

---

**SITUATION REPORT No. 4: 29 April 2015**

---

### 1. Situation Update

- The figures from the National Emergency Operations Centre as of 29 April 2015 indicate that 5027 people have been killed and 10 235 have been injured following the earthquake of 25 April 2015.
- The Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) has identified 35 affected districts, of which 11 are the worst-hit (Bhaktpur, Dhading, Dolkha, Gorkha, Kathmandu, Kavre, Lalitpur, Nuwakot, Ramechhap, Rasuwa and Sindupalchowk).
- WHO and MOHP teams are assessing the status of health care facilities in all affected districts. Preliminary reports indicate that about 90% of health care facilities outside the main towns are not functioning. Temporary health care services are being provided in makeshift shelters in these areas.
- The MOHP has thanked all countries who deployed foreign medical teams, and announced that it does not require additional teams. All foreign medical teams on standby are therefore kindly requested to stand down.

### 2. Immediate Needs

- Tents for health care facilities
- Health and hygiene promotion messages for the general population
- Post trauma/rehabilitation care for patients with spinal cord injuries
- Psychosocial support
- Re-establishment of disease surveillance system

### 3. Health Sector Response

#### MOHP

- Is coordinating the overall health response from its Health Operations Centre in Kathmandu, and has assigned senior directors to coordinate the response at district level.
- With support from WHO, is coordinating the deployment of field hospitals being established by foreign medical teams in Kathmandu valley and other affected areas.
- Has disseminated disease outbreak awareness messages in all affected districts.
- Has established health desks in 13 camps in Kathmandu valley.

#### W H O

- Has updated the Health Cluster contingency plan. The plan will be used to prioritize the cluster response.
- Has helped the MoHP develop a reporting form for foreign medical teams.
- Has deployed staff from its regional and headquarters offices to support Health Cluster coordination, water and sanitation, disease surveillance, and foreign medical teams.
- Has sent additional supplies, surgical kits, trauma bags and body bags.
- With the MOHP, is assessing the status of hospitals in the 11 worst-affected districts. The assessment should be completed by 30 April 2015. The results of the assessment will be used to direct resources to where they are most needed.
- Is setting up surveillance for outbreak-prone diseases and collecting information on bed occupancy rates, health care services being provided by Health Cluster partners, and health care needs and gaps in under-served areas.
- Has asked the Food and Agriculture Organization to participate in Health Cluster meetings, since animal health and carcass disposal are a concern in affected rural areas.

### Other agencies

More than 30 health cluster partners and external development partners are providing support to the ongoing response. This includes specialized personnel, emergency medical supplies, water purification supplies, and basic construction materials for field hospitals.

### 6. Contact Information

Dr. Guna Raj Lohani  
Chief, Curative Service Division  
Mobile: +977 9851079356  
E-mail: [drgrlohani@gmail.com](mailto:drgrlohani@gmail.com)

Dr. Khem Karki  
Executive Director, NHRC  
Deployed for the Coordination of Foreign Medical Team  
Mobile: 9851054190

Dr Lin Aung  
WHO Representative  
World Health Organization  
UN House, PO Box 108  
Pulchowk, Kathmandu, Nepal  
Tel: +977 1 5523200 extension: 1300  
E-mail [linaung@who.int](mailto:linaung@who.int)