



INTER-AGENCY COMMON FEEDBACK PROJECT Nepal Earthquake 2015

COMMUNITY PERCEPTION SURVEY REPORT

GORKHA

ROUND 6



DECEMBER, 2015



The findings in this report are not necessarily representative of all communities in the district. The findings in this report should be considered indicative of how community perceive response efforts.

A total of **100 surveys** were conducted in **Gorkha** district:

Distribution by caste/ethnicity:

Caste/ethnicity	Female	Male	Total
Brahmin	9	16	25
Chhetri	4	1	5
Dalit	2	5	7
Gurung	10	6	16
Janajati	14	9	23
Magar	4	5	9
Newar	2	6	8
Others	4	3	7

GENDER DISTRIBUTION

FEMALE: 49
MALE: 51

Distribution by age:

Age	Female	Male	Total
15-24	5	1	6
25-39	32	18	50
40-54	10	26	36
55+	2	6	8

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DO YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT HAVE CAUSED YOU DIFFICULTY TO MOVE, SEE, SPEAK, UNDERSTAND/LEARN OR COMMUNICATE?

No difficulty	61%
Some difficulty	37%
A lot of difficulty	2%

Gender	No difficulty	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty
Female	61%	37%	2%
Male	61%	37%	2%

Caste/ethnicity	No difficulty	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty
Brahmin	60%	40%	
Chhetri	80%	20%	
Dalit	86%	14%	
Gurung	56%	31%	13%
Janajati	61%	39%	
Magar	56%	44%	
Newar	38%	63%	
Others	71%	29%	



Age	No difficulty	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty
15-24	67%	33%	
25-39	64%	34%	2%
40-54	67%	31%	3%
55+	13%	88%	

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ARE YOUR MAIN PROBLEMS BEING ADDRESSED?

Negative	53%
Neutral	9%
Positive	33%
Don't know	5%

Gender	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know
Female	53%	8%	35%	4%
Male	53%	10%	31%	6%

Caste/ethnicity	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know
Brahmin	48%	8%	44%	
Chhetri		20%	80%	
Dalit	86%		14%	
Gurung	69%	19%	13%	
Janajati	96%		4%	
Magar		11%	44%	44%
Newar	13%	13%	75%	
Others	14%	14%	57%	14%

Age	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know
15-24	83%		17%	
25-39	52%	10%	36%	2%
40-54	50%	8%	36%	6%
55+	50%	13%	13%	25%

If negative, biggest problem:

Long-term shelter (housing)	89%
Healthcare	8%
Short-term shelter (tent/shelterbox)	2%
Financial support	2%



▪ **Second biggest problem:**

Healthcare	40%
Education	16%
Livelihoods	16%
Financial support	8%
Long-term shelter (housing)	8%
Toilets/sanitation	5%
Psychosocial counseling	3%
Clean water	2%
Food	2%

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ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING FOR YOU AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE?

Negative	24%
Neutral	9%
Positive	63%
Don't know	3%
Refused	1%

Gender	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know	Refused
Female	18%	10%	65%	4%	2%
Male	29%	8%	61%	2%	

Caste/ethnicity	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know	Refused
Brahmin	32%	4%	64%		
Chhetri			80%		20%
Dalit	14%		71%	14%	
Gurung	31%	6%	63%		
Janajati	35%	22%	43%		
Magar	22%	11%	56%	11%	
Newar		13%	88%		
Others			86%	14%	

Age	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know	Refused
15-24	33%	33%	33%		
25-39	28%	12%	54%	4%	2%
40-54	14%		83%	3%	
55+	38%	13%	50%		



