

About EHRP:

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake of shallow depth struck central Nepal with an epicenter approximately 77 km northwest of Kathmandu on April 25th causing widespread destruction. On May 12, a large aftershock of a magnitude 7.3 hit Nepal and caused further casualties and damage. As of 3 June 2015, the reported casualties include: 8,702 deaths and 22,493 people injured. As the earthquake sequence destroyed 490,000 houses-mostly traditional mud brick and mud stone built and occupied by the rural poor and rendered another 265,000 houses at least temporarily uninhabitable, the largest single need identified in the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) was housing and human settlements, accounting for US\$ 3.27 billion of needs.

The Government of Nepal (GON) has requested support from a number of development partners, including the WB, to address the immediate and medium term impacts of the damage inflicted by the earthquake in Nepal. In response to this, World Bank approved a US\$200 million loan to finance the Earthquake Housing Reconstruction Project (EHRP) approved on 18 June 2015. The project will support in restoring affected houses with multi hazard resistant core housing units in target areas and to enhance government's ability to improve long-term disaster resilience. The EHRP is to be completed by July 2020.

The Government of Nepal has established the National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) for the purpose of coordinating and implementing the post-disaster reconstruction program. Thus a Project management Unit (PMU) has been established within NRA to provide high level oversight and policy decision on project activities. Housing reconstruction activities will be implemented by dedicated Project Implementation Units (PIUs) in both the Ministry of Urban Development (MOUD) and the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MOFALD).

MOFALD has already established a Central Level Project Implementation Unit (CL-PIU) and District Level Project Implementation Unit (DL-PIU) under the EHRP.