

Experts flag slow distribution of housing grant

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Experts have flagged slow expenditure while allocation for post-quake reconstruction has increased phenomenally in the last two years.

“Due to lack of trained human resources and cumbersome procedures related to grant distribution, among other factors, there has been low disbursement of housing grant,” said Kishor Maharjan, assistant professor at Tribhuvan University, addressing a discussion titled ‘Expenditure Analysis and Tracking of Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Programmes’ here today.

Padmini Pradhananga, general secretary at Transparency International, said very few houses have been rebuilt and there were many cases of fraudulent and duplicitous registration.

Meanwhile, Financial Comptroller General Rajendra Prasad Nepal said the government is vigilantly tracking the distribution process and rectifying problems whenever necessary.