



International Organization for Migration

# IOM APPEAL NEPAL EARTHQUAKE



APRIL 2015

## 8 million

People affected

## 2 million

People living in the  
11 most severely affected districts

## 530,000

Houses have been damaged

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 25 April 2015, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal with its epicentre in Lamjung District, approximately 81 km northwest of the capital, Kathmandu.

An estimated 8 million people have been affected across 39 of Nepal's 75 districts, with over 2 million people living in the 11 most severely affected districts. Initial analysis suggests that over 530,000 houses have been damaged and over 2.8 million people displaced.

The Government of Nepal is leading the response through the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC). The Government estimates that over 70,000 houses have been destroyed and up to 90 per cent of health facilities in rural areas have been damaged.

Emergency shelter and health assistance are vital in preparation for the impending monsoon season and have been highlighted as priority sectors for intervention. There is also an urgent need to locate displaced populations and gather more information on their needs and current living conditions in order to provide the most vulnerable with immediate life-saving services while they are displaced.

This IOM appeal highlights emergency humanitarian assistance that IOM, as Cluster lead for the Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCCM) and partner in the Shelter, Health, Protection and Early Recovery Clusters proposes to deliver in Nepal between April and July 2015.

In developing this appeal, IOM closely consulted with humanitarian partners and the government to determine the most urgent needs of the affected populations. This request is in line with the humanitarian country team's April – July 2015 OCHA Flash Appeal.

## IOM APPEAL (USD)

# TOTAL \$31 M



Camp Coordination  
and Camp  
Management

**5 M**



Shelter and Non  
Food Items (NFIs)

**20 M**



Health and  
Psychosocial

**2.5 M**



Protection

**1 M**



Early Recovery

**2.5 M**

## IOM in Nepal

IOM has been operating in Nepal since 2007, with an initial focus on refugee resettlement. IOM has since then expanded its areas of cooperation with the Government of Nepal into various fields including disaster preparedness and capacity building.

IOM's main office in Nepal is located in Kathmandu with one sub-office in Damak. IOM has over 400 staff in country. This capacity has been further strengthened with the immediate deployment of a rapid response team with expertise in Camp Coordination and Camp Management, Shelter, Health, and Early Recovery.



## Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

The earthquake and resultant widespread destruction of homes, as well as the fear of remaining inside while strong aftershocks continue to be felt, has driven high numbers of people from their homes and into available open spaces across the affected districts. People have gathered in sites, ranging from large sites of ten to fifteen thousand persons to just a few families. They have varying access to services to meet basic needs – in particular water, sanitation, hygiene and shelter – and are at increased risk to gender-based violence and other forms of exploitation. As of 29 April, an estimated 2.8 million individuals are displaced across the 39 affected districts with 75,000 IDPs located within the Kathmandu Valley.

**\$5 million**

Funding required

Target no. of individuals:

**75,000**

The CCCM Cluster was activated in response to the disaster, with IOM in the lead, in coordination with the Government of Nepal's Department for Urban Development and Building Construction.

As CCCM Cluster lead IOM aims to implement the following priority actions:

Roll out of the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) in order to gather, analyse and disseminate information on the conditions in displacement sites, including access to services in these locations, and the number of people temporarily settling in these sites. Information gathered through the DTM will be shared with various clusters and other stakeholders to help guide the development of targeted response strategies.

In addition to this, IOM will work in close coordination with the Government of Nepal and humanitarian partners to ensure that displaced populations have access to basic services. This will be done through the establishment of site management structures that will coordinate the delivery of services and identification and referral of urgent gaps within a displacement site. CCCM-Gender-based violence focal points within camp settings will also be established.

Lastly, IOM aims to improve living conditions in displacement sites in order to reduce health and protection risks through infrastructure repair and, if necessary relocation of displaced populations to a safer areas.



## Shelter and Non-Food Items

As of 29 April, over 530,000 houses have been reported damaged with the Government estimating that over 70,000 houses have been destroyed. While it is likely that a proportion of the displaced population will return home once aftershocks subside, those whose houses have been destroyed and who have no hosting option will need a solution for the immediate and mid-term until they are able to rebuild and return home.

