



INTER-AGENCY COMMON FEEDBACK PROJECT Nepal Earthquake 2015

COMMUNITY PERCEPTION SURVEY REPORT

OKHALDHUNGA

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 **Okhaldhunga** district:

Distribution by caste/ethnicity:

Caste/ethnicity	Female	Male	Total
Brahmin	5	9	14
Chhetri	9	15	24
Dalit	2	10	12
Gurung	2		2
Janajati	13	29	42
Magar		1	1
Newar	1		1
Tamang	1	3	4

GENDER DISTRIBUTION

FEMALE: 33
MALE: 67

Distribution by age:

Age	Female	Male	Total
15-24	3		3
25-39	15	9	24
40-54	13	43	56
55+	2	14	16
Refused		1	1

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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	85%
Some difficulty	14%
A lot of difficulty	1%

Gender	No difficulty	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty
Female	88%	9%	3%
Male	84%	16%	

Caste/ethnicity	No difficulty	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty
Brahmin	100%		
Chhetri	92%	8%	
Dalit	75%	25%	
Gurung	50%	50%	
Janajati	83%	14%	2%
Magar	100%		
Newar		100%	
Tamang	75%	25%	



Age	No difficulty	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty
15-24	67%	33%	
25-39	88%	13%	
40-54	84%	16%	
55+	88%	6%	6%

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ARE YOUR MAIN PROBLEMS BEING ADDRESSED?

Negative	23%
Neutral	18%
Positive	56%
Don't know	2%
Refused	1%

Gender	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know	Refused
Female	21%	30%	45%	3%	
Male	24%	12%	61%	1%	1%

Caste/ethnicity	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know	Refused
Brahmin	29%		71%		
Chhetri	13%	33%	54%		
Dalit	17%	17%	58%		8%
Gurung			100%		
Janajati	29%	17%	50%	5%	
Magar			100%		
Newar	100%				
Tamang	25%	25%	50%		

Age	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Don't know	Refused
15-24	67%		33%		
25-39	17%	29%	54%		
40-54	21%	13%	64%	2%	
55+	31%	25%	38%	6%	

▪ **If negative, biggest problem:**

Long-term shelter (housing)	83%
Financial support	7%
Clean water	2%
Short-term shelter (tent/shelterbox)	2%



▪ **Second biggest problem:**

Financial support	29%
Psychosocial counseling	22%
Livelihoods	20%
Healthcare	10%

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

Negative	25%
Neutral	22%
Positive	52%
Refused	1%

Gender	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Refused
Female	33%	27%	39%	
Male	21%	19%	58%	1%

Caste/ethnicity	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Refused
Brahmin	21%	21%	57%	
Chhetri	17%	29%	54%	
Dalit	33%	25%	33%	8%
Gurung	100%			
Janajati	24%	19%	57%	
Magar			100%	
Newar	100%			
Tamang	25%	25%	50%	

Age	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Refused
15-24	33%	33%	33%	
25-39	25%	29%	46%	
40-54	16%	21%	63%	
55+	50%	13%	31%	6%

▪ **If not satisfied, top reason:**

Relief distributed based on caste	62%
Renters excluded from distribution	9%
Was promised relief but never received	6%
Relief distributed based on severe damage	6%



- **Second top reason:**

Government plans unclear	19%
Reconstruction process taking too long	19%
Relief distributed based on political parties	11%
Renters excluded from distribution	11%

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

Negative	13%
Neutral	9%
Positive	78%

Gender	Negative	Neutral	Positive
Female	15%	6%	79%
Male	12%	10%	78%

Caste/ethnicity	Negative	Neutral	Positive
Brahmin	14%	7%	79%
Chhetri	4%	8%	88%
Dalit	17%		83%
Gurung	50%		50%
Janajati	14%	10%	76%
Magar			100%
Newar	100%		
Tamang		50%	50%

Age	Negative	Neutral	Positive
15-24	33%		67%
25-39	4%	13%	83%
40-54	11%	7%	82%
55+	31%	13%	56%

