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Nepal: Aid in difficult conditions, day labourers need support

Bonn, 6th May 2015. Even ten days on after the disaster it is still difficult to reach the remote villages in the mountains. "On our way to Sindhupalchowk district we had to offload supplies from trucks on to smaller vehicles so that we were able to continue", says Jürgen Mika, Welthungerhilfe emergency aid coordinator. "Without the knowledge and expertise of our local partners we wouldn't be able to reach the people in need at all."

On Tuesday, in the area around Sindhupalchowk, north east of the capital Kathmandu, 2,000 families received blankets and tarpaulins. These serve as temporary shelter and particularly as protection against the rains, because many people are still having to sleep outdoors. In the district of Dhading, where the devastation and need for aid is especially large, food parcels were distributed to 2,000 families. The packages contain rice, lentils, oil, and salt and ensure a twelve-day supply for people in need.

In the greater Kathmandu area, Welthungerhilfe is focusing on supporting day labourers. Here, 1,000 families are receiving parcels with staple foods. In the wake of the earthquake the local economy has completely collapsed and, with it, the daily income opportunities for hundreds of thousands of day labourers. They have no financial reserves and for ten days have had no wages to provide for their families.

Upon request, we can put you in touch with someone from the distribution areas in the villages.

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