**\$20 million**

Funding required

Target no. of individuals:

**100,000**

In support of the Shelter Cluster, IOM will respond to the emergency shelter/NFI needs of families with damaged/destroyed houses in severely affected districts thereby preventing exposure to weather conditions, and in turn directly contributing towards decreased morbidity and mortality. The majority of the affected population requires immediate shelter assistance, as the ongoing weather conditions in Nepal with frequent rains and the onset of monsoon will further exacerbate the needs and difficult living conditions of affected families.

Shelter/ NFI kits will contain plastic tarpaulins; ropes/fixings, blankets, jerry cans and sleeping mats to meet the emergency shelter and household needs of the affected population. Tarpaulins can be used later during the recovery stage whereas jerry cans will meet the water storage needs of the population.

The Shelter sectorial response is based on the Shelter Contingency Plan 2014 and initial assessments of emerging needs on the ground.



## Health

The latest injury estimate is 10,000 and growing. Many of these are severe orthopedic and spinal injuries. In addition, the earthquake has severely disrupted the health system and, combined with the public health risks of displacement, puts IDPs at far greater risk of morbidity and mortality, particularly communicable diseases.

**\$2.5 million**

Funding required

Target no. of individuals:

**20,000**

The devastating effects of the earthquake and fear of continuing aftershocks, have profound impacts on the emotional wellbeing of those affected. The impact on those who have lost their homes can be even more severe, with displacement conditions compounding losses, causing psychosocial distress and increasing risks to the mental health of those affected.

With over 30 medical professionals in country and in support of the Health and Protection Clusters, IOM will provide psychosocial support, and humanitarian assistance in displacement settings including facilitating referrals to other relevant specialized services. Mobile psychosocial teams, consistent with the Ministry of Health and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Working Group strategy, will be established providing psychosocial first aid, counselling, support groups and recreational activities. IOM will also support national capacity to respond, through trainings of community workers, primary health care workers, psychologists and secondary mental health care workers.

Furthermore, IOM will establish urgently needed assisted discharge and referral systems to decongest hospitals and provide healthy return options for injured and vulnerable patients. Mobile community nursing teams will assist with community follow up and link to rehabilitation services. Public Health Monitoring System in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Health Cluster partners and the CCCM Cluster will be established to monitor conditions in camps and contribute to disease surveillance and early warning systems.



## Protection

All IOM programming is designed to prioritize the most vulnerable including the elderly, people with disabilities, and other groups as prioritized by the Protection Cluster while respecting the unique requirements of men, women, boys, and girls.

**\$1 million**

Funding required

Target number of individuals:

**100,000**

In coordination with the Protection Cluster and the government, IOM is building off existing activities in the country focused on supporting vulnerable children. In so doing, IOM will give particular attention to reducing the possibility for human trafficking to develop as a result of the population's increased vulnerabilities.

Within the CCCM cluster, IOM is rolling out the Displacement Tracking Matrix specifically focused on monitoring displacement and outflows from the Kathmandu Valley as well as documenting instances of Gender Based Violence.

Lastly, IOM will provide humanitarian assistance to stranded migrant workers and other third country nationals, as needs arise, and in coordination with both consular authorities for concerned groups, and the Government of Nepal.



## Early Recovery

In support of the Early Recovery Cluster efforts to restore essential services and facilitate continued humanitarian assistance to affected populations, IOM will assist in the identification of critical infrastructure that requires clearing and ensure that technical awareness capacity building campaigns are conducted for communities and local implementers on demolition techniques, safety and disposal, and debris removal in accordance with Nepalese law. Furthermore, IOM will provide tools to families and communities to conduct debris removal activities, promote the efficient and effective removal of refuse in public areas and provide structural assistance to local garbage collection actors to clear standing refuse in public areas.

