

UNICEF WASH RESPONSE

Earthquake April 25 2015

Update as of Dec , 2015

Nine months after the devastating earthquakes of 25 April and 12 May which struck Nepal, the overall humanitarian situation has improved. The aftershocks still being experienced though their frequencies are quite rare these days, and most of the countries have also lifted their travel restrictions to Nepal.

On 22 June, the Government of Nepal also declared an end to the emergency phase and a shift from humanitarian response to recovery. These recovery and reconstruction efforts are guided by the findings of the Government-led Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) and supported by the International Conference on Nepal's Reconstruction on 25 June where the international community pledged two-thirds (\$4.4 billion) of the \$6.7 billion appeal by the Government. The total financial losses from the earthquakes is estimated as \$7.06 billion according to the PDNA findings.

UNICEF's response in WASH was targeting 840,000 people (both camps and communities) including children and women, in the 14 most severely affected districts with critical WASH interventions and information that will prevent child illness, especially diarrhoea. This includes supplying people with safe water of appropriate quality for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene, providing access to adequate sanitation and hand washing facilities, as well as providing hygiene kits and hygiene education through interpersonal communication. UNICEF is working closely with the Government through the Department of Water Supply and Sewage and with over 15 implementing partners to support WASH needs of the affected population while also strengthening coordinated response and recovery works through WASH Cluster coordination at a national and subnational level.

UNICEF has developed a contingency plan for risks associated with the monsoon and Cholera in 14 earthquake-affected districts and other vulnerable areas of Nepal. UNICEF together with the WASH Cluster and National WASH Coordination Committee will continue to provide support to the affected communities for recovery and reconstruction through the support on resilient and sustainable WASH. Further it will continue to provide technical assistance to the Education and Health clusters/sector for provision of appropriate WASH facilitation in schools, Temporary Learning Centers, Child Friendly Spaces and health facilities. This is to ensure that children, women, health workers and patients in severely affected districts are able to access safe drinking water and appropriate sanitation and hygiene facilities.

UNICEF has been working both on camps and communities to address comprehensive WASH needs of the affected people in 14 districts. Till date UNICEF WASH has been able to reach:

- 1,283,640 people with emergency and sustained water supply services
- 410,899 for emergency and sustained sanitation and
- 887,009 people through provision hygiene kits and hygiene promotion.

The CERF fund provided by UNOCHA has been significant in providing basic life-saving WASH interventions including supplies/ materials such as hygiene kits, buckets/mugs and water purification solutions through its partners and government counterparts. Further the fund has been significant in supporting in the National WASH Cluster Coordination role that UNICEF is mandated to support the government in the current response. Under the partnership with national and international NGOs.



Hygiene promotion activity in Nuwakot

UNICEF worked with partners (NRCS, OXFAM, ENPHO, PLAN INT) under the CERF fund to address WASH needs in districts, Village Development Committees (VDCs) and also major camps of Kathmandu valley.

- Under this collaboration UNICEF WASH managed to reach:
- 494,083 people with emergency and sustained water supply,
- 272,540 people with emergency and sustained sanitation and
- 675,558 people with hygiene items and promotion.

During monsoon UNICEF supported the districts in possible Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) outbreak and worked closely with its partner ACF to support 21 districts to be prepared for any AWD outbreaks.



Community people receiving HH Latrine construction materials

Overall the WASH response has moved to recovery phase after the initial 6 months of response. UNICEF together with WASH Cluster is working toward defining a mechanism for transition from response to recovery in the coming months which would further focus towards response monitoring, districts support on transition, reactivation of District WASH Coordination Committee and an added work towards preparedness for possible flood and landslide and winterization.

UNICEF Nepal would like to thank UNOCHA for providing its assistance in WASH Response and look forward to continuity of collaboration.

UNOCHA CERF Grant Utilization Summary

Cost Category	Funds Utilized
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$70,659
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND FURNITURE	\$0
GENERAL OPERATING + OTHER DIRECT COSTS	\$0
INCREMENTAL INDIRECT COST	\$0
STAFF AND OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$0
SUPPLIES AND COMMODITIES	\$802,666
TRANSFERS AND GRANTS TO COUNTERPARTS	\$2,362,877
TRAVEL	\$20,524
UNASSIGNED	-\$2,186
Total	\$3,254,540

