

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has agreed to provide 15 million US Dollar grant (About equivalent Rs 1.5 billion) for the implementation of Emergency Top-up Cash Transfer Project for the Earthquake-affected Vulnerable Population to the Government of Nepal. The agreement to this effect is signed and exchanged between the two parties in the Ministry of Finance, Kathmandu, today.

The project has three main objectives. These are, immediate relief, model building and longer-term strengthening of the social protection system for children in the country. This program covers 19 districts they were mostly affected by the earthquakes, namely Khotang, Okhaldhunga, Solukhumbu, Dolakha, Ramechhap, Sindhuli, Sindhupalchok, Kavhrepalanchok, Makawanpur, Nuwakot, Dhading, Rasuwa, Gorkha, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Kathmandu, Chitawan, Tanahun and Lamjung. The implementing agency will be Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD) in coordination with the selected District Development Committees (DDCs) and Village Development Committees (VDCs). The period of this project will be six months, i.e., from July 2015 to December 2015.

The Agreement was signed by Mr. Madhu Kumar Marasini, Joint Secretary, International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division, Ministry of Finance and Mr. Tomoo Hozumi, Representative, UNICEF Nepal Country Office on behalf of the Government of Nepal and UNICEF respectively.

The Government of Nepal has expressed its sincere appreciation to the UNICEF for this assistance and its continued support in the crisis period due to the 25th April earthquake and also in the field of social development of Nepal.

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