



Nepalese Government Delegates and IOM Nepal visit the Philippines

IOM Philippines organized a study visit for Nepalese Delegates and IOM Nepal staff to learn more about Camp Coordination and Camp Management and Shelter cluster response in post-disaster situations

Last week from 24-28 February, IOM Philippines welcomed an official visit from Government Delegates of Nepal, Director General of the Department of Urban Development and Building Construction Mr. Shambhu K.C. and Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs Mr. Krishna Prasad Devkot, together with two representatives from IOM Nepal. They came to learn more about IOM's Camp Coordination and Camp Management and Shelter cluster response in the post-disaster situations in the Philippines.

The study visit was planned for the government officials as part of the "Preparedness and Management of Open Spaces for Effective Humanitarian Response in the Kathmandu Valley" project supported by USAID and OFDA. The project aims to assist the Government of Nepal in disaster preparedness by improving the national capacities and efficiency on the management of open spaces identified for humanitarian purposes in case of disasters. Also the project includes developing public awareness and the increase of response capacities of the Nepalese authorities.

During the four-day visit, the delegates met with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Assistant Secretary Vilma Cabrera to learn about the continuing collaboration between IOM and DSWD including on-going capacity development activities for the DSWD personnel. They also paid a courtesy visit to Office of Civil Defense, where Deputy Director Romeo Fajardo welcomed them and key officials gave a briefing on the Philippines' National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management system.

They also visited IOM Sub-Offices in Tacloban and Guiuan to witness how the communities coped with Typhoon Haiyan's impact and how IOM and the humanitarian agencies provided support to the government and affected population. Mr. Shambhu expressed his gratitude and mentioned: "this was a fruitful experience because we learned from IOM Philippines how to manage an emergency response. I hope that we continue to share knowledge and experience in emergency preparedness and response, which will be helpful for our colleagues and people in Nepal".



The delegates from Nepal having a meeting with Marco Boasso, IOM Philippines Chief of Mission Philippines ©IOM 2015



Laurence Wood, IOM Shelter Officer explaining safer shelter construction techniques that have been disseminated to the communities ©IOM 2015



Government delegates of Nepal and IOM Nepal representatives having a meeting with Deputy Director of Office of Civil Defense Romeo Fajardo ©IOM 2015



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