



Information on reconstruction now available through mobile app

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Surakshit Ghar, a mobile application developed by Build Change for the Nepal National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) has been officially launched. Prof. Dr. Govinda Raj Pokharel, CEO of National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) officially launched the app on Tuesday.

The app contains NRA messages, important information as well as audio visual information and suggestions on safe reconstruction.

Officially launching the app, Prof. Dr. Pokharel expressed his firm belief about the usefulness of the app to homeowners who are rebuilding or planning to rebuild their houses. Responding to the journalists' questions in a press conference, he also said that NRA will be deploying 140 more engineers right after the election owing to the issue of lack of engineers in the field.

Sharing his experience about the lack of technical and skilled human resource in the field, he said that approximately 10,000 people are participating in different levels of technical trainings in order to resolve this issue.

Noll Tufani, Country Director, Build Change said that the app has been developed in order to help the earthquake affected through the NRA. The app contains information on government approved house designs as well as contact details of trained masons and engineers. The app also consists of audio and video information, suggestions and procedures on obtaining government subsidies, with an objective to reach even those who cannot read or write. In addition, the app also contains information on construction practices, site safety, contact details of technical staff as well as messenger and toll free hotline service to receive free technical assistance. According to Build Change, the app has been developed to help homeowners rebuild safely by providing technical assistance and awareness. The app is available for free and can be used offline after downloading.