

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The United Kingdom through its Department for International Development has agreed to provide a total grant assistance of Starling Pound 10 million (equivalent NRs. 1.61 billion) to the Government of Nepal for Post- Earthquake Response for Renewable Energy in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of 25 April 2015.

The grant assistance will be used for the implementation of Nepal Rural Renewable Energy Programme (NRREP) to deliver renewable energy technologies to earthquake victims. It will support individuals and communities affected by disaster to be able to return to normal life with minimal suffering and disruption of energy services. This includes 124,000 Solar Tukies (5-10) watts, 500 solar community mobile charging stations (200-250) watts, Rehabilitation of 6500 Kw Micro Hydro Plants damaged by earthquake, reconstruction of 15000 earthquake affected biogas plants and 20,000 portable metallic rocket stoves for earthquake affected households.

The Projects identified under this support will be implemented for the period of 7 years from the beginning of 2016 to 30 June 2017.

The Agreement was signed by Mr. Madhu Kumar Marasini, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Mrs. Gail Marzetti, Head of Office, DFID Nepal on behalf of the Government of Nepal and the Government of the United Kingdom.

The Government of Nepal has expressed its sincere appreciation to the Government of of the United Kingdom for this assistance and for its continued support to the socio-economic development of Nepal.

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