

NRNA Relief Team - Dolakha & Okhaldhunga

On the 25th of April 2015, an earthquake hit Nepal affecting various places and causing destruction and chaos.

Our team included 6 members:

Chhetra Kumar Shrestha(Coordinator) – Italy

Fanindra Panta – Netherlands

Kundan Pandey – Australia

Prashanna Ghimire – Australia

Sworaaz Thapa – Australia

Biran Pun – Cyprus

We set off to Dolakha and Okhaldhunga on the 11th of May 2015 with the aim to distribute 530 tarpaulins, 330 for Dolakha (Magapauwa VDC) and 200 for Okhaldhunga (Ragini VDC) to those who had not yet received any form of shelter for them and their families.

During our field stay, on the 12th of May 2015, an earthquake hit Nepal again and caused various detours and disturbances for our relief mission. Our plans then changed as we had to cancel our distribution to Okhaldhunga as there were road closures due to landslides and decided to distribute the remainder 200 tarpaulins to areas affected by the earthquake which hit recently. This was discussed by the whole team and our plan was decided by the fact that these houses destroyed by the recent earthquake would not have received any form of relief in this short period of time. The way our mission was carried out will be explained in further detail below.

Final VDCs where tarpaulins were distributed:

Dolakha District

SN	Place of distribution	No. of Tarpaulins
1.	Magapauwa VDC – Ward No. 1-9	310
2.	Charikot Municipality – Ward No. 1	1 (Given to disabled person)
3.	Dharedhunga VDC – Ward No. 9	3 (30 Houses destroyed)
4.	Boch VDC – Ward No. 3	40
5.	Bimeshwor Municipality – Ward No. 13	45
6.	Bimeshwor Municipality – Charanawoti Youth Club	10
		Total = 409

Sindhupalchowk District

SN	Place of distribution	No. of Tarpaulins
1.	Attarpur VDC – Ward no. 8&9, Chanoute	58
2.	Attarpur VDC – Mude Bazar	24
		Total = 82

Police Post

SN	Place of distribution	No. of Tarpaulins
1.	Police Post Mude Bazar – Sindhupalchowk	4
2.	Temporary Police Post Boch – Sindhupalchowk	4
3.	Police Post Lamcheahal –Dolakha	2
		Total = 10

Total Tarpaulins = 501

Financial Expenditures

Transportation:

- Tata Mobile - 5,000 Rupees, paid by Magapauwa volunteers. Kathmandu to Magapauwa VDC, Dolakha
- Fuel - 4,000 Rupees, paid by NRNA volunteers
- Cash given to driver - 3,000 Rupees, paid by NRNA volunteers.
- Tata Sumo - 10,000 Rupees, paid by NRNA Volunteers. Dolakha - Kathmandu
- Total Cost: 22,000 rupees.

Cost shared by local volunteers of Magapauwa VDC, Dolakha: Rs 5,000/-

NRNA Transportation: Rs 17,000/-

- Volunteer's food and lodging for three days, paid by volunteers themselves.

Feedback from Volunteers

- Amount written on package of tarpaulin did not correspond to the amount of tarpaulins inside the package. I.e. 14 tarpaulins were written on the package but only 8 were inside.
- Local volunteers who coordinated with NRNA should have a background check for their motives in distributing the relief goods.
- NRNA Volunteers should be notified in sufficient time so that they are able to prepare for the mission and should also be prepared to adjust while in the field to unexpected circumstances. I.e. weather challenges, car breakdown.
- Security from local authorities (Police) is compulsory to ease distribution and control crowds.
- Help from local community and clubs can provide an efficient means of distribution. I.e. People who already have a tarpaulin and are coming to collect a new one can be identified and removed, also more than 1 member of a family coming to collect a tarpaulin can be stopped.
- Uncoordinated distribution previously carried out by political parties can cause a disturbance in distribution of relief goods. I.e. outbreaks of fights and arguments.

Photo Gallery









