Humanity Road – Nepal Situation Report #2

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Social Media Situation Report

Highlights
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Situation Overview

Introduction:
On Saturday April 25th, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake struck the Lamjung District of Nepal, and over 21 aftershocks have also struck the region including a 5.2 in the mountains causing a landslide. It was the biggest earthquake to strike the country in 80 years. The earthquake was felt across the region from India to China and left immense destruction, flattening sections of Kathmandu and triggering avalanches in mount Everest.

Initial government reports confirm that 30 out of 75 districts in the country have been affected in the Western and Central Regions, including Kathmandu Valley districts. This includes mountain and hilly areas, in areas where rural populations are dispersed, as well as some very densely populated districts and Nepal’s two largest cities – greater Kathmandu and Pokhara. The worst affected districts include Sindulpalchowk, Kavre, Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Dolakha in the CR and Kaski, Gorkha, Lamjung in the western region. (source)

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*Important Note: we are providing relevant associated links but they may not be responsive due to damage, loss of power, or unavailable bandwidth.

Background:
Kathmandu is the capital and largest metropolitan city of Nepal. The city is the urban core of the Kathmandu Valley in the Himalayas, which also contains two sister cities namely Patan or Lalitpur, 5 kilometres (3.1 mi) to its southeast and Bhaktapur, 14 kilometres (8.7 mi) to its east. It is also acronymed as 'KTM'. The city stands at an elevation of approximately 1,400 metres (4,600 ft) in the bowl-shaped valley in central Nepal surrounded by four major mountains, namely: Shivapuri, Phulchowki, Nagarjun and Chandragiri.
Updates 26 April:

AID COORDINATION

- via UNOCHA All clusters have been activated. The Government of Nepal has requested for international assistance and declared a state of emergency. ([source](#))
- The advance OCHA team has arrived in Kathmandu.
- Before departure register your contact details
  - And "Check in" to the emergency at [http://humanitarian.id/](http://humanitarian.id/)
- Reception/Departure Centre (RDC) established at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA)
  - Upon arrival relief teams should register at the RDC and get briefed.
  - Contact: Yosuke Okita: Mobile: +41 766 910 182 Email: okitay@un.org Satphone: +88 216 670 00931
- Digital Humanitarian Network Activities
  - Ushahidi Blog about Digital Humanitarian Activities ([source](#))
  - Standby Task Force - summary of activity ([source](#)) and press release ([source](#))

COMMUNITIES IN NEED (from social media):

- Kathmandu
  - Ashram Orphanage (coordinates: 27.684744,85.285492) Ashram staff report that 100 children in need of water, food and shelter after severe damage to orphanage [www.auronepal.net](http://www.auronepal.net). via email sent to Humanityroad requesting help.
  - Medical Transport (coordinates: [Dhulikhel area](#)) Need medical transport for girl with head fracture ([source](#))
  - Near DDC Dairy Corp (coordinates: 27.717527, 85.315946) Group of 45 orphans and caretakers without food, water and shelter. Moving between buildings and nearby fields for shelter - near DDC dairy Corp - via email to Humanityroad requesting help.
  - Pashupati Ghat, Khatmandu - (the cremation site inside the Pashupatinath temple on the banks of river Bagmati, in the Gaushala/chabili area). (coordinates: 27.709722, 85.348611) Radio reports Pashupati Ghat is filled with bodies. They haven't been able to cut wood to cremate bodies because of a lack of electricity. ([source](#))
  - Thaiti, in Khatmandu. Unconfirmed report that about 100 people need food. ([source](#))
  - Bir Hospital (coordinates 27.705005,85.31346) List of Medical Supplies needed ([source](#))
  - Sankhu, Khatmandu district (coordinates: 27.513321,85.335869). Main town of Pukhulachh village Development Committee (VDC) in the northwestern
Kathmandu Valley of Nepal. Unconfirmed reports that 90% of buildings have been destroyed, 400 people have died, there is no ambulance, and no rescue teams have arrived. (source) (source)

- Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital (coordinates: 27.680790,85.283760) - “This could be my last message until Electricity is restored. I walk this ghostly hallways up and down dont know what to do. Sometime I feel like this all is a dream. people suffering, hurting and in pain everywhere. A bus full of injured just arrived from Sindhupalchok, 36 hours and god knows how many thousands are waiting in dark isolated places. there are 270 dead bodies cramped in rooms next to where our desk is. Time and again we run out of medicines, water, food, mask, gloves and what not. People are sleeping in open and prone to all kind of diseases. This is heavy ....... Very heavy ! Sigh …” (source)