▪ **If not satisfied, top reason:**

Was promised relief but never received	55%
Government does not listen to my concerns	12%
Do not trust government	6%
Reconstruction process taking too long	6%
Can't get to distribution sites	6%
Government plans unclear	6%
Relief distributed based on first come, first served	3%
Don't know how to register for relief/services	3%
Renters excluded from distribution	3%
Was promised relief but never received	55%
Government does not listen to my concerns	12%
Do not trust government	6%
Reconstruction process taking too long	6%
Can't get to distribution sites	6%
Government plans unclear	6%
Relief distributed based on first come, first served	3%
Don't know how to register for relief/services	3%
Renters excluded from distribution	3%

▪ **Second top reason:**

Reconstruction process taking too long	28%
Relief distributed based on first come, first served	25%
Government plans unclear	16%
Relief distributed based on severe damage	9%
Do not trust government	9%
Don't know how to register for relief/services	6%
Relief distributed based on distance from road	3%
Not included in distributions	3%

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DO YOU HAVE THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO GET RELIEF AND SUPPORT?

Negative	2%
Neutral	3%
Positive	87%
Don't know	8%



Gender	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know
Female	4%	2%	84%	10%
Male		4%	90%	6%

Caste/ethnicity	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know
Brahmin			92%	8%
Chhetri			100%	
Dalit		14%	86%	
Gurung			100%	
Janajati	9%	9%	83%	
Magar			56%	44%
Newar			100%	
Others			71%	29%

Age	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know
15-24	17%		83%	
25-39	2%	2%	92%	4%
40-54		3%	89%	8%
55+		13%	50%	38%

▪ **If negative, top information needed:**

How to get healthcare/psychological support	40%
News about government decisions	40%
How to replace personal documentation	20%

▪ **Second most important information needed:**

How to get shelter materials	60%
How to get healthcare/psychological support	20%
Others	20%

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ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH WHAT NGOs ARE DOING FOR YOU AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE?

Negative	12%
Neutral	11%
Positive	75%



Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

Gender	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know	Refused
Female	18%	12%	67%	2%	
Male	6%	10%	82%		2%

Caste/ethnicity	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know	Refused
Brahmin			100%		
Chhetri	40%		60%		
Dalit			86%	14%	
Gurung	25%	13%	63%		
Janajati	22%	22%	57%		
Magar		11%	89%		
Newar	13%	25%	50%		13%
Others		14%	86%		

Age	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know	Refused
15-24	50%	17%	33%		
25-39	16%	12%	70%	2%	
40-54	3%	8%	86%		3%
55+		13%	88%		

▪ **If not satisfied, top reason:**

Was promised relief but never received	30%
Do not trust NGOs	22%
Can't get to distribution sites	13%
NGOs do not listen to my concerns	13%
Relief distributed based on first come, first served	9%
Reconstruction process taking too long	9%
Renters excluded from distribution	4%

▪ **Second top reason:**

Reconstruction process taking too long	43%
Relief distributed based on first come, first served	30%
Was promised relief but never received	9%
Relief distributed based on severe damage	9%
NGOs do not listen to my concerns	4%
NGOs do not know what they are doing	4%



5 IS SUPPORT PROVIDED IN A FAIR WAY?

No	13%
Neutral	4%
Yes	80%
Don't know	3%

Gender	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't know
Female	12%	4%	78%	6%
Male	14%	4%	82%	

Caste/ethnicity	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't know
Brahmin			100%	
Chhetri			100%	
Dalit	57%		43%	
Gurung	19%		81%	
Janajati	26%	13%	57%	4%
Magar			100%	
Newar		13%	75%	13%
Others			86%	14%

Age	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't know
15-24	50%	17%	33%	
25-39	12%	4%	80%	4%
40-54	8%	3%	86%	3%
55+	13%		88%	

▪ If not, top reason:

First come, first served	76%
Others	12%
Based on distance from the main road	6%
Joint families	6%



▪ **Second top reason:**

Only if damage is severe	47%
Based on distance from the main road	29%
Joint families	18%
First come, first served	6%

