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## Nepal

# Earthquake of 7.4 Shakes Kathmandu, Dolakha

ACT Alliance Nepal Forum, Kathmandu, 13 May 2015

### **Brief description of the emergency and impact**

The second earthquake measuring 7.4 struck north-east of Kathmandu on Tuesday 12, 2015, at 12:45pm Nepal local time. It was the second strongest quake to hit Nepal recently, following the first quake of 7.8 magnitude on April 25, 2015. As a result of this most recent quake, at least 64 people were killed and 2,000 people injured. This figure is likely to keep rising as rescue services gain access to those affected.

The quake has caused an increase in landslides in many areas of the affected districts. Dolakha is a new district most badly affected by this quake, while two other districts, Rasuwa and Sidhupalchowk, have been further affected.

According to preliminary information received, the quake also affected the Kathmandu valley, causing the collapse of already partially damaged buildings, including government buildings. The estimated number of collapsed buildings is as yet unknown. Further updates will be provided as information becomes available.

### **ACT Alliance response and planned activities**

Following the decision taken during the ACT Alliance Nepal Forum meeting on 13 May, 2015, LWF Nepal will send an assessment team to Dolakha district and the other two most affected districts, Rasuwa and Sidhupalchowk, to do rapid assessments to identify the level of damage and emergency needs. The rapid assessment will also include an assessment of the education sector, given FCA response plans.

All members of ACT Alliance Nepal have been doing detailed needs assessments in selected Village Development Committee's (VDCs) in eight districts identified and listed in the Preliminary Appeal, along with one additional district, Rasuwa, proposed after the release of the Preliminary ACT Appeal. Information from these assessments are still being collected and compiled from members; it is expected that the final result of the assessments will be available by 18 May and incorporated into the forthcoming full ACT Appeal.

ACT Forum members will continue to actively join the thematic clusters organized at national and district levels, as well as the coordination meetings organized by the Government.

**Constraints**

The increased landslides aggravated by the second quake, together with the coming monsoon season in June, pose numerous critical challenges for travel to the affected areas, particularly those which are located in rural and remote areas. As an example, LWF has an assessment team which is unable to travel from Sindhupalchowk to Kathmandu due to a massive landslide that has cut off road access. All ACT Alliance members will continue to face such challenges as aftershocks continue.