

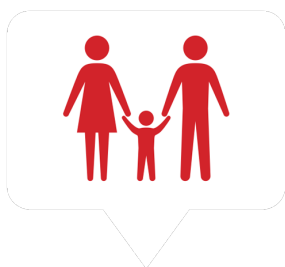
# **Nepal Earthquake Response**

**2015 DECEMBER**

**TARGETED  
PERCEPTION  
SURVEYS:**

**NORTHERN GORKHA**

**INTER-AGENCY  
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48%

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48 percent of respondents believe their problems have been addressed while 48 percent do not believe their problems have been addressed.

## ARE MAIN PROBLEMS ADDRESSED?

### unmet needs

- Shelter
- Food
- Education
- Financial Support
- Toilets/sanitation
- Clean water

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46%

45%

46 percent of respondents are not satisfied with government support for earthquake recovery while 45 percent have been satisfied.

## SATISFACTION WITH GOVERNMENT

### reasons for dissatisfaction

- Government plans unclear
- Do not trust Government
- Reconstruction taking too long
- Government does not know what it is doing
- Was promised relief but did not receive

77%

20%

77 percent of respondents do have the information they need while 20 percent do not have the information they need.

## INFORMATION NEEDS

### main information needs

- News about government decisions
- Finding missing people
- How to register for support
- Accessing healthcare
- Accessing shelter materials

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96%

2%

96 percent of respondents are satisfied with NGOs while only 2 percent are not satisfied with NGOs.

## SATISFACTION WITH NGOS

### reasons for dissatisfaction

- Cannot get to distribution sites
- NGOs do not know what they are doing

98%

0%

98 percent of respondents believe aid has been provided fairly.

## IS SUPPORT PROVIDED FAIRLY?

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46%

46%

46 percent of respondents do not feel prepared for winter and 46 percent of respondents do feel prepared.

## PREPARED FOR WINTER?

### main needs for winter

- Warm clothing
- Shelter protecting against cold
- Blankets
- Fuel

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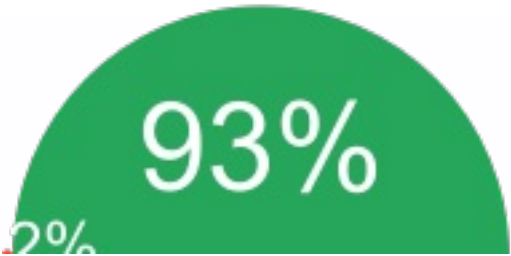
36 percent of respondents do have concerns for their children related to the earthquake while 61 percent of respondents do not have concerns.



## main concerns for children

- Access to education
- Not prepared for winter
- Healthcare
- Structural school safety

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93 percent of respondents believe the earthquake response has made progress.



95 percent of respondents do not feel there has been an increase in tensions, harassment or the risk of violence since the earthquake.



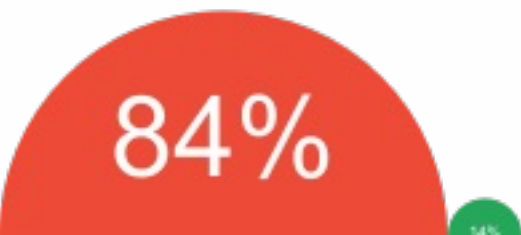
## sources of tension

- Community member

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52 percent of respondents do not feel their children are in a safe place while attending school.



84 percent of respondents do need to rebuild, repair or retrofit their home due to damages caused by the earthquake.



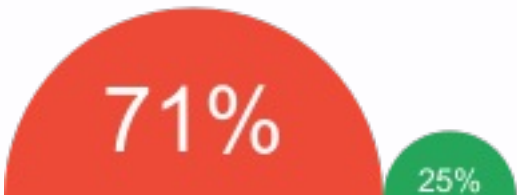
## financial sources for rebuilding

- Government grant (32%)
- Personal loan (28%)
- Personal savings (13%)
- I/NGO support (11%)

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## factors for rebuilding

- Building requirements (26%)
- Resource availability (15%)
- Labor availability (11%)



71 percent of respondents do not believe their community has recovered since the earthquake.



## community recovery needs

- Reconstruction of community buildings (43%)
- Road access (15%)
- Livelihoods training (8%)
- Trail maintenance (8%)
- Repair schools (8%)

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# PERCEPTIONS IN NORTH GORKHA

Over December 2015 and January 2016, the Inter-Agency Common Feedback Project (CFP) partnered with People in Need to conduct perception surveys in North Gorkha. A total of 56 surveys were conducted with beneficiaries of initiatives supported by People in Need.

