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Assessing the risk of cholera in Nepal following the earthquake



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Tents in Lalitpur, Nepal after the recent earthquakes. Photo: Lorenz Von Seidlein (2015)

Will the earthquake in Nepal be followed by a massive cholera outbreak and can this risk be reduced if oral cholera vaccine is introduced? These are some of the questions that led Dr. Lorenz von Seidlein, from the DOVE Project (www.stopcholera.org [3]) to travel to Nepal to help assess the risk in collaboration with Anuj Bhattachan from the International Vaccine Institute (www.ivi.int [4]), along with Deepak C. Bajracharya and Shyam Raj Upreti from the Group for Technical Assistance, Kathmandu, Nepal (<http://www.gtanepal.org/aboutus.html> [5]), a partner of DOVE Project. The assessment was requested by the Ministry of Health which was concerned about the risk of enteric diseases, including cholera. In this [PLOS Blog post](#) [6], Dr. von Seidlein provides his perspective on the risks of cholera and the potential for OCV in Nepal.

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