6 **ARE YOU PREPARED FOR WINTER?**

No	36%
Neutral	11%
Yes	53%

Gender	No	Neutral	Yes
Female	43%	6%	51%
Male	29%	16%	55%

Caste/ethnicity	No	Neutral	Yes
Brahmin	40%	16%	44%
Chhetri		20%	80%
Dalit	29%		71%
Gurung	31%	6%	63%
Janajati	52%	22%	26%
Magar	11%		89%
Newar	50%		50%
Others	29%		71%

Age	No	Neutral	Yes
15-24	100%		
25-39	42%	12%	46%
40-54	17%	14%	69%
55+	38%		63%

▪ **If no, top reason:**

House/Shelter will not protect against cold	53%
House/ Shelter will not keep snow out	26%
Not enough blankets	17%
Do not have warm clothing	2%
Not enough fuel	2%



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DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS RELATED TO CHILDREN IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD OR FAMILY IN THE POST-EARTHQUAKE PERIOD?

Yes	55%
Neutral	4%
No	34%
Don't Know	6%
Refused	1%

Gender	Yes	Neutral	No	Don't Know	Refused
Female	61%	4%	27%	6%	2%
Male	49%	4%	41%	6%	

Caste/ethnicity	Yes	Neutral	No	Don't Know	Refused
Brahmin	32%	8%	60%		
Chhetri	60%		20%		20%
Dalit	71%	14%	14%		
Gurung	100%				
Janajati	87%		9%	4%	
Magar	11%		78%	11%	
Newar		13%	50%	38%	
Others	29%		57%	14%	

Age	Yes	Neutral	No	Don't Know	Refused
15-24	83%			17%	
25-39	62%	6%	26%	4%	2%
40-54	44%	3%	44%	8%	
55+	38%		63%		

If yes, top problem:

Access to education (closed schools)	29%
Health care	25%
Not prepared for winter (clothing, household)	17%
Safety at home (due to structure)	12%
Safety at school (due to structure)	7%
Improper school winterization	7%
Hunger	3%



▪ **Second top problem:**

Health care	34%
Improper school winterization	32%
Not prepared for winter (clothing, household)	20%
Safety at home (due to structure)	8%
Safety at school (due to structure)	3%
Hunger	2%

8**OVERALL, IS THE POST-EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORT MAKING PROGRESS?**

No	5%
Neutral	12%
Yes	80%
Don't Know	3%

Gender	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know
Female	4%	18%	73%	4%
Male	6%	6%	86%	2%

Caste/ethnicity	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know
Brahmin	4%		96%	
Chhetri		40%	20%	40%
Dalit			100%	
Gurung	6%	13%	81%	
Janajati	9%	26%	65%	
Magar			89%	11%
Newar	13%	13%	75%	
Others		14%	86%	

Age	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know
15-24	17%	33%	50%	
25-39	4%	16%	76%	4%
40-54	6%	3%	89%	3%
55+		13%	88%	



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DO YOU FEEL THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE ENVIRONMENT OF TENSION, OR RISK OF VIOLENCE OR HARASSMENT SINCE THE EARTHQUAKE?

Yes	29%
Neutral	6%
No	51%
Don't Know	9%
Refused	5%

Gender	Yes	Neutral	No	Don't Know	Refused
Female	24%	6%	55%	14%	
Male	33%	6%	47%	4%	10%

Caste/ethnicity	Yes	Neutral	No	Don't Know	Refused
Brahmin	36%	4%	52%		8%
Chhetri		20%	80%		
Dalit	57%	14%	14%		14%
Gurung	44%		44%	13%	
Janajati	26%	4%	57%	13%	
Magar	11%		56%	11%	22%
Newar	25%		63%	13%	
Others		29%	43%	29%	

Age	Yes	Neutral	No	Don't Know	Refused
15-24	17%		67%	17%	
25-39	28%	8%	50%	10%	4%
40-54	33%	3%	50%	8%	6%
55+	25%	13%	50%		13%

▪ If yes, by whom:

Strangers	51%
Others	31%
Community members	11%
Family members	3%
NGO/aid workers	3%



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DO YOU FEEL THAT THE CHILDREN IN YOUR FAMILY ARE IN A SAFE PLACE WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL?