The survey conducted in six VDCs of northern Gorkha by People in Need highlighted some interesting differences in community perceptions among other, generally more accessible areas of Gorkha, as well as the national averages. Out of 12 questions on the survey, five illustrated more positive results than other areas of Gorkha, as well as the national averages. Those questions related to: if respondents main problems were being addressed, if they were satisfied with NGO support, if they believed relief distribution was fair, if they felt the response was making progress, and if they felt there was an increase in tensions since the earthquake.

These responses are not entirely surprising, as this survey was the first CFP survey in which the

enumerators were affiliated with a relief providing organization. Under normal circumstances enumerators are volunteers from within the local community, and are sometimes affiliated with media.

Perhaps what is even more interesting among these questions, is the difference in what is highlighted as needs where negative responses are given. Under main problems, those who responded that their main problems are not addressed were asked to provide information on their three top unmet needs.

Throughout all survey rounds long-term shelter and financial support have topped the list of concerns in every district. This is no different in northern Gorkha; however, right behind shelter and financial concerns in terms of prioritization come concerns over food and clear water, which are not seen to the same extent in the other Gorkha VDC\*, or at the national level. It should be noted that these are the only extremely northern VDCs that have ever been surveyed through the CFP.

## Most Positive Responses in Northern Gorkha

|                   | <br><b>Problems addressed</b> | <br><b>Satisfaction with NGOs</b> | <br><b>Aid fairness</b> | <br><b>Progress in relief efforts</b> | <br><b>Increase in tensions</b> |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Northern Gorkha   | 48% respond problems addressed   | 96% satisfied  | 98% believe aid provided fairly  | 93% believe progress made  | 95% say no increase in tensions  |
| Other Gorkha VDCs | 33% respond problems addressed   | 75% satisfied  | 80% believe aid provided fairly  | 80% believe progress made  | 51% say no increase in tensions  |
| National average  | 22% respond problems addressed   | 53% satisfied  | 55% believe aid provided fairly  | 53% believe progress made  | 63% say no increase in tensions  |

\* In this report, 'Other Gorkha VDCs' refers to regular survey VDCs in Gorkha for the Inter-Agency Common Feedback Project



# PERCEPTIONS IN NORTH GORKHA

Of the 12 questions, three illustrated less positive responses from both other VDCs in Gorkha, and the national average.

Those questions included:

- satisfaction with government support
- perception of school safety
- feeling of community recovery

Once again, some of the most interesting differences observed in these questions emerge in the drill down questions, asked when respondents answer a question negatively.

In the regular survey VDCs of Gorkha, main reasons for not being satisfied with government support seem to be related to concerns about transparency, and lack of trust in local government (i.e. was promised relief but never received, government

does not listen to my concerns, do not trust government, relief distributed based on first come first served).

However, in the northern Gorkha VDCs main concerns are focused on the lack of clarity around government plans and the delays in the reconstruction process, which tracks much more closely with national averages.

Also, significantly, but not surprisingly, when asked about reasons what their communities need to recover, the most popular response is “reconstruction of community buildings” in both normal Gorkha VDCs and at the national level.

However, in northern Gorkha concerns about road access and trail maintenance rise to the top of the priority list.

## Most Negative Responses in Northern Gorkha

|                   | <br>School safety for children | <br>Satisfaction with Government | <br>Community recovery |
|-------------------|---|---|---|
| Northern Gorkha   | 52% do not believe school safe for child  | 46% not satisfied   | 71% say community has not recovered   |
| Other Gorkha VDCs | 41% do not believe school safe for child  | 24% not satisfied   | 50% say community has not recovered   |
| National average  | 34% do not believe school safe for child  | 48% not satisfied   | 63% say community has not recovered   |

# PERCEPTIONS IN NORTH GORKHA



Finally, on three questions the northern Gorkha VDCs demonstrated less positive responses than other Gorkha VDCs, but more positive responses than the national average.

These questions were on the following topics: information needs being met, winter preparedness and reconstruction needs. Interesting differences in drill down responses to these questions highlight that in terms of winterization needs, which most of the country lists inadequate shelters as the main reason for not being prepared for winter, the most popular response for not being prepared for winter in northern Gorkha is not having enough warm clothing.

