Nepal Earthquake Update

**(From April 25 to 15 May)**



1. 600,000 older people affected.
2. 150,000 houses with older people destroyed.
3. Dead older people: men and women.
4. Injured older people: men and women.

**Donate for the psycho-social counselling**

**and**

**livelihood of older people**

AGEING IN NEPALI PRESS

(April1 – 30, 2015)

**SOCIAL SUPPORT**

Support Provided

**Following events took place for supporting OAHs and the destitute elderly during April.**

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| S.N. | Supporter | To Whom | Reason | What | How much | When | Where | Source |
| 1. | Generous Family | Senior citizens living near Mankamana temple | Service | Blankets and food | - | 3 | Sankhuwasabha | Kantipur |
| 2. | Generous People | Rup Singh Chepang | Service | Cloths, food, shoes and money | Rs. 9,000 | 9 | Chitwan | Kantipur |
| 3. | Generous People | Local senior citizens | To celebrate mother’s day | Food stuffs and Achayakosh | NA | 9 | Dhankuta | Annapurna |
| 4. | Government and local | Senior citizens living ModiBeni (Religious place) | Service | Drinking water | Rs. 9,900,000 | 18 | Parbat | Gorkhapatra |

**House for the family of abused elderly**

**Gulmi**

**Kantipur, April 7, 2015**

DeurupaSapkota,69, could not speak and had poor hearing has been residing in a secluded house without doors was raped and then murdered by 40 year old man. The news was made public only after two days of her murder. The murderer was caught after four days. The news of her rape and murder spread also in aboard.

This news caused Mr. Dol Raj Pant, a local from the area now living in USA, decided to construct a secured house on his own property for the bereaved family of Deurupa Sapkota.

**Mother’s Day in an OAH**

**Kantipur**

**Lamjung, April 19, 2015**

A large number of people came to offer fruits, sweets and clothes to older mothers living in the local OAH on the occasion of Mother’s Day. One of the visiting lady stated that she visits the OAH on Mother’s Day each year in memory of her mother. All mothers are similar, every time I meet these elderly mothers I feel satisfied and happy. This trend of visiting OAH is getting popular among people who lost their mother earlier.

SOCIAL SECURITY

**Plight of a Mother**

**Annapurna Post**

**Kathmandu, April 18, 2015**

MailiPariyar, 99, curses her fate for being born in a lower caste family. Only if she had access to the community tap, her life would have been easier. She gave birth to her elder son without any help for delivery. She also mentioned that it is because of caste system that her son had to face discrimination. She said that social discrimination of the lower caste started during the Rana regime. Even today when she goes out for a cup of tea, the shop keeper compels her to clean the cup she used and then only pay for the tea.

She is living alone at this age of 99 though she has two sons living elsewhere with their families. On Mother’s Day she is not sure if any of her sons will visit her, but she always hopes so. She says that both of her sons had previously agreed to keep her in their family in turn of six months each. She is sad that it never happened so.

**Social Security Allowance through bank account**

**Gorkhapatra**

**Kalikot, April 21, 2015**

For the first time, Manam and Danha VDCs of Kalikot district decided to provide social security allowance through bank account. The decision was made to ease the distribution process and to control cases of forgery. Rastriya Bank and Global IME Bank will open these accounts at 0% interest rate.

Danha VDC has 368 elderly, 668 single women, 1 fully differently abled and 2 partially differently abled and 1049 child who are below 5 years old. Likewise, in Manas VDC, there are 381 elderly people, 102 single women, 8 fully differently abled and 1332 children who are below 5 years old.

ACTIVE AGEING

**Grandmother leads fish farming**

**Kantipur**

**Tanahun, April 1, 2015**

**A group of grandmothers of Khaharey village of Tanahu district decided to start a fish farming to be self reliant in their old age.** They decided this because they thought they can easily do so. Ms Santu Maya Gurung of 66 took the lead and requested local Women Development Officer to provide them traing. Accordingly, they received 5days training and now have become an example for other elders of the area, says Daya Ram Sharma of Agricultural Department.

**An elderly in class 8**

**Annapurna**

**Shyangja, April 7, 2015**

66 years old, Durge Kami from Phedikhola has been working hard to fulfill his desire to be educated though he neither has sufficient money nor support from his family for this. However, he got admitted in class 7 and is regular for his school. Now he is studying in school grade 8. He is doing so with the desire to learn new technology and be self sufficient or independent in his old age.

**Active still at age of 103**

**Kantipur**

**Lwanglel, April 12, 2015**

Even after being shot by 17 bullets, DhanBahadurTamang still managed to survive. He shares this old incident whenever he narrates his story of war. Everyone who reaches to his place listens to his story with great interest. He even shows his cuts and wounds created by the bullets one by one. He reminiscence the memories of World War II with great enthusiasm. The elderly narrates the story as if he is still young and energetic like that of young people despite his wrinkled skin, fallen teeth and white hairs.

