next step

#### Agreed Points:

- Relief support made so far is effective; the targeted people find it useful.
- Follow Inlogos concept paper on "Earthquake Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation towards Development of a Model VDC/Municipality from the Lessons of April 25 and May 12, 2015 Earthquakes in Nepal".
- Coordinate and follow the government mechanisms in finding indicators like Minimum Conditions and Performance Measures (MCPM), Child-Friendly Local Governance (CFLG), Environment-Friendly Local Governance, Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI), Disaster Risk Management (DRM), and other sectoral plan and programs.
- Develop databases and formulate Village Periodic Plan (VPP) as soon as possible (plan to complete it within four months).
- Follow the VPP implementation.
- Implement major decisions as agreed with the community as short term activities (like skill development training, income generating activities, small materials support like tool kits).
- Explore opportunities to generate additional resources, since the project demand more heavy resources (financial, human, equipment, logistics).



## Annex 1: List of the People Benefitted (Household Heads)

SN	Name of Family Head	Ward No	Family Size
	First Lot		
1	Mr. Surya Bahadur B.K	1	7
2	Mr. Bhim Bahadur B.K	1	8
3	Mr. Krishna Bahadur B.K	1	13
4	Mr. Bholu Bahadur B.K	1	6
5	Mr. Chul Bahadur B.K	1	10
6	Mr. Sitaram B.K.	1	13
7	Mr. Ram Chandra B.K.	1	5
8	Mr. Daya Bahadur B.K	1	7
9	Mr. Bhim Bahadur B.K	1	15
10	Mr. Tej Bahadur B.K	1	4
11	Ms. Pampha B.K.	1	10
12	Mr. Krishna Bahadur B.K	1	8
13	Mr. Purna Bahadur B.K	1	5
14	Mr. Padam Bahadur B.K	1	4
15	Ms. Dudh Kumari B.K.	1	3
16	Mr. Raj Kumar B.K.	1	4
17	Mr. Chhatra Bahadur B.K	1	5
18	Mr. Prakash B.K.	1	4
19	Mr. Dinesh B.K	1	6
20	Mr. Ram Krishna B.K.	1	5
21	Mr. Nanda Lal B.K.	1	8
22	Mr. Kumar B.K.	1	4
23	Mr. Sambhu Lal B.K.	1	5
24	Mr. Gopal B.K.	1	4
25	Mr. Bikram B.K.	1	6
26	Mr. Tulke B.K.	1	10
27	Mr. Raj Kumar (sano) B.K.	1	6
28	Ms. Madhu Mala B.K.	1	10
29	Ms. Nirmala B.K.	1	7
30	Mr. Bishnu B.K.	1	4
31	Mr. Chet B.K.	1	3
	Total		209
	Second Lot		
1	Mr. Sambhu Damai	9	6
2	Mr. Shanker Damai	9	6
3	Mr. Gyanu Damai	9	3
4	Mr. Rajendra Damai	9	6
5	Mr. Binod Damai	9	3
6	Mr. Gopal Damai	9	5
7	Mr. Dinesh Damai	9	4
8	Mr. Shyam Damai	9	6
9	Mr. Sadhram Damai	9	5
10	Mr. Raju Damai	9	5
11	Mr. Shiva Damai	9	6
12	Mr. Sambhu Damai	2	4
13	Mr. Shreekrishna Damai	2	10
14	Mr. Balram Damai	2	7
15	Mr. Kumale Damai	2	9
16	Mr. Ashok Bajracharya	9	2
17	Mr. Tilak Bajracharya	9	9
18	Mr. Sunil Bajracharya	9	3
19	Mr. Jiwan Lal Shrestha	9	4

SN	Name of Family Head	Ward No	Family Size
20	Mr. Raj Kumar Shrestha	9	7
21	Mr. Manoj Bhandari	9	7
22	Mr. Ghanashyam Dhakal	9	5
23	Mr. Arjun Puri	9	6
24	Mr. Thakur Puri	9	14
25	Mr. Kuber Puri	9	7
26	Mr. Rajendra Puri	9	7
27	Mr. Bishnu Giri	9	4
28	Mr. Dev Narayan Puri	9	5
29	Mr. Bidur Puri	9	4
30	Mr. Narayan Bhusal	9	5
	Total		174
	Community Added		
1	Mr. Hira Bahadur B.K.	1	5
2	Mr. Chandra Bahadur B.K	1	6
3	Mr. Gopal B.K.	1	4
4	Mr. Laxman B.K.	1	3
5	Mr. Ram Saran B.K.	1	5
6	Mr. Nawa Raj B.K.	1	4
	Total		27
	<b>Grand Total 67 HH (31+30+6)</b>		<b>410 Members (383+27)</b>

- Dr. Chandra M Adhikari, Hon. Member, NPC
- Dr. Son Lal Subedi, Secretary, MoFALD
- Mr. Reshmi R Pandey, Joint Secretary, MoFALD
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Participants of the July 30, 2015 Meeting



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