The April and May 2015 earthquakes in Nepal destroyed or significantly damaged over 755,000 homes. USAID/Nepal is meeting this critical need through the following:

**USAID/Nepal** contributed $9.6 million to the World Bank’s Earthquake Reconstruction Multi-Donor Trust Fund. This contribution is supporting the implementation of a government-led beneficiary survey that will serve as the basis for housing reconstruction cash subsidies in the most-affected districts, as well as the cash subsidies themselves once the survey is completed.

**Baliyo Ghar**, a five-year project implemented by the National Society for Earthquake Technology-Nepal (NSET), is providing training and technical assistance for construction professionals and homeowners on how to build earthquake-resistant homes in the most devastated earthquake districts—Dolakha, Dhading and Nuwakot. Baliyo Ghar is closely aligned with the GON Housing Assistance Program and supporting to establish district- and local-level reconstruction technology centers and demonstration homes. Project mobile units are providing technical assistance to homeowners in harder-to-reach areas, and trained professionals are providing national-level training and technical assistance to the National Reconstruction Technology Center. At the national level, Baliyo Ghar is also supporting the GON in developing improved and standardized training curricula and procedures to be used during masons and engineers training and while orienting homeowners.

**Sabal**, an ongoing resilience project implemented through a consortium led by Save the Children, uses a similar approach to Baliyo Ghar. With $2.7 million in new funding Sabal is establishing district and local reconstruction technology centers and vocational training in Sindhupalchok and Kavrepalanchok districts.

Timely, coordinated communications to affected homeowners is vital to ensure they know how to access reconstruction services and build back safer. USAID/Nepal is meeting this critical need through the following:

- **USAID’s Sajhedari Bhikaas project** uses local and national radio and works with District Disaster Relief and Village Development Committees in six earthquake-affected districts to share reconstruction messaging from both USAID and the GON.
- With USAID support, BBC Media Action is using radio, social media, and other platforms to share simple, actionable information regarding shelter and housing reconstruction, including where to access services and resources.
- With $400,000, the National Democratic Institute is supporting the GON to develop and implement a strategic communications plan that includes messaging for earthquake recovery and reconstruction.

The Baliyo Ghar project is supporting a campaign to raise awareness among Nepalis about the importance of hazard-resilient reconstruction and safer construction techniques. Components of the campaign include street dramas and outreach through radio and television stations, social mobilizers, print and online media.

USAID/Nepal is funding two housing reconstruction training and technical assistance projects, providing over $10.7 million to date, and is supporting the GON in developing curricula and procedures to be used. In total, 13,500 local construction professionals and educate more than 285,000 affected homeowners on building earthquake-resistant homes over the next five years.

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