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### Government urged to airlift and supply warm clothes to earthquake survivors

LALITPUR: The National Human Rights Commission has been continuously monitoring the human rights situation of the earthquake victims. Various monitoring missions have accomplished monitoring the situation of the earthquake survivors in the quake-hit districts including Sindhuli, Ramechhap, Dolakha, Sindhupalchok, Kavrepalanchok, Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Makwanpur, Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur.

The monitoring teams including the Human Rights Mobile Camps on the ground have taken the stock of information with regard to the death toll rising in Sindhupalchok, Dolakha, Kavrepalanchok and Ramechhap districts due to cold weather. The Commission has, therefore, urged the government to immediately make the warm clothes available by air particularly to those languishing in the temporary shelters in mountain districts. The quake victims are learnt to have been suffering from acute chillness as because they can't go to the market area to fetch essential goods due to the fuel crisis.

Despite the fact that the quake victims have received the relief amount RS 15,000 distributed by the government in most of the Village Development Committees (VDCs), the earthquake survivors in Sindhuli, Ramechhap, Sindhupalchok, Dolakha and Lalitpur districts haven't been distributed the allocated amount as the immediate relief. Similarly, though the Government has advanced the process of distribution of RS 10,000 through concerned VDCs to the victims for purchasing warm clothes, most quake victims haven't been able to receive the amount due to the absence of VDC secretary, the pretext made on the ground of unavailability of factual data, heavy load work and dispute emerged in the local level, as per the monitoring.

The monitoring has pointed out that earthquake victims' shelter in Chuchhepati of Kathmandu, Naubise-Laharepauwa of Rasuwa and Indrayanichaur of Nuwakot lack toilets and drinking water. Similarly, Sanothimi, Changu and Bhelukhel of Bhaktapur are among the worst managed shelters needing immediate attention. The women are the most affected due to the lack of protection and gender related problems.

Likewise, since the locals remain unaware of the new building code announced by the government, they are deprived of well managed shelters. The monitoring has also found that the condition of children extremely pitiful at temporary learning shelters due to cold weather. Similarly, the health posts are running out of medicines whereas medics are also unavailable when the locals seek services .

The Commission has urged the civil society, political parties and all the concerned authorities pledge necessary support in the relief distribution and other aid programs stepped up for the quake survivors. The monitoring team was comprised the Commissioner Prakash Osti and other high level officers of the Commission.

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