

Summary of open spaces allocation report

Kathmandu is at high risk of a major earthquake. The estimated population of 3.5 million living in the confines of the Kathmandu Valley along with the high number of sub-standard buildings means that a major earthquake [9 on the Richter Scale] will have disastrous consequences for Kathmandu residents. It is expected that the earthquake could leave 100,000 dead, 300,000 injured, 60% of buildings destroyed, and about 1.8 millions left homeless.

Under the overall leadership of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), International Organization for Migration (IOM) as co-lead of the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) cluster, undertook a study to identify open spaces within Kathmandu which could be used for humanitarian purposes in the event an earthquake occurred.

The open space concept, initially starting in 2009 following the Koshi Flood Response and activation of the cluster approach in Nepal has developed into being the only project of its kind in the developing world. Each open space has been allocated with suggested applications to accommodate for the projected needs following a disastrous event in the Kathmandu Valley, following series of consultations and exercises with the concerned stakeholders.

At the end of April 2013, 83 Open Spaces were published in the Government of Nepal Gazette detailing the location and rules set forth around the application of the open space program. However, the site allocation is yet to be approved by the MoHA.

While each site has a suggested use, as times and needs change the allocation may also change. The responsibility for the maintaining of and information sharing related to each site rests within the MoHA.

The Open Spaces were never designed to provide a full response/reception capability for all displacement in the Kathmandu Valley following an earthquake. The Open Spaces are designed to provide the initial response planning framework for the Government and partner agencies to be able to have a starting point from which to provide life-saving assistance to those in immediate need.

The 83 open spaces and its suggested usages:

SN	Name	Area Sq. m	Suggested usages
1	Adarsa Azad Higher Secondary School	2,171.66	Medical Assistance Area
2	Airport (Nepal Army Golf site)	176,853.64	Multiple: Military installation, Civil-Mil coordination center, warehousing, Humanitarian coordination area
3	Airport Central Dojo	21,328.91	Humanitarian Coordination Area

4	ANFA Football Ground (north)	18,238.22	Settlement/camp
5	ANFA Football Ground (south)	11,405.23	Vulnerable population assistance area
6	Bagmati Corridor 1	16,054.67	Settlement/camp
7	Bagmati Corridor 2	19,450.14	Multiple: Settlement/camp, Logistics hub
8	Bagmati Corridor 3	43,787.67	Settlement/camp
9	Bagmati Corridor 4	15,994.22	Multiple: Debris, dead body mgmt/morgue
10	Bagmati Corridor 5	20,705.69	Multiple: Debris, dead body mgmt/morgue
11	Bagmati Corridor 6	6,261.10	Debris collection
12	Balmiki Vidyapith	5,603.63	Multiple: Distribution and medical assistance area
13	Basu School	2,625.05	Humanitarian camp
14	Bhaktapur Bahumukhi Campus	25,970.81	Settlement/camp
15	Bhaktapur Durbar Square	5,936.30	Distribution area
16	Bhandarkhal	21,238.28	Settlement/camp
17	Bhelukhel	4,659.93	Logistics
18	Bhirkuti Mandap	84,138.70	Settlement/camp
19	Birendra Sainik School	67,089.78	Multiple: Civil-Mil coordination center, warehouse, medical assistance, helipad, humanitarian coordination, vulnerable population assistance, telecommunication, portable water source
20	Civil Aviation 1	17,457.82	Settlement/camp
21	Civil Aviation 3	76,292.66	Logistics
22	Dashrath Stadium	32,249.58	Multiple: Humanitarian coordination, humanitarian camp, helipad
23	Datatratya	1,937.70	Medical assistance
24	DWSS	45,022.32	Settlement/camp
25	Election Commission Office	16,168.61	Multiple: Helipad, distribution area, telecommunication
26	End of Airport Site (Civil Aviation 2)	142,215.32	Warehousing
27	Gokarna Golf Club Site	290,060.86	Multiple: Settlement/camp, assembly point for displaced, distribution area, warehouse, medical assistance, helipad, portable water
28	Gokul Chaur	7,328.13	Distribution area
29	Golf club site (royal)/airport	141,414.10	Multiple: Logistics, civil-mil coordination, warehouse, humanitarian camp, helipad, humanitarian coordination area, portable water
30	Himal Cement Company	91,756.67	Logistics
31	Hyatt Regency Hotel	82,979.29	Humanitarian Camp
32	Jawalakhel Football Ground	7,501.69	Settlement/camp
33	Khwopa College	26,692.29	Settlement/camp

