

2nd Update of IPPF|SAR and SPRINT's Emergency Response from the #NepalEarthquake

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The aftermath of the #NepalEarthquake is far from over. In fact, the aftershocks following the earthquake have continued compounding fears of further devastation among the affected population. 39 out of 75 districts are affected. Bhaktapur, Dhading, Dolakha, Gorkha, Kathmandu, Kavre, Lalitpur, Makwanpur, Nuwakot, Okhaldhunga, Ramechhap, Rasuwa, Sindhuli and Sindhupalchok remain priority districts for health assistance. New Government figures as of the 6th May (20:00, UTC +5:45) show that the number of houses destroyed in the earthquake-affected districts is at least twice as high as previously reported; 284,455 houses have now been confirmed destroyed and another 234,102 damaged. The numbers of reported casualties also increased to 7,675 deaths and 16,392 injured. While much focus has been around the central areas of Kathmandu, Gorkha and Sindhupalchowk, many other districts and remote villages also need to be reached, particularly in the mountainous terrain and hard to reach areas. Sustained relief and recovery efforts are required before the next monsoon season which is forecasted to begin in about six weeks from now.

For Nepal, OCHA has appealed \$415 million to reach over 8 million people with life-saving aid in the next three months, out of this \$75 million will be spent on Health Sector and \$63 million on WASH. As of the 6th of May (20:00, UTC+5:45), the Financial Tracking Service reports that US\$ 18.5 million have been received against the Flash Appeal which is just 4% out of total funding requirement. This indicates the huge gap of services on the ground.

IPPF Response

IPPF in SAR through its SPRINT¹ initiative continues to scale up its relief operation. The endeavour is to reach people with specialised needs especially pregnant women who are in dire need of emergency care in underserved areas. Our Member Association, Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN), has rallied around its volunteers, staff and resources to respond to this devastating emergency.

IPPF has now established its partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to ensure that the need for sexual and reproductive health care of young girls, pregnant and lactating women (PLW) in Nepal is urgently met in the wake of the devastating April 25 earthquake. "Pregnant women and new mothers are often ignored in the aftermath of a disaster, but they are among the most vulnerable and at risk population," noted Giulia Vallese, UNFPA Representative in Nepal. "UNFPA is grateful to IPPF and FPAN for this partnership, for it is through our implementing partners on the ground that our lifesaving interventions reach those who need them the most" said Vallese.



¹ The **SPRINT Initiative** is a **Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) Programme IN crisis and post-crisis situations supported by Australian Aid and implemented by IPPF**

IPPF through its SPRINT initiative and FPAN are organising mobile Reproductive Health camps in affected areas to provide critical sexual and reproductive health services (SRH) along with general health services. As of writing of this report, we have served more than 2200 persons including PLW. This has been done through mobile camps in sixteen different locations in some of the hardest-hit areas, including Bhaktapur, Kavre, Lalitpur, Sindhupalchowk and Kathmandu districts. Now, the operation will be expanded to Makwanpur district too.

IPPF is also partnering with Tata² to mobilise doctors to support extend medical camp services in Makwanpur.



A team representing the Australian Government who also supports the SPRINT Initiative visited the IPPF mobile medical camp in Khokana, Lalitpur District where 90 pregnant and lactating women were provided ante natal and post natal check up. Most of the women for postnatal service came with their new born babies. They were also provided with family planning services.



Dignity kits³ and clean delivery kits⁴ provided by UNFPA were also distributed along with various reproductive health services as outlined in Minimum Initial Service Package ⁵(MISP) for Reproductive Health.

The FPAN doctors, nurses, staff and volunteers have been oriented on MISP, Guideline of RH camp, RH kits contents and its utility, about dignity kit and concept of Female Friendly space (FFS) by IPPF and SPRINT team.

IPPF through its SPRINT initiative and FPAN are identifying appropriate location in 5 districts for putting up tent and equip it to create FFS which can be used by adolescent girls and women of reproductive age group including pregnant and lactating mother.



“My needs as a new mother are being considered”

April 25 was a regular day for Parvati. She had delivered a baby girl merely 26 days ago. She was busy with feeding the baby and taking care of her. She had just sat down to catch a breath; suddenly the floor began to shake. Her first instinct as mother was to grab her baby girl. Shouting to her husband, to get out of the house, she headed to the stairs to reach the ground floor from her first floor

² The Tata is the largest business conglomerate in India and is an Indian Multi-national Company. The group’s core purpose is to improve the quality of life of the communities it serves globally, through long-term stakeholder value creation based on leadership with trust

³ Dignity kit contain standard hygiene and protection items which are culturally-appropriate

⁴ Clean Delivery kit contains plastic bag for disposal of placenta, toilet soap, plastic drawsheet, razor blade, umbilical tape, cotton cloth and gloves for safe delivery in an under equipped maternity unit or home.

⁵ MISP includes Maternal and new born care, STIs including HIV prevention and treatment, prevention of gender based violence and family planning.

residence. Her husband took the infant from her so that she could make her way down the stairs. When the husband wife reached the flight of stairs they found the way blocked by the rubble. They ran back the flight of stairs to the roof, gained access to the neighbour's house and ran down their staircase to safety. Parvati, infant and her husband lived in the field under the tarpaulin. Having barely escaped with their lives, Parvati did not have anything with her. She borrowed clothes and blankets from other people to keep her baby warm. Feeling anxious for her baby's life, recovering from the child birth and reeling under the difficult living conditions, it has been a harrowing time for her.

When IPPF, through SPRINT initiative organised a medical camp with the support of Family Planning Association of Nepal, she was able to come to the camp and get the post natal check up done. The doctor at the camp prescribed multi vitamins and iron folic tablets to build her strength up post delivery. She also received a dignity kit for her use. "In these difficult times, any bit of help is welcome. I'm very happy that at the camp people have actually thought about a woman's needs, especially a new mother's needs. You know in our society we feel shy to say what we want and we adjust. I'm really grateful that for once, my requirements have been considered," says Parvati.



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