He further states that he never thought he would survive after getting shot by the bullet. I managed to come back despite being injured. I fought in the war with full heart however, I received no services. After being injured I was asked to return back by British. He at that time fought with East India Company’s war with Japan. He cannot walk properly due to the bullet that was shot in his leg. He was once a commander and had eight soldiers with him. All eight of them died after being shot.

**Sherchan preparing to climb Sagarmatha**

**Gorkhapatra**

**Kathmandu, April 12, 2015**

What can an eighty three year old person do? Many of us might tend to think this way however, 83 years old Min BahadurSherchan has however, tried to gain back the titled that got snatched away from him again by climbing Mt. Everest. Sherchan climbed Mt. Everest in May 25th in 2008. He was given the title of senior amongst all senior citizens who climbed the mountain. He has placed a name in the Guinness book and now is again set to climb Mt. Everest.

In 23rd May 2013, YuchiroMuirley from Japan climbed Mt. Everest at the age of 80 breaking the record of Sherchan. This made Sherchan once again determined to climb Everest however, due to the bad weather he could not climb it. He again asked permission from Ministry of Cultural, Tourism and Civil Aviation.

DEVELOPMENT

**Village in the responsibility of women and elderly**

**Kantipur**

**Pyuthan, April 17, 2015**

JeevanLalBudhathoki of Sari ward 5, Pyuthan has crossed 68 years. As long as he was able, he travelled different cities of India to earn money. Now, all his four sons are in Kerala, India. These days he lives in village. The hundred houses in the village depend on Budhathoki and his family. He plays the role of guardian for them. Youths and adults have migrated and the responsibility of the whole village has come on the shoulder of women and elderly.

Majority of the men have gone India for work. Only three adults who are involved in teaching are present in the village. Migrated youths and adults used to come home during festivals and harvesting seasons. Mostly in the cases of fire, floods, robbery, theft and loots villagers have to face problems. 10 years ago when there was fire, 35 households turned to ashes as stated by the locals. This is not just in the case of Sari village but also in the neighboring ward.

**Plight of elderly**

**Annapurna Post**

**Pokhara, April 18, 2015**

Elderly people spent their whole life for their child. But in old age they are found neglected and abandoned from their family. Mr.Tika Ram Bhandari, vice chariman of Pokhara OAH reported that nowadays many elderly people are coming at OAH after lack of proper care and love from their family and relatives. Now, there are 48 elderly living in the Pokhara OAH. Among them female and male are 26 and 22 respectively. He added that many elderly are bought by their family and relatives, some are brought by Police from street or hospital and some came after they are hurt by their family. Sociologist Dr.BiswoKalyanParajuli told that increasing value of money and urbanization leads people far from their responsibility. As a result elderly are being discriminated by their family.

RIGHTS

**Centenarian rely hunger strike**

**SamacharPatra**

**Rautahat, April 11, 2015**

After the Gaur protest, the government has unsanctioned the decision of opening Chandranigapur service center and from past three day a relay hunger strike has begun. The relay hunger strike is done in synchronized manner and 102 elderly is also part of it. The service centre which would ease and help the citizens however, was taken back. Thus, 102 years Krishna Khatri took part in this relay hunger strike to demand back the services they are entitled of. He further claimed that elderly like me who hardly can travel in vehicles should not be deterred from the services which actually help us to ease our problems.

**Pretentious transportation facilities for Elderly**

**Gorkhapatra**

**Kathmandu, April 19, 2015**

Even after the rules and regulations of 50% subsidy on the transportation fare, it has still not yet been implemented. The government has failed to implement this and due to this many protests and strikes has been taking place in front of transportation department. They have claimed that protests and strikes will continue until and unless transportation fare is subsided. According to Ram SharanParajuli, an elderly, he states that when they ask the bus drivers to decrease 50% fare, they deny it.

In the local transportations even when other passengers try to demand for the decrease in the fare of the elderly people, they say their voice is unheard. Once an elderly man who sat in the elderly quota sit, took out his id card and asked for fare deduction. The conductor however, answered him rudely stating that they only know that the seats are allocated for the elderly but have no idea about the fare reduction. Since Ashoj 1, 2070 the rule has been passed but the implementation is still yet to be done.