34	Khwopa Engineering College	11,916.01	Settlement/camp
35	Kwathandu	1,531.74	Medical assistance
36	Lagankhel Football Ground	11,211.30	Multiple: warehouse, medical assistance, helipad
37	Lagankhel Stupa	17,717.58	Humanitarian coordination area
38	Lalitpur Municipality Office	6,359.01	Humanitarian coordination area
39	Madan Smarak	13,096.04	Distribution area
40	Maheshwori Football Ground	8,354.00	Settlement/camp
41	Modern Indian School	14,795.90	Settlement/camp
42	Narayan Chaur	10,266.17	Settlement/camp
43	NARC	493,702.60	Multiple: settlement/camp, logistics, medical assistance, distribution, helipad, telecommunications, portable water
44	Nasamana	762.30	Distribution area
45	National Academy	24,423.20	Humanitarian camp
46	Nepal Bal Mandir	14,948.80	Settlement/camp
47	Oxygenation Park	359,400.56	Debris collection
48	Padma Higher Secondary School	2,230.23	Humanitarian coordination area
49	Padma Kanya Campus	17,093.61	Settlement/camp
50	Pashupati 1	17,981.45	Settlement/camp
51	Pashupati 2	10,753.01	Medical assistance
52	Pashupati 3	19,798.00	Settlement/camp
53	Pashupati 4	11,363.81	Medical assistance
54	Pashupati 5	33,103.66	Medical assistance
55	Pulchowk Engg. College	20,516.28	Multiple: Distribution area, portable water
56	Pulchowk Engg. College 2	86,406.82	Multiple: Settlement/camp, portable water
57	Rastriya Sabha Griha	13,589.23	Settlement/camp
58	Ratna Park	177,228.49	Multiple use: camp, helipad, civil-mil coordination, medical assistance area, vulnerable population assistance area
59	Ringroad Balaju Kalanki	308,480.95	Settlement/camp
60	Ringroad Balkumari Gwarko	78,169.03	Debris collection
61	Ringroad Ekantakuna Balkhu	166,804.61	Multiple: Settlement/camp, distribution area
62	Ringroad Gwarko Satdobato	71,129.10	Debris collection
63	Ringroad Maharajgunj Balaju	272,338.98	Settlement/camp
64	Ringroad Maharajgunj Chabahil	174,041.10	Debris collection
65	Ringroad Satdobato Ekantakuna	117,111.31	Debris collection
66	RONAST	73,071.58	Multiple: camp, medical assistance, humanitarian coordination area
67	Sallaghari Tinkune	66,896.13	Settlement/camp
68	Sano Gaucharan	8,747.76	Distribution area
69	Saraswati Vidyagriha	2,895.44	Logistics

70	Shankha Park	10,751.35	Multiple: Debris collection, Logistics
71	Sifal Ground	7,182.78	Settlement/camp
72	Social Welfare Council	13,319.00	Vulnerable population assistance area
73	St. Mary's School	10,825.32	Humanitarian camp
74	St. Xavier School	21,382.94	Humanitarian camp
75	Suryamadi	795.61	Distribution area
76	Talako	1,054.47	Distribution area
77	Taumadi	1,998.70	Humanitarian coordination area
78	Tibetan Refugee Camp	5,982.58	Medical assistance
79	Tin Kune	28,372.15	Settlement/camp
80	Tribhuvan University	1,431,956.83	Multiple: camp, assembly point for displaced, distribution, warehouse, medical assistance, helipad, portable water
81	UN Park Jwagal	42,300.46	Settlement/camp
82	UN Park Gusingal	81,380.22	Settlement/camp
83	Vidyarthi Niketan	12,324.70	Distribution area

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