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## FINAL PROJECT REVIEW SUMMARY

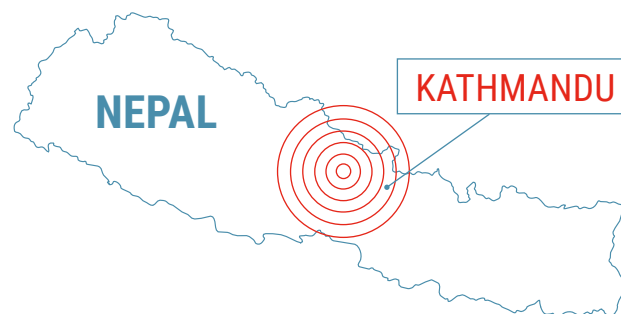


# CONTEXT

On 25th April 2015, Nepal was struck by a 7.8-magnitude earthquake - the strongest to hit the country in over 80 years. A second 7.3-magnitude earthquake on 12th May compounded the damage the country had already suffered.

39 of the country's 75 districts were affected. 8,800 lives were lost and 22,000 people were injured. Hundreds of thousands were left homeless and many more lost their livelihoods.

Just over two weeks later a second 7.3-magnitude earthquake struck northeast of Kathmandu, causing further loss of life and destroying many buildings that had been weakened by the first quake.



The central regions of Nepal, including Kathmandu Valley districts were badly affected, including mountain and hilly areas, where rural populations are dispersed, as well as some very densely populated districts and Nepal's two largest cities – greater Kathmandu and Pokhara. There was massive destruction of infrastructure, property and livelihoods.



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# REDR RESPONSE

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In the aftermath of the earthquake we reached out to our supporters, who responded generously and quickly with donations and fundraising. The funding was utilised alongside RedR's capacity and expertise to mobilise at short notice.

Shortly following the disaster, RedR staff on the ground conducted a Learning Needs Assessment to identify skills gaps in the humanitarian sector. Based on the assessment conducted, RedR drew up a comprehensive training programme covering areas deemed to be in urgent need of attention.

Our members and trainers catered to the capacity building needs of local communities and agencies responding to the earthquake. We delivered a range of training courses in different priority areas:

- Shelter (Training of Trainers – Building Back Better)
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Project Cycle Management
- Vulnerable Groups Protection
- Disaster Risk Reduction

To date, RedR has provided practical skills and technical support to **1,268 aid workers and volunteers** working for national and international NGOs. RedR played an active role in the recovery process, delivering **46 training courses and providing 16 deployments**.

“We were facing difficulties in rebuilding toilets because we were not aware of the technicalities of construction. RedR’s training has helped us immensely, and we can now build safer and better toilets.”

**RedR Trainee Madan Sapkota, a Technician at Nepalese NGO MANK (Mahila Atma Nirvarta Kendra), attended a one-day training session on Building Safer Latrines**

# MORE THAN TRAINING

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## IN-HOUSE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND DEPLOYMENTS

Experienced engineers with demolition expertise from the private sector were deployed to advise the local authorities on water supply, water quality monitoring, and safe demolition. As a result, guidelines for safe demolition of seismically damaged buildings have been produced and shared with local organisations in Chautara.

We deployed a number of professionals to provide support within agencies such as Oxfam India in Nepal, Christian Aid, and the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation. The expertise provided ranged from logistics in emergencies, WASH advisory services, communications specialists and programme support.

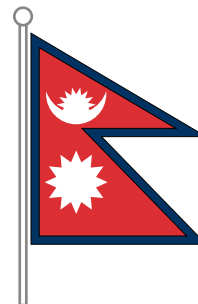


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# KEY FIGURES



88% of trainees rated training as 'excellent' and 'good'



83% of people trained are Nepalese nationals



The training took place in 8 locations within Nepal



In Nepal we trained 1,268 people



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# IMPACT FINDINGS

## METHODOLOGY

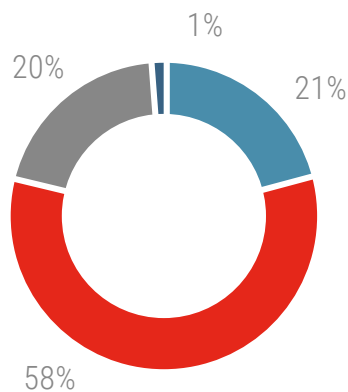
The evaluation was conducted through qualitative analysis of interviews of trainees that took part in capacity building activities organised by RedR. In addition, RedR collected evaluation forms at the end of each training course delivered.

