

Nepal Pharmacy Council (NPC)
Summary of Expenditure of Earthquake Relief Support Received through
Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Association (FAPA)

1. Background

The devastating earthquake which was hit on 25 April & 12 May 2016 was a target natural disaster of Nepal. Almost 9000 people lost their life, about 22 thousand injured, about 611 thousand government and public houses were fully destroyed and about 300 thousand government and public houses were partially collapsed. Many historical, cultural and archeological heritages have been destroyed. This tragic event caused an inconceivable loss of lives and properties.

Many national and international communities came forward for rescue, relief and rehabilitation of Nepalese people. FAPA is one of those organizations which came forward for their support through Nepal Pharmacy Council. Nepal Pharmacy Council (NPC) can never forget FAPA and its allied associations for their kind support.

After learning that president of FAPA Mr. Joseph Wang has shown willingness to make support through member association NPC chairperson communicated through a formal letter to FAPA for their support which was communicated to all member associations. The NPC received the following support as cash from their following member associations for the relief of earthquake victims.

Table I: Donation Received

Organization	Date	Amount in USD
Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Association (FAPA)	May 10, 2015	2000.00
Taiwan Pharmaceutical Association (TPA)	May 10, 2015	2089.00
Japan Pharmaceutical Association	May 20, 2015	10000.00
Philippines Pharmaceutical Association (PHA)	May 18, 2015	1000.00
Korean Pharmaceutical Association	June 12, 2015	72077.00
Total		87,166.00

2. Utilization of received fund

NPC discussed about the utilization of fund on its meeting. There were four different ideas as option:

1. Transfer the fund to the Prime Minister Disaster Relief Fund
2. Construct some public houses or school
3. Provide relief materials to the victims
4. Provide relief to the victim pharmacist or pharmacy students

There were several national and international organizations working for the relief operation. Several duplications were seen. Misuse of the relief material also observed. The council decided to provide relief only for the victim pharmacist and pharmacy student. Council also decided to utilize some money for providing information about the proper use of drug and health awareness through a popular radio program.

3. Identification of real victim pharmacy student

A seven member team was constituted under the chair of NPC for the identification and certification of the real victim. A public notice was issued in National daily news paper with time limit and council website to apply for relief with the following evidence:

- Red card issued by the government authority with class of victim (i.e Category A or B)
- Relationship evidence of the pharmacist or pharmacy student with the card holder so that the individual belongs to the same family
- Evidence of loss of life (if any) ie. death certificate issued by government authority
- Evidence that the individual is a pharmacist/pharmacy assistant or pharmacy student (Council registration certificate or recommendation from the college)
- Photograph of collapsed house as possible
- An application to the council

The applications received were scrutinized by the committee and interviewed the victims to confirm about their loss. The NPC meeting decided to distribute cash amount to the victims on the following basis.

Table II: Distribution category

Category	Type	Amount to be distributed (NRs.)
Category A++	Loss of house and loss of two family member	Rs. 100,000.00
Category A+	Loss of house and loss of one family member	Rs. 50,000.00
Category A	Completely destruction of house	Rs. 15000.00
Category B	Partial destruction of house/complete collapse of pharmacy	Rs. 10,000.00

4. Relief distribution

A formal relief distribution ceremony was organized on December 10, 2015. The chief guest of the ceremony was Hon. Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Chitra Bahadur KC and Special guest His Excellency Korean Ambassador to Nepal Mr. Yong Jin Choe and FAPA President Mr. Joseph Wang. Several dignitaries and victims were present on the occasion. An account payee cheque was distributed to the victims present on the occasion. Those not present on the occasion received their cheque from the council office. The donor organizations were honored by letter of appreciation.

Table III: Number and amount received by the victims

Category	Number	Rate Rs.	Amount Rs.	Amount in UD\$
Category A++	1	100,000.00	100,000.00	1000.00
Category A+	3	50,000.00	100,000.00	1000.00
Category A	369	15,000.00	5,535,000.00	55,350.00
Category B	11	10,000.00	110,000.00	1100.00
Total	384		5,845,000.00	58450.00

Note: Conversion rate is taken at 1\$= Rs. 100.00

5. Expense under other programs

Name of program	Number	Amount Rs.	Amount in UD\$
Radio program (Joint work)	24 episodes	300,000.00	3,000.00
Administrative expenses (including relief distribution program)	-	185,000.00	1850.00
Missed victims	11 @ 15000.00	165,000.00	1650.00
Total		650,000.00	6500.00

6. Radio program

Earthquake victims focused radio program was organized every Thursday morning 6.30 AM to 7.00 for 24 weeks in collaboration with a popular radio, CIN Network (Radio having 240 stations throughout the country. We have been making a study about the impact of our effort about the correct use of medicine. This program was a joint effort of Radio and Nepal Pharmacy Council. NPC contributed Rs. 300,000.00 (Approx 3000USD) for this program. Link for this radio program is: <http://www.cin.org.np/>.

7. Utilization of remaining fund

The council is discussing about the proper utilization of remaining fund. Part of the remaining fund will be utilized for post disaster implication effect to the public health especially with the use of different medicines which were used in other health problems. Rest of the fund will be put as NPC Disaster Relief Fund.