

“Yesterday’s tremors were more than tremors. They shook the confidence that was slowly building in the people to rebuild and resettle in the houses. There are no human casualty reported yet. A few stones from the already broken buildings fell, a few landslides took place; however they were small. Network was down for sometimes but it was restored. VSAT network was fine, but the CDMA network that we use was disturbed for sometimes.

When the first tremor hit, the Jesuits together with the school committees were planning for next step in rebuilding schools in the VDC, Education Ministry has asked the committees to reopen the schools by 3rd Jesth, however we are at a loss as to how and where. All the four schools in the VDC are completely destroyed by the earthquake. There are no class rooms, no tents, no books, no teachers, no desks and benches and no help from the Education Ministry. We have suggested the committees to call a general meeting of staff, students and parents to discuss the further move regarding schools. The meeting was dispersed because the tremor, we could not finish the meeting since all ran to see if any damage has been caused in their homes or to their kith and kin. We shall wait for another time for the meeting.

Few more details of the village—the earthquake has developed many cracks on the hill tops and the land slops. People fear heavy landslides during the rainy season, and they need a place where they could settle down for a few months.

Ward No. 1. is the most effected ward, they have no land of their own, they belong to the Dalit group. Their food supplies are very low, and they have no place even to put up makeshift tents for temporary shelter. Government is not able to reach to every person in the VDC.

We still have no electricity supply, though the small hydro-power station seems to be fine. The employees are still trying to manage the transmission lines to the houses. Hopefully we will have the supply of electricity soon. Since the electricity is not there recharging of the communication devices, CDMA phones have problems. Till now we are lucky to have solar power working and sometimes we need generator which were safely removed from the fallen house by Fr. Norbert and his brave team. Jesuit Residence has become the center for Phone Recharging and Communication. Jesuits new property has turned into helipad and the place for official works, because it is the only open and free place.”