

Information goes to earthquake affected through mobile app, thanks to Build Change

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The earthquake affected citizens of Nepal can now get information on safe reconstruction through a mobile app. The mobile app which has been developed by Build Change for the Nepal National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) contains official NRA messages, audio clips, videos, information and recommendations building earthquake resistant houses, new construction practices and house designs as well as contact details of government certified trained masons and engineers.

Likewise, the app also contains information on guidelines to be followed to receive the government subsidy, technical advice on reconstruction, quality construction materials, construction practices, site safety and contact details. While officially launching the app today, Prof, Dr. Govinda Raj Pokharel, CEO, National Reconstruction Authorty (NRA), said that the post-earthquake reconstruction has not been able to make significant progress as planned. He further asserted, "Due to lack of skilled human resource in the country, reconstruction is taking a long time."

Prof. Dr. Pokharel also said that the completion of the local elections will help speed up the process of reconstruction. Noll Tufani, Country Director, Build Change said, "I am very happy to be able to help Nepal during its sorrow." He further expressed his commitment to keep contributing in the field of earthquake reconstruction in coming days.