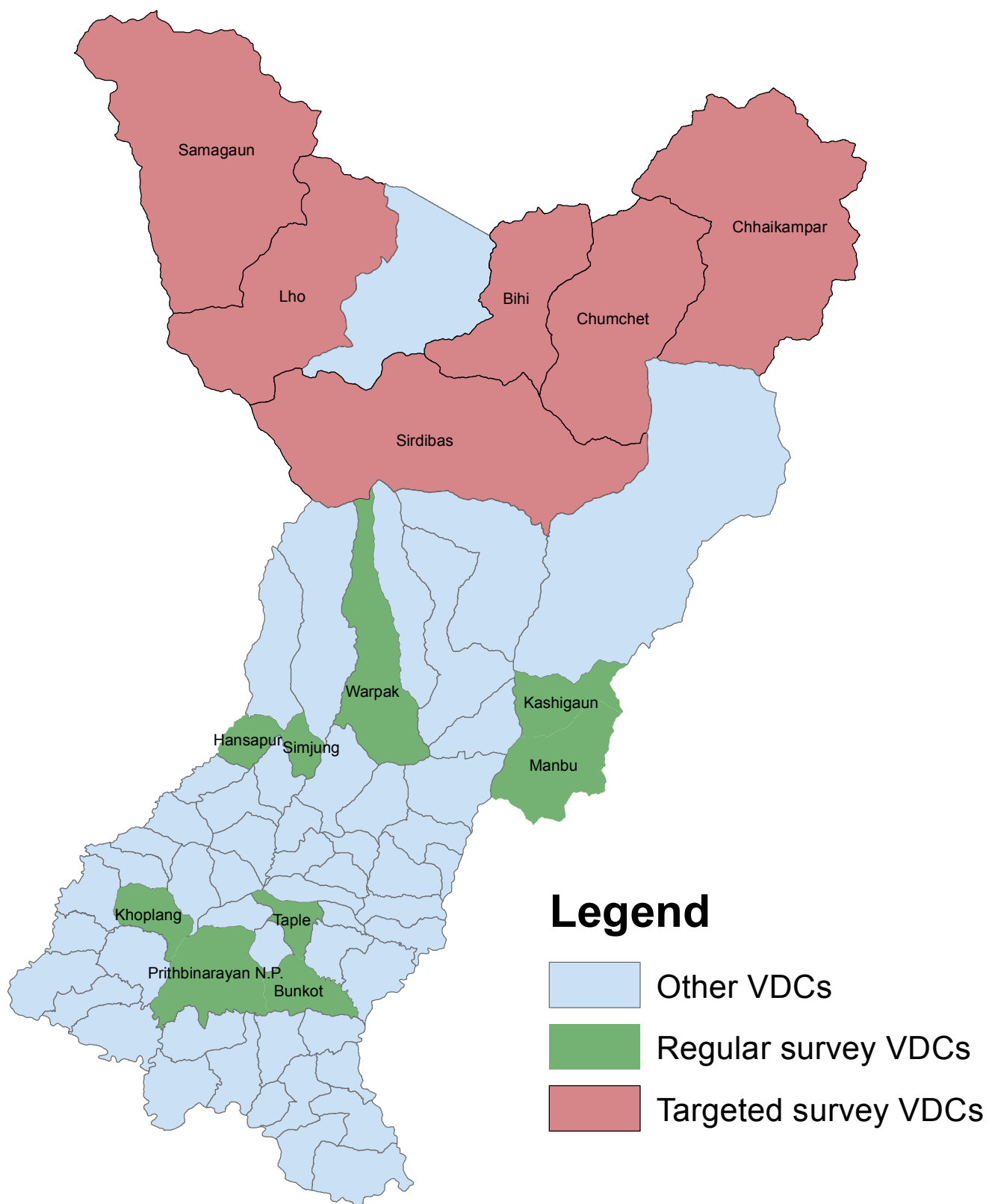
Also very interesting are the responses to the drill down questions asked when respondents say that they need to rebuild their homes. They are asked how they plan to get the resources to rebuild.

Across all districts for the regular survey, the top answers to these questions are: government grant, and government loan. In the northern VDCs of Gorkha, however, the top response is government grant, followed by personal loans, savings, I/NGO support, etc. Government loan did not enter into the mix of options respondents were considering when thinking about financing reconstruction.

## Less positive than other Gorkha VDCs

|                      | <br>Information<br>needs met | <br>Winter<br>preparedness | <br>Need to rebuild<br>home |
|----------------------|---|---|--|
| Northern<br>Gorkha   | 77% have the needed<br>information  | 46% feel prepared<br>for winter   | 84% need to rebuild<br>their home  |
| Other Gorkha<br>VDCs | 87% have the needed<br>information  | 53% feel prepared<br>for winter   | 78% need to rebuild<br>their home  |
| National<br>average  | 54% have the needed<br>information  | 31% feel prepared for<br>winter   | 87% need to rebuild<br>their home  |

# Perception survey area (Gorkha)





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