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Support to the Integrated Reconstruction in Three District Affected by EQ 2015 in Three Districts SIR

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Background-

The devastated earthquake on 25 April 2015 with magnitude of 7.8 and followed by several aftershocks including a major aftershocks of 7.4 magnitudes on 12 may 2015 hit the country severely. The Earthquake causes more than 8790 human casualties, and over 22300 injuries. The earthquake damages over 500,000 houses were fully destroyed and more than 250,000 houses, historical and cultural monuments were severely damaged.

Thus the Earthquake and subsequent aftershocks causes the human casualties, widespread damage to homes, landslides, loses of thousands of livestock, infrastructure and livelihoods affecting millions of peoples severely in 14 districts of 75 in the country.

Jagaran Nepal (For Women Rights, peace and Governance) in the intervention of its humanitarian support has conducted various program of relief, recovery and rehabilitation through implementation of livelihood program, , supporting women child and seniors, providing individual and community shelter to the affected people by the earthquake 2015 at severely affected districts Sindhupalchok, Ramechhap, Kavre and Dolakha.

So , In the continuity of its intervention of humanitarian support work, Jagaran Nepal with the support of Cities Unies French (CUF) has started another support programe focusing women groups of EQ affected districts of Sindhupalck,Ramechhap and Dolakha under the project *"Support to the Integrated Reconstruction in Three Districts Affected by 2015Earthquake in Nepal SIR"* The project aims durable reconstruction building model Community Resource Centers and Habitat Resource Center for sustainable development through its integrated reconstruction.

The community resource center will be handed over to the women group where shelter can be taken during disaster or causalities. Different activities like meetings, seminars, workshops, health camp can be conducted in the centre for the income generation of groups. Other women activities can also be done for their own empowerment.

The Habitat Resource center provides the habitat literacy to support "build back better" mission after disaster. After completion of construction of the center, different activities supporting technical advices, dissemination of literature

regarding construction will be carried in the center. The center after completion of its project will be handed over to the community group. The center will use the



group for its betterment.

Figure 1 : (Meeting with community group at Namdu, Dolakha)

Activities:

To implement the project, sequential activities are being carried out. Some Highlights are described below.

1. Inspection visit.

An inspection visit is carried out in the three districts (Sindhupalchok, Dolakha and Ramechhap) with technical personnel (Er. Rakesh Katwal) and Project coordinator (Naresh Karki) at sites of Community Resource Center (CRC) & Habitat Resource Center (HRC). The team met the groups at community with whom we are going to work are "Srijansil Mahila Samuha", Peepaldanda Chautara Municipality-1 Sindhupalchok; "Manapathi sahakari Sanstha" Nagdaha VDC – Ramechhap;, "Jagaran Mahila shanti Samuha" Namdu VDC -3 Dolakha and "Prabhatkalin Sahakari Sanstha" Kabre VDC -2 Dolakha respectively. We ask the legal documents of the groups in communities such as government registration, document of land and collect some of them as far it is available for approval from local government and Social welfare centre, National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) at center level. The Dimension of the land is measured at the given located area for construction of CRCs and HRC.

In the same way we along with Mr. Pablo Fernandez (Head of mission A&D,Kathmandu) revisited the sites where CRC and HRC are to be built at Namdu and Kabre VDC of Dolakha district. The team reconfirmed the sites.

In the mean time both site of CRC and HRC of Dolakha have been excavated to make it plain and are ready to start construction.



Figure 2: (Land is being excavated for CRC building at Namdu VDC, Dolakha.)



Figure 3: (Land is being measured at the site for CRC building at Nagdaha, Ramechhap)

2. Project Approval Process at Local Government (DAO & DDC).

As the project is being implemented at Dolakha District at first, we focused the process at first at Dolakha District. We have accumulated all the necessary documents form community groups along with the recommendation letter of

VDCs, Drawing of CRC building , cost estimate (A&D) and submitted it. We got the recommendation letter from District Administration Office(DAO, Dolakha) so that we can start the construction work of CRC at Namdu site. As soon we get and submit the final drawing of HRC, we will get the approval from DDC and subsequently from central level. Documentation process is being carried and collected at sindhupalchok and Ramechhap district also. As soon we get the drawing of CRC building (A&D) of remaining two districts we will submit at the concerned offices to get final approval from DDCs.

Construction :

- **Communtiy Resource Center.**

It has now started the construction work of our first CRC building at Namdu-3, Dolakha (12 Dec 2015). For the construction, we will have both skilled and unskilled human resources from entire local villages' level. We had a meeting with the community regarding taking participation at work from community people. Women groups are also going to take part as unskilled human resources. The construction will be under technical advices of A&D and strict supervision of Site Manager to maintain quality of both materials and construction work. The facilitation of logisticians will also help to maintain the quality, regularity and smoothness of work and will finish the project in time.



Figure 4 (Workers digging hole for foundation of CRC building Namdu, Dolakha)



Figure 5 (Local material collection for construction at namdu, dolakha)

ii) Habitat Resource Center.

The site of Habitat Resource Center at Kabre -3 Dolakha is ready for construction work. A&D (head of mission) is in the process of approval. As soon we get approved drawing of HRC), we can start the construction work immediately.

Challenges:

i) Dolakha district is one the most affected district by 2015 Earthquake. So many Government, national and international non government organization are supporting in the reconstruction process. So many private, government and schools are under construction. Many and more human resources are engaged in the construction. It is the time for winter season farming. So ,there is very much scarcity of human resource for smooth and continuous work.

ii) Another big problem in the site of CRC Namdu is Water supply. We have to carry water from distance for construction . But a government program for water supply is about to finish. So, this will problem will also be solved in a few days.

iii) The project has been able to provide only one HRC/CRC in one VDC, so that it has been difficulties to console the nearby community groups.

iv) The affected community people are in recovery phase. So people demand are very high for income generating program (livelihood).

v) Due to unavailability of both skilled/unskilled human resources, hampering the work. Rate of local materials are being increased day by day, and consequently cost of the building may increase.



Figure 6 : (Water being collected in water tank)

Achievement:

- The baseline has traced all the land and groups whom we are going to work.
- Site office at Dolakha has established.
- Staff at site office and central level has been recruited.
- Approval from District Administrative Office has been received.
- Construction of 1(One) CRC building has started.

Learning :

- Closed coordination with local community people and local government body (VDCs/DDCs) has made process easy.
- Priority should be given to local community rather than hiring human resources from out side.

Summary:

By the implementation of this project, the EQ affected people can be recovered to an extent with this small attempt of integrated support. Community people are very pleased to going have their own community center to carry various activities. People will have the good knowledge of making durable houses. Our continuous endeavors to support the affected people can bring life into a happiness..

Enclosure : letter of DAO.

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