- Gorkha District (coordinates: 27.995649,84.628273).
  - Reports of 80% of parts of Gorkha destroyed and search & rescue and medical help urgently needed (source).
  - According to the Gorkha Police District Office, 94 died so far in Gorkha. Rescue is going on but more manpower is needed (source).
  - “We are stuck in a village between Barpak and Balua in Gorkha region... we are in the plains. Exact location is near Thalidada village, which is also near to Mandre village. Also I can't contact anyone, network is really bad. Embassy numbers not reachable. Battery is going to die soon. Please try to help. People are homeless, no food, all houses are destroyed, many are hurt badly, some people died in front of us, still ground is shaking every 15-30 minutes.” (source)
  - Barpak (coordinates:28.210368,84.742003) - Barpak is a village situated in the northern part of the Gorkha district. It is located about 1900 m above sea level. Report of all but 4 of the 1200 houses destroyed. Village has been reached by helicopter and 120 wounded evacuated. (source)
  - Villages in remote parts of Gorkha have catastrophic damage and no access to medical help. Areas are inaccessible due to destroyed roads. Several villages on hills completely fell off. Villagers are stranded and need medical help, food, water, shelter, and search and rescue help. People are still trapped. (source)

- Lalitpur District (coordinates: 27.666300,85.309799)
  - No power and no water supply. (source)
  - Near Chyasal, Lalitpur have one group they also need food, water, and medicine, one of them has low pressure. (source)

- Langtang Region (coordinates: 28.266701,85.616699)

- Sindhupalchowk District (coordinates:27.951203,85.684578)
  - Sindhupalchowk is a part of the Bagmati zone district north of Kathmandu. Impacts include collapsed buildings and walls especially historic buildings in centres, but less overall damage and collapse of buildings than expected. The majority of people remain outside houses for the second consecutive night. (source)
• Kavre District (coordinates:27.525942, 85.561210)
• Nuwakot District (coordinates: 28.137853, 83.872482)
  o Bagmati zone district north of Kathmandu. State TV reports 126 deaths. Most houses destroyed, lack of tents or shelter as it continues to rain. (source)
• Rasuwa District (coordinates: 27.083333, 86.433333)
  o Smallest district in the Bagmati zone, about 120km north of Kathmandu. Most buildings destroyed. Reported 17 army personnel and 60 people trapped under rubble in Trisuli hydropower tunnel, Rasuwa. (source) (source)
• Dolakha District (coordinates: 27.778429, 86.175176)
  o Part of the Janakpur zone north of Katmandu. Many houses destroyed. Poor mostly affected. (source)
• Lamjung District (coordinates: 28.282869,84.440819)
  o District of mainly agricultural villages northwest of Kathmandu. At earthquake’s epicenter. Lamjung and others need immediate rescue operations. Entire villages have been damaged. These places...need immediate relief like food, water, and tents. (source) The Gurkha Trust’s medical staff is being deployed there. (source)
• Tahanu District (coordinates: 28.041700,84.352699)
  o Bandipur (coordinates: 27.923820,84.405197) - On the road between Kdu and Pokhara, poorer areas of the town heavily impacted. (in comments following main post) (source)
• Dhading District (coordinates:27.441990,85.079597)
  o Lush farming district outside Kathmandu. Dhading...and others need immediate rescue operations. Entire villages have been damaged. These places...need immediate relief like food, water, and tents. (source) People camped in the open, the hospital was overflowing, the power was off and shops were closed. Many people have lost their homes. Many people have died. (source)

MEDICAL NEEDS:
• Doctors and nurses are needed for a medical team headed to Gorkha. They should contact @ajayuprety (9813550495) asap (source).
• Bir Hospital (coordinates 27.705005,85.31346) List of Medical Supplies needed (source)
• Blood donations - apparently shortage of certain types. Please call Dr. Manita at 98510-84500 at Nepal Red Cross Blood Bank. (source)
• InCrisisRelief is recruiting doctors to go to Nepal. They will arrange transport. Contact @InCrisisRelief. (source)

HOSPITALS:
• In general: Relief agencies and officials said most hospitals were overflowing and short on medical supplies. "Both private and government hospitals have run out of space and are
treatting patients outside, in the open". (source)

- In Kathmandu: "Grande International is badly cracked and all the patients have been evacuated," she said. “Another hospital, Norvick, has also been badly damaged. They're seeing patients outside across the road. The main hospital, which is called Teaching Hospital, is fully functioning. All the new buildings downtown are Ok." (source) Kathmandu National Trauma Centre is operating but very overcrowded. (source) Kathmandu Medical College is operating but very overcrowded. (source) (source)
- @RTWB_Canada has heard from Bayalpata Hospital, CIWEC, IFCH, Lamjung & United mission hospital -Tansen. Hospitals are functioning. (source)

REUNIFICATION

- Reuniting with loved ones after disaster can be challenging. Have a plan, be sure to advise loved ones you are ok. Are you a foreign citizen in Nepal? Register with your embassy. Are you looking for a loved one from a foreign country who is missing in Nepal? Contact the embassy for your country to request assistance. Ministry of External Affairs in India also has a 24 hour control room with a help line
  - Full Embassy List (source)
    - Israel Embassy Twitter Website
    - British Embassy Twitter Website
    - USA Embassy Twitter
    - Ministry of External Affairs India (source)

