

【2015 Nepal Earthquake】 Survey on Housing and Education Recovery Process (2015/12/05-10)

Theme : 2015 Earthquake, housing recovery, education recovery

Between December 5 and 10, a survey on the process of housing and school recovery in Nepal after the April 2015 Earthquake was carried out by Assoc. Prof. Aiko Sakurai (Disaster Information Management and Public Collaboration Division), Asst. Prof. Liz Maly (Human and Social Response Division), Asst. Prof. Carine Yi (Regional and Urban Reconstruction Research Division) from the International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), and Assoc. Prof. Takashi Oda of Miyagi University of Education, Center for Disaster Education and Recovery Assistance.

The survey focused on organizations involved in housing and education recovery including NGOs, CBOs (Community Based-Organizations), academic and technical advisors, and International organizations and bilateral donors, and included visits to several schools in the Lalitpur District (one of the 3 districts in the Kathmandu valley).

The team received a briefing about past and recent earthquakes in Nepal, and current conditions from Dr. Vishnu Dangol, Professor at Department of Geology, Tribhuvan University. Mr. Nabin Dangol of Loo Niva Child Concern Group shared issues and efforts regarding community-based education and housing recovery initiatives in Lalitpur. JICA Nepal explained previous involvement in education support programs, as well as support for housing and school recovery after the 2015 earthquake. Dr. Ramesh Guragain, the Deputy Executive Director of the National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET) shared the 20 year history of NSET and the pursuit of their mission of community-based structural safety improvements for schools and houses. The participation of residents is key to carry out community-based implementation methods for disaster prevention that incorporate the use of appropriate technology to match the culture and context of Nepal, and achieve higher levels of safety for school and residential buildings. UN Habitat Urban Expert Mr. Prafulla Pradhan explained the role of UN Habitat in people-centered housing recovery, and the current situation as shelter assistance in Nepal is moving toward permanent housing. The survey team attended the final meeting of the Shelter Cluster (which coordinates shelter assistance), where the new coordination framework which will coordinate support for permanent recovery was announced.

The field survey included visits to 3 public schools and 1 private school in Khokana and Bungamati settlements in Lalitpur. Interviews with head teachers clarified each school's experience of the earthquake and recovery, outside support and community involvement. Before the 2015 Earthquake, schools in this area had received support from organizations including Rotary and NSET for building improvements, so structural damage was minimal. Various support after the earthquake provided by international and local NGOs included relief supplies, food, water, stationary, tents, and sports materials and activities.

The survey team would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the many people who supported and cooperated with our survey, even in the midst of difficulties of earthquake recovery and ongoing fuel shortages in Nepal.

Report by Liz Maly (Human and Social Response Division)

Photos by Carine Yi (Regional and Urban Reconstruction Research Division) and

Aiko Sakurai (Disaster Information Management and Public Collaboration Division)

(continues on the next page)



Center of Khokana Settlement



Interview with Nabin Dangol,
Loo Niva Child Concern Group



Interview with NSET Deputy Director Ramesh Guragain



Visit to Shree Adarsha Saula Yuwak Primary School