EMERGENCY

**Two families living in a cave**

**Kantipur**

**Baglung, April 11, 2015**

An old couple, Nara Bahadur Nepali, 70 and his 65 year old wife have been living altogether with the family of Fulmaya in a cave since 1 year. The elderly couple compelled to live in the cave after they spent all their property for their treatment. Now they earn their livelihood by begging. Nara Bahadur stated that he has dream to die in his own home. Likewise, Fulmaya is living there with her 2 child after her husband left her. She worked as labor in the headquarter of the district for livelihood.

**Generous Elderly**

**Kantipur**

**Gorkha, April 12, 2015**

Aita Maya Nepali, 70, is looking after a child whom she found in the forest (Rani ban). A year ago Mrs. Nepali found a girl round 7 year old crying in the forest she took her and started to look after her as own daughter. She also enrolled her in nearby school. The child only remembers her mother’s name is Samjhana and surname of her father is Achhami . She is also unaware about her address and her date of birth. She told that her mother in a drunken state left her in the forest.

A week ago, Nisha got caught by fire when Aita Maya was not at home. Her back and chest has got burns. Aita Maya could not pay for her treatment. Health personnel PrasidhaDhakal told that workers from the central collected money and bought medicines for her. Police too started search for her parents despite all this her parents are still nowhere to be found.

**Neglected elderly**

**Gorkhapatra**

**Tansen, April 17, 2015**

An elderly has been living miserable life since one month in a temple of Basantapur in Tansen. She is nearly in her 60s and cannot speak and write. This has further created obstacle to find out her address. The local stated that the elderly is being provided by the meal so far. However, after filing report to the police there is nothing being done.

The elderly speaks with her hand language and not much can be understood. Her husband has already died as per the locals. The elderly was clean when she was located for the first time and was left by two women near the bus park as stated by one of the passerby. Local told that no one is helping the elderly so far neither the women organizations nor the elderly organizations.

ELDER ABUSE

**A total 8 elders faced abuse in April 2015 of which 6 died, 1 suffered injuries and the health status of 1 was not reported**.

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| S.N. | Name | Age | Sex | Address | Reason | Culprit | Form of  abuse | Status | Date | Source |
|  | HarkaBdr. Tamang | 63 | M | Rasuwa | Robbery | Unknown | Financiaal | - | 1 | Samacharpatra |
|  | Rajwati Devi Raya | 70 | F | Rajbiraj | Personal Affair | Villagers | Physical | D | 3 | Samacharpatra |
|  | JahirAnshare | 60 | M | Rautahat | Robbery | Unknown | Physical | D | 7 | Annapurna |
|  | Rom KumariPanta | 80 | F | Lamjung | Money | Grandson | Physical | D | 9 | Samacharpatra |
|  | SamarulKhatun | 65 | M | Sarlahi | Personal Affair | Villager | Physical | D | 13 | Police Report |
|  | DheumayaGurung | 60+ | F | Gorkha | Personal Affair | Grandson | Physical | ND | 20 | Annapurna |
|  | BrisAhir | 60 | M | Rupandehi | Family Affair | Brothers | Physical | D | 21 | Police Report |
|  | TulBdr. Thapa | 83 | M | Sangjha | Family Affair | Son | Family Affair | D | 24 | Police Report |



NEGLECT

**Unattended Death**

**Two unattended dead bodies of senior citizens were found in April2015**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| S.N. | Name | Age | Sex | Address | Place of death | Date | Source |
| 1. | NA | 60 | M | NA | Bhaktapur | 3 | Samacharpatra |
| 2. | SaraswotiKhawas | 60 | F | Sunsari Itahari-4 | Sunsari  Itahari-5 | 8 | Police Report |

**What is the point of having son and daughter?**

**Gorkhapatra**

**Kathmandu, April 2, 2015**

At the moment, 92 years old BhotuThapa is going through the similar saying, “When you have money everyone is with you, when you have nothing no one is with you.” He is living in the Pashupati OAH past nine years.

He has two sons and two daughters. Bringing tears in his eyes, he said I took care, educated and grew them. However, today when I need them at this stage I am here in the OAH. What is the use of having son and daughter then?

He further stated that he had ample of property but his family and brothers did not even give him a penny. Many elderly people who have similar story to Thapa reside in this OAH. 71 years old, MunaNeupane narrates similar story. When I gave birth daughter, my husband married with other. Then when my daughter also got married I had no option than taking shelter in OAH. Pashupati OAH is only one OAH run by government and OAH is provided shelter for 230 elderly.

**Elderly shared about their plights**

**Annapurna Post**

**Kathmandu, April 19**

On the occasion of Mother’s Day, many visitors came in the Pashupati OAH. But those who were expected to come and see were no longer came. It was a fine mother’s day there were a lot of people who used to come to provide food and clothes to elderly people. An elderly lade with tears on her eyes said I try to forget but the memories still lingers me. And what is the point to remember someone who does not love me. Indra Maya Adhikari, 85 years old from Sindhupalchowk has been spending time in the OAH since sixteen years. She had no kids and sadly says “It does not matter you have a kid or not, eventually everyone ends up in the OAH.”