Programme performance was evaluated on the basis of:

- **Relevance:** were the trainings courses relevant to aid workers and communities
- **Effectiveness and Impact:** did the programmes improve the trainees' knowledge and skills on the areas covered by the training

## IMPROVEMENT IN KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

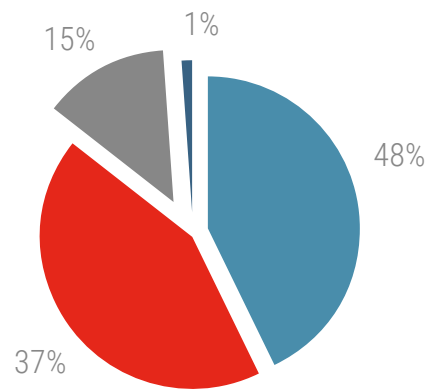
In its inclusive programming RedR's approach combines technical areas and soft skills. This equips local aid workers with the knowledge and tools to ensure that, alongside training in Shelter and WASH, an understanding of Gender, Age, Disability and Protection are included in all interventions in Nepal. Participants rated their improvement in knowledge and skills very highly and manifested their willingness to continue their learning path.



■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Adequate ■ Poor

## RELEVANCE OF HUMANITARIAN WORK

Feedback from trainees and trainers has highlighted the relevance of RedR training to different audiences. It has been reported that training courses were appropriate to people who recently started their career, and significant for people who led the reconstruction and wanted to gain knowledge of policies and tools to develop programmes at management level.



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*“Our field-level health workers were able to learn how health messages can be delivered to the community: through video shows, dramas, quizzes and mass gatherings.*

*“As a result, community members and school children were able to learn how sanitation and hygiene can be maintained during an emergency - and why it is important that they are.*

*“Subsequently, they built toilets, started boiling their water to purify it, and hand-washing with soap.”*

Information collected during the final evaluation shows that RedR’s holistic approach has generated concrete outcomes and a ripple effect, as skills and knowledge are passed from trainees to their colleagues, and from those colleagues directly to the community.

As well as technical training in latrine construction and water treatment, RedR provided training in hygiene promotion and community mobilisation.

# CASE STUDY



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## FOSTERING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

One of the participants of a Build Back Safer Shelter Awareness training in Sindhupalchowk District, reported this gave him the knowledge and confidence to go back home to train for other masons/builders in his community.

They decided to work as a team, which helped them to attract several construction jobs and provide an income for their families, despite the widespread lack of finances amongst the population and delays in the long-promised housing reconstruction subsidy.

Another shelter training participant also informally trained three other builders in his community, and mobilised them in order to build a small house free of charge for a widow and her disabled son.

He approached an NGO for the materials, and the community provided support and meals for the builders. They managed to do this before the winter started to help and prioritise this vulnerable family, while many others were also still waiting to rebuild.



# CASE STUDY

## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

**Purna Bahadur Thami was selected by his community as a social mobiliser. He attended the Building Back Safer Shelter Awareness Training of Trainers course in Chautara municipality.**

*"I'm enthusiastic about helping and gaining knowledge to share in the community. I want to become a good trainer so the community can build back safer.*

*"Before the course, I had no practical experience in shelter: I had only observed within my community and seen a similar concept of building with mud, stone and timber, but using a different technique.*

*"In coming here, I hoped to learn how to use local resources to build safer shelter in the best way possible, given the challenges we face in terms of the cost of materials and the accessibility of transport.*

*"So far, the training has been very informative. It's clarified to me some requirements like binding the walls, and the positioning and layering of stones. It's been a motivating day and I've seen new ways of building - for example using bamboo and laying the corner stones.*

*"I've also learnt how to improvise with available resources when timber is either hard to come by or too expensive."*

**"It's been amazing to work for the people, with the people."**

## SIX MONTHS ON

Purna has provided training to over 2,000 people in some of Dolakha district's most remote villages. In partnership with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and a local NGO, Child Workers in Nepal (CWIN), Purna delivered training to community members in the villages of Laduk, Bigu, Kalinkchowk and Alampu, where up to 86% of the resident village card holders attended, gaining skills in building back safer shelters.

*"We tried to include all the resident card holders of the villages in the awareness program. After the awareness sessions finished, we distributed toolkits to the attendees. Tool kits comprised 15 construction items such as a pick, shovel, hand saw, claw-hammer, gloves, gumboots, etc., provided by IOM, which allowed the participants to practically apply the training to rebuild their communities.*

*"Our original three month contract was extended to five, to include monitoring and evaluation, and to give our team information about the effectiveness of the program and the usage of the toolkits distributed."*

Thanks to Purna, these remote villages now have the skills and capacity to rebuild and recover from the devastation of the earthquakes.