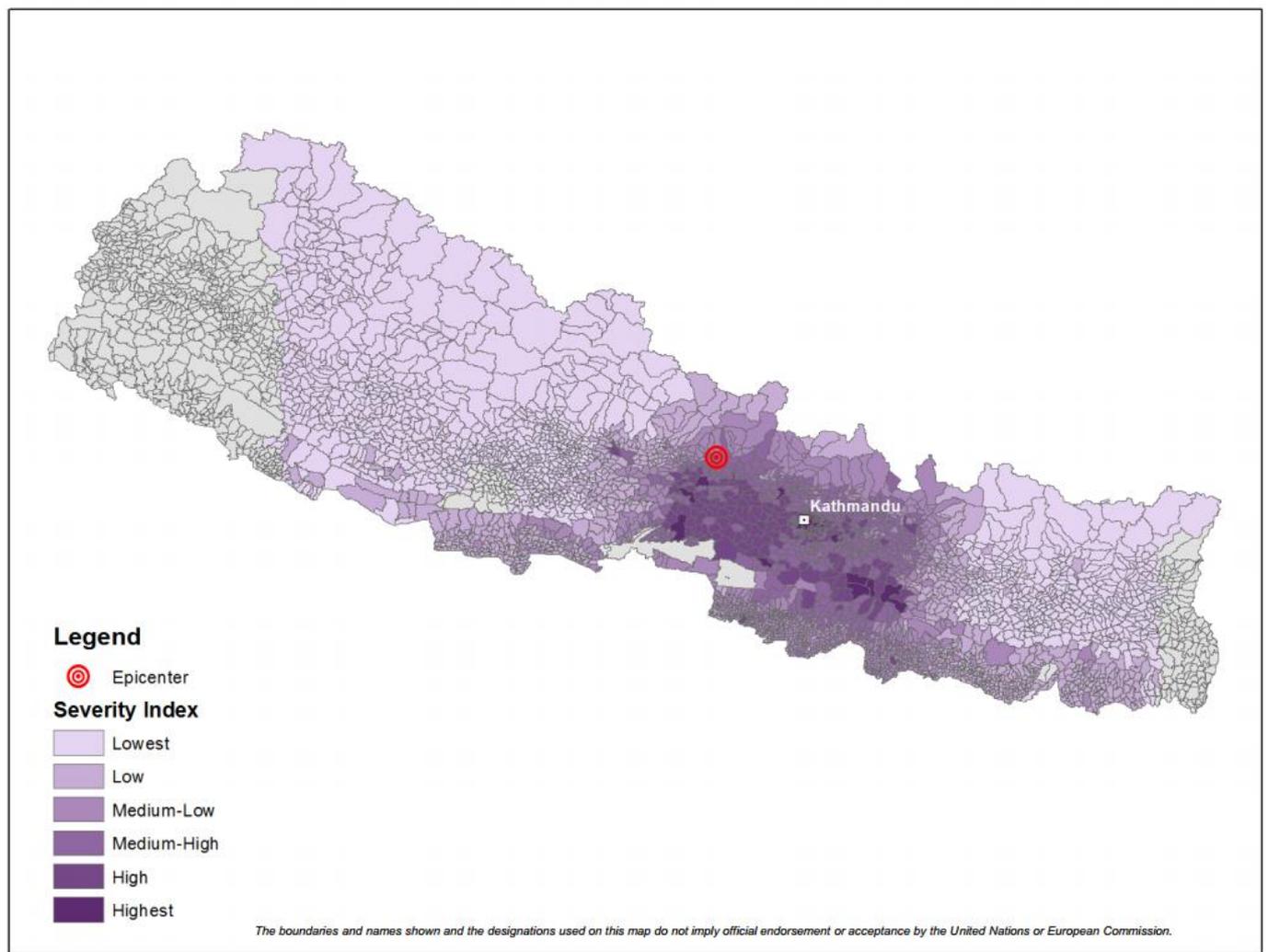
**\$2.5 million**

Funding required

Target number of individuals:

**100,000**

### NEPAL EARTHQUAKE SEVERITY INDEX – VERSION 4, 30 April Severity Index



Nepal Earthquake Severity Index, 30 April (Source: UN OCHA)

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