Likewise, 79 years old MunaNeupane said she had 2 daughters but her husband married with another wife and had three sons. After married of her two daughters the stepson kicked out of house. She said that if she had a son she wouldn’t have to see this day. In this way on the occasion of mother’s day, elderly of Pashupati OAH shared about their plights.

ELDERLY IN CRIME

**The following table presents senior citizens reported to have involved in unlawful activities in May 2015.**

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| S.N. | Name | Age | Sex | Address | Crime involved | Date | Source |
|  | Saraswoti Lama | 60 | F | Kathmandu | Girls Trafficking | 1 | Police Report |
|  | Ganga Maya Karki | 70 | M | Pokhara | Forgery | 3 | Annapurna |
|  | LokBdr. Karki | 70 | M | Kathmandu | Gambling | 24 | Police Report |

**The elderly is asked to be kept in the bars**

**SamcharPatra**

**Banke, April 18, 2015**

78 years old elderly is asked to be kept behind the bars for sexually abusing 4 year old girl. The Repeal court, Nepalgunj has asked to take the necessary legal steps. Earlier the old man was bailed by giving 20 thousand. After he was bailed, party was being thrown by him. The defense lawyer however, claimed that the bail by giving 20 thousand did not match up with the legal justice system.

The victim was lured by giving two chocolates by the elderly. Financial constraint and threat created further obstacles to the victim’s family. They were pressurized not to go and complain to the police. Despite this the family still continued seeking for justice. They are now happy with the recent decision of the court for keeping the elderly behind the bar.

**People of *all* Ages have Rights!**



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FEATURE

**Nayan Kala Poudel recalled 90s Earthquake**

**Kantipur**

**Taplejung, April 30, 2015**

95 years old, had spent three nights at someone else’s place. The elderly who had witnessed disastrous earthquake of 1990, 2045 and 2068 stayed outside of her house for the first time as she was too afraid. She has been living with her daughter-in law. Though has no interest living outside but the gossips of occurrence of the aftershocks of earthquake has created fear in her.

When she first witnessed and experienced earthquake at the age of 13 she had no idea about what earthquake was. She had gone to collect woods at that time. She tried to recollect memories of eighty years ago of the disastrous earthquake. She and her friend had stolen honey and rice grains. They had gone to the forest to eat that but made an excuse of collecting woods. Just as when they began to search the woods, they heard noise and saw a house at the other side of the forest tumbling down. She further stated that she heard screaming of the people.

They were really scared. At the night her mother returned home crying and hugged her but she was still unaware of what actually was happening. She said her mother did not answer her but her brother told it was an earthquake.

In 90’s earthquake, 12 people of a household died. She told that most of the people were living in joint family so many family members died in a house. People from one village came to other to take out the dead bodies and injured people were cured through ayurvedic medicines in the village itself.

Those who died in the earthquake were cremated in the nearby river whereas; the children were buried by digging the ground. It was not like today where people have tents, blankets and all. But in that time villagers gathered and made bamboo house for each family and after several years people build stoned house.





UPCOMING EVENTS

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| **S.N.** | **EVENTS** | **DETAILS** |
| 1. |  | **The Physiological Society is going to organize the conference Ageing and Degeneration – A Physiological perspective on 10th to 11th April 2015 on Edinburgh, United Kingdom.**  [**http://www.physoc.org/ageingtopic/ageing-and-degeneration-physiological-perspective**](http://www.physoc.org/ageingtopic/ageing-and-degeneration-physiological-perspective) |
| 2. | **C:\Users\nishant1\Desktop\TCD_1.tif** | **The international training programme is going to held on 22nd to 24th September. This three day training programme will focus on the theme of dementia and memory impairment. This training event is aimed at PhD postdoctoral students and early career researchers**. <http://www.cardi.ie/ageing2015> |
| 3. | C:\Users\nishant1\Desktop\unnamed.png | **Let’s talk about sex conference organized by Alzheimer's Australia Victoria and co-hosted by COTA Victoria on , will promote discussions that aim to improve the health and emotional well-being of older people through recognition of their rights to sexual expression.**[**http://letstalkaboutsexconference2015.com/**](http://letstalkaboutsexconference2015.com/) |
| 4. |  | **International Federation on Ageing 13th Global Conference is going to be held on 21-23 June 2016 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The program will primarily focus on Disasters in an Ageing World, reflecting on both natural and man-made disasters.**  [**http://ifa2016.org.au/**](http://ifa2016.org.au/) |

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