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

News about government decisions	82%
How to register for/access support	14%
Others	5%

- **Second most important information needed:**

How to get shelter materials	36%
How to get healthcare/psychological support	32%



News about government decisions	14%
How to register for/access support	14%

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

Negative	20%
Neutral	20%
Positive	60%

Gender	Negative	Neutral	Positive
Female	24%	21%	55%
Male	18%	19%	63%

Caste/ethnicity	Negative	Neutral	Positive
Brahmin	7%	29%	64%
Chhetri	4%	21%	75%
Dalit	25%	8%	67%
Gurung	50%	50%	
Janajati	31%	17%	52%
Magar			100%
Newar	100%		
Tamang		50%	50%

Age	Negative	Neutral	Positive
15-24	67%		33%
25-39	4%	29%	67%
40-54	21%	20%	59%
55+	31%	13%	56%

▪ **If not satisfied, top reason:**

Relief distributed based on caste	63%
Was promised relief but never received	15%
Relief distributed based on severe damage	10%
Reconstruction process taking too long	8%

▪ **Second top reason:**

Was promised relief but never received	25%
Do not trust NGOs	15%
NGOs do not listen to my concerns	13%



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IS SUPPORT PROVIDED IN A FAIR WAY?

No	32%
Neutral	18%
Yes	50%

Gender	No	Neutral	Yes
Female	42%	24%	33%
Male	27%	15%	58%

Caste/ethnicity	No	Neutral	Yes
Brahmin	29%	14%	57%
Chhetri	4%	25%	71%
Dalit	25%	8%	67%
Gurung	100%		
Janajati	48%	17%	36%
Magar			100%
Newar	100%		
Tamang	25%	50%	25%

Age	No	Neutral	Yes
15-24	67%		33%
25-39	38%	33%	29%
40-54	25%	13%	63%
55+	44%	19%	38%

▪ If not, top reason:

Based on caste system	54%
Only if damage is severe	34%
First come, first served	4%
Based on distance from the main road	4%

▪ Second top reason:

Only if damage is severe	38%
Based on political parties	27%
Based on distance from the main road	15%
First come, first served	8%



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ARE YOU PREPARED FOR WINTER?

No	29%
Neutral	13%
Yes	58%

Gender	No	Neutral	Yes
Female	48%	6%	45%
Male	19%	16%	64%

Caste/ethnicity	No	Neutral	Yes
Brahmin	29%	14%	57%
Chhetri	38%	17%	46%
Dalit	25%		75%
Gurung	100%		
Janajati	24%	12%	64%
Magar		100%	
Newar	100%		
Tamang		25%	75%

Age	No	Neutral	Yes
15-24	67%		33%
25-39	29%	13%	58%
40-54	29%	14%	57%
55+	25%	13%	63%

▪ If no, top reason:

House/Shelter will not protect against cold	74%
Do not have warm clothing	17%
Not enough blankets	10%

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

Yes	24%
Neutral	34%
No	42%

Gender	Yes	Neutral	No
Female	21%	42%	36%
Male	25%	30%	45%



Caste/ethnicity	Yes	Neutral	No
Brahmin	21%	29%	50%
Chhetri	13%	50%	38%
Dalit	25%	50%	25%
Gurung	50%	50%	
Janajati	29%	19%	52%
Magar			100%
Newar	100%		
Tamang	25%	75%	

Age	Yes	Neutral	No
15-24	67%	33%	
25-39	29%	38%	33%
40-54	18%	32%	50%
55+	31%	31%	38%

▪ **If yes, top problem:**

Access to education (closed schools)	53%
Psycho-social support	14%
Safety at school (due to structure)	10%
Health care	9%

▪ **Second top problem:**

Improper school winterization	33%
Health care	22%
Safety at home (due to structure)	12%
Hunger	12%

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

No	7%
Neutral	9%
Yes	82%
Don't Know	1%
Refused	1%

Gender	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know	Refused
Female	12%	3%	85%		
Male	4%	12%	81%	1%	1%