- Here are other tools to help with reuniting;
  Red Cross - Report missing persons and register yourself as safe and well
  FaceBook - Safety Check (must be member of FB)
  Nepal Earthquake 2015 Facebook page: http://on.fb.me/1QxaAsq

AIRPORT:

- The airport in Khatmandu planning to reopen to commercial flights on April 26 but flights cancelled until 4:00pm. (source)

Updates From 25 April:

- UN Nepal Situation Report, 25 April
- Location of localities affected in Lamjung District
  1. 34km (21mi) ESE of Lamjung, Nepal
  2. 58km (36mi) NNE of Bharatpur, Nepal
  3. 73km (45mi) E of Pokhara, Nepal
  4. 76km (47mi) NW of Kirtipur, Nepal
  5. 77km (48mi) NW of Kathmandu, Nepal

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

- Medical and emergency supplies for hospitals and clinics.
- Temporary morgues.
- Search and rescue equipment and teams.

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- Medical teams, supplies and tenting for hospitals, and dead-body bags.
- Heavy equipment for rubble removal.
- Helicopters for transport and access to blocked areas. (source)

CASUALTIES
- The country’s Police Department put the death toll at 1,382, with almost 4,482 injured (source)
- via AP news -Another 20 were killed in India, six in Tibet and two in Bangladesh. Two Chinese citizens died at the Nepal-China border. Given the scale of the destruction, the death toll is almost certain to rise, said Home Ministry official Laxmi Dhakal. (source)

AIRPORT
- via Times of India - The Kathmandu airport was shut on Saturday resulting in the cancellation of Indian flights bound for the capital city. (source). For the purpose of the public travel please check with your airline before travel. Current status of flights scheduled to land in Nepal at Tribhuvan Airport can be found here

HOSPITALS:
- via Haaretz News - Norvic International Hospital - Doctors and nurses are treating dozens of people were gathered in the parking lot of Kathmandu's Norvic International Hospital, where thin mattresses had been spread on the ground. (source)
- via local citizen - Spark Hospital Collapse (source)
- Foreign Ministry said it would expedite the process of bringing to Israel 16 babies with Israeli parents born to surrogate mothers in Nepal. The Foreign Ministry and the Interior Ministry are currently working to issue the necessary documents for the infants so they can be flown to Israel with their parents once the Kathmandu airport is reopened. (source)

AID COORDINATION
- Relief material being sent from India to Nepal via Hindon Air Force Base. India has on NDRF team in Nepal. 5 teams at Hindon AFB and 4 at Bathinda, waiting to depart. (Source)
- Via @IOM_NEWS Communications Officer in Kathmandu Ariani Soejeti can be reached on +9779803493760 (source)
- Oxfam - A team of Oxfam technical experts carrying equipment to help purify water and provide sanitation are preparing to fly to Nepal. Cecilia Keizer, Oxfam's director in Nepal, said that telephone lines are currently down, while electricity and water have both been cut off. Many of the old houses have been destroyed and at least one large apartment block has come down in Kathmandu," she said. "People are gathered in their thousands in open spaces and are scared as there have been several aftershocks." (source)
- Via Turkey's DR authority AFAD Istanbul SAR team on standby (source)
- CARE is prepared to send additional stuff in support of the 150 volunteers operating in Nepal in order to assist 75,000 people providing temporary shelters, water, food and access to sanitation (source)

REUNIFICATION SERVICES
• This morning Facebook activated Safety Check for people affected by the earthquake in Nepal. If people log in from one of the areas affected by the earthquake, they will get a notification asking if they are safe, and whether the person wants to check on any of their friends.
• International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Cross Crescent have launched a Nepal page of their family tracing website - another way friends, relatives and colleagues can try and track people down who they may be worries about in Nepal.
• Google has launched a person finder for worries friends, relatives and colleagues of people potentially caught up in the Nepal earthquake.
• CNN has launched an iReport service that let users to provide further details of the missing person. The information provided will be stored and shared with Google.

Everest Avalanche - #everestavalanche
• South side of #Everest #Makalu base camp completely destroyed, #Everest all teams in camp 1 & 2 are reporting safe but stuck because destroyed route (source)
• Nepalese tourism official Gyanendra Shrestha reported to Reuters, "The toll could go up, it may include foreigners as well as sherpas (guides),"Ministry officials estimated that at least 1,000 climbers, including about 400 foreigners, had been at base camp or on Everest when the earthquake struck.
• Ang Tshering of the Nepal Mountaineering Association, told Sky News “that the avalanche apparently happened between the Khumbu Icefall and base camp”.(source) For detailed information from climbers, check article being constantly updated from BMC (source)

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