No	41%
Neutral	5%
Yes	50%
Don't know	2%
Refused	2%

Gender	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't know	Refused
Female	47%	6%	43%	2%	2%
Male	35%	4%	57%	2%	2%

Caste/ethnicity	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't know	Refused
Brahmin	16%		76%	4%	4%
Chhetri			100%		
Dalit	71%		29%		
Gurung	88%	6%	6%		
Janajati	57%	17%	26%		
Magar	11%		78%		11%
Newar	25%		63%	13%	
Others	29%		71%		

Age	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't know	Refused
15-24	83%	17%			
25-39	46%	4%	48%		2%
40-54	33%	3%	56%	6%	3%
55+	13%	13%	75%		

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DO YOU NEED TO REBUILD, REPAIR OR RETROFIT YOUR HOME BECAUSE OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY EARTHQUAKES?

Yes	78%
Neutral	3%
No	17%
Refused	2%

Gender	Yes	Neutral	No	Refused
Female	76%		24%	
Male	80%	6%	10%	4%



Caste/ethnicity	Yes	Neutral	No	Refused
Brahmin	76%	4%	20%	
Chhetri	20%		80%	
Dalit	86%		14%	
Gurung	100%			
Janajati	100%			
Magar	67%	11%	22%	
Newar	25%	13%	50%	13%
Others	71%		14%	14%

Age	Yes	Neutral	No	Refused
15-24	83%		17%	
25-39	80%		20%	
40-54	75%	6%	14%	6%
55+	75%	13%	13%	

- **If yes, where do you plan to get resources or funds to rebuild/repair/retrofit your home?**

Government loan	32%
Government grant	32%
I/NGO support	30%
Personal loan (financial institution)	6%

- **If yes, what factors do you base yours rebuild/repair/retrofitting decisions on?**

Building requirements released by government	32%
Waiting for community to start rebuilding	14%
Gathering enough resources to rebuild entire house at once	9%
Information about assistance from NGOs	9%
Availability of financial support	9%
Confidence in ability to rebuild safely	9%
Availability of labour	7%
Waiting for building assessment	5%
Waiting for demolition assistance	4%
Concern about another earthquake/aftershocks	2%
Confidence in government support	1%



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DO YOU FEEL YOUR COMMUNITY HAS RECOVERED FROM THE EARTHQUAKE?

No	50%
Neutral	13%
Yes	35%
Don't Know	2%

Gender	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know
Female	53%	10%	33%	4%
Male	47%	16%	37%	

Caste/ethnicity	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know
Brahmin	48%	8%	44%	
Chhetri	20%		40%	40%
Dalit	71%		29%	
Gurung	94%	6%		
Janajati	57%	30%	13%	
Magar			100%	
Newar	25%	25%	50%	
Others	29%	14%	57%	

Age	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know
15-24	50%	17%	33%	
25-39	56%	8%	32%	4%
40-54	42%	19%	39%	
55+	50%	13%	38%	

▪ **If not, what is the main thing your community need to recover:**

Repair/reconstruction of community buildings	49%
Reconstruction advice/training	19%
Livelihood options/training	10%
Repair/reconstruction of schools	6%
Reduce risk of future disasters	5%
Improved access to water/sanitation	3%
Improved health care access	2%
Improved irrigation	2%
Safe spaces for women and children	2%
News on government decisions	2%
Proper functioning of local government	2%



- **Second main thing:**

Livelihood options/training	32%
Repair/reconstruction of schools	24%
Repair/reconstruction of community buildings	16%
Improved access to water/sanitation	10%
Reduce risk of future disasters	10%
Financial support	3%
Safe spaces for women and children	3%
Trail maintenance	2%
Proper functioning of local government	2%

End of Report