Caste/ethnicity	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know	Refused
Brahmin	14%	14%	71%		
Chhetri	4%	4%	92%		
Dalit	8%	17%	67%		8%
Gurung			100%		
Janajati	5%	10%	83%	2%	
Magar			100%		
Newar	100%				
Tamang			100%		

Age	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know	Refused
15-24	33%	33%	33%		
25-39	8%	4%	88%		
40-54	7%	7%	84%		2%
55+		19%	75%	6%	

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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	4%
Neutral	5%
No	79%
Don't Know	10%
Refused	2%

Gender	Yes	Neutral	No	Don't Know	Refused
Female	3%	6%	73%	18%	
Male	4%	4%	82%	6%	3%

Caste/ethnicity	Yes	Neutral	No	Don't Know	Refused
Brahmin		14%	79%	7%	
Chhetri			67%	25%	8%
Dalit		25%	58%	17%	
Gurung			50%	50%	
Janajati	7%		93%		
Magar			100%		
Newar	100%				
Tamang			100%		



Age	Yes	Neutral	No	Don't Know	Refused
15-24	33%	33%		33%	
25-39	8%		67%	25%	
40-54		5%	86%	5%	4%
55+	6%		94%		

▪ **If yes, by whom:**

Local government	67%
Strangers	22%
Community members	11%

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

No	11%
Neutral	41%
Yes	42%
Don't know	6%

Gender	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't know
Female	21%	39%	36%	3%
Male	6%	42%	45%	7%

Caste/ethnicity	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't know
Brahmin		43%	57%	
Chhetri	4%	42%	54%	
Dalit		58%	42%	
Gurung	50%		50%	
Janajati	19%	36%	31%	14%
Magar			100%	
Newar	100%			
Tamang		75%	25%	

Age	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't know
15-24	33%	33%	33%	
25-39	17%	42%	38%	4%
40-54	7%	39%	50%	4%
55+	13%	50%	19%	19%



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

Yes	64%
Neutral	4%
No	31%
Refused	1%

Gender	Yes	Neutral	No	Refused
Female	73%	3%	24%	
Male	60%	4%	34%	1%

Caste/ethnicity	Yes	Neutral	No	Refused
Brahmin	64%		36%	
Chhetri	54%	8%	38%	
Dalit	67%		33%	
Gurung	100%			
Janajati	64%	5%	29%	2%
Magar			100%	
Newar	100%			
Tamang	100%			

Age	Yes	Neutral	No	Refused
15-24	67%		33%	
25-39	63%	8%	29%	
40-54	66%	2%	30%	2%
55+	63%	6%	31%	

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

I/NGO support	41%
Government grant	24%
Government loan	10%
Personal loan (informal)	10%

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

Concern about another earthquake/aftershocks	18%
Availability of financial support	16%
Gathering enough resources to rebuild entire house at once	15%
Information about assistance from NGOs	15%



12 DO YOU FEEL YOUR COMMUNITY HAS RECOVERED FROM THE EARTHQUAKE?

No	18%
Neutral	25%
Yes	53%
Don't Know	4%

Gender	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know
Female	18%	21%	58%	3%
Male	18%	27%	51%	4%

Caste/ethnicity	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know
Brahmin	7%	36%	57%	
Chhetri	17%	17%	67%	
Dalit	17%	17%	67%	
Gurung	50%		50%	
Janajati	19%	26%	45%	10%
Magar			100%	
Newar		100%		
Tamang	50%	50%		

Age	No	Neutral	Yes	Don't Know
15-24	33%	67%		
25-39	29%	13%	58%	
40-54	13%	23%	59%	5%
55+	19%	44%	31%	6%

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

Repair/reconstruction of schools	84%
Livelihood options/training	5%
Improved access to water/sanitation	2%
Repair/reconstruction of community buildings	2%

▪ Second main thing:

Reconstruction advice/training	49%
Safe spaces for women and children	19%
News on government decisions	12%
Financial support	7%