

Community Based Disasters Risk Management

Group Project



Gorkha Earthquake 2015



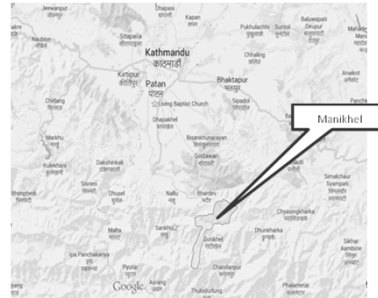
Background:

Nepal was hit by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake on 25 April and followed by another 7.3 magnitude earthquake on 12 May 2015 with frequently aftershocks hit the central region of Nepal. According to government of Nepal this devastating tremor has already killed more than 8665 people, injured 20,362, destroyed 160,786 houses and damaged 173,673 housed. The earthquake has affected 8.5 million people (drportal.gov.np). Relief goods are very much in need especially shelter as many houses are destroyed or damaged. There is urgency for shelter in view of the early arrival of rainy season as many already sleeping in the tent as afraid of aftershocks. Main concern is those who live up in the remote mountainous areas.

Project area is Manikhel VDC, located 35 km due south in Lalitpur District. This underserved mountainous remote area is only accessible by 3 hours of driving through winding dirt road facing many challenges in rainy season.

The majority of the residents are of Tamang (Indigenous group), Dalit and Bramin people. There are 458 Household with 2400 population.

MCDS had been working in Manikhel for 2 years. Since the earthquake on 25 Apr MCDS and CREST and other partners had been distributing food, tarpaulin sheets, kitchen kits and hygiene kits and also provide medical services through mobile clinic.



Group task

1. You are to lead a team to Manikhel for assessment.
 - How do you form an assessment team?
 - How do you prepare your team in terms of safety and security?
 - What questions will you ask in terms of Health, Shelter, Food and WASH?

2. After the earthquake, the survivors are not coping well. The majority of them are of the Hindu faith and when asked what they wanted, the majority requested for the construction of a temple. You are a staunch Christian and the organization you work for is not a faith based organization.
 - What would your response be?
 - On what principles from IFRC/INGO Code of Conduct did you choose your response?

The team psychologist advises you that the temple would be a form of therapy for the survivors.

 - How would you now like to proceed?

3. Your team is to distribute Hygiene Kit to a ward of 50 families. How do you find out what items to be included in the Hygiene Kit? What will be your concern of crowd control?

- Group discussion for 15 minutes
- Each group will give a 10 minute presentation.