

***Monday 27th of April - 20.40 HKT:***

CWS would like to thank you so much for the generosity and the support you have showed us in Nepal's time of need. We have had a long day trying to get in touch with all our beneficiaries and partners on the ground and we can now confirm that to the best of our knowledge they are all safe and unharmed and so are their families.

Many have been very shaken up and are sleeping in the streets as they have been told by the government not to stay indoors for the next 72 hours as many buildings have cracks and may still collapse. The mobile network is very unstable. While electricity seems to work in most parts the country, many are having difficulty accessing it due to being afraid of going in their houses. Most transports systems are down.

Most of our partners have already started working on providing relief efforts. They are all working on various projects based on their staff capacity and resources.

Kopila Nepal, is providing psychosocial counselling to survivors, children, women and people with mental issues and illnesses. They are providing psychological first aid in the Western Regional Hospital and Gandaki Medical Collage in Pokhara, Gorkha District Hospital which was in the epicentre of the earthquake and in Kathmandu which has been devastated. They are also providing emergency food aid and medicine in Pokhara and Gorkha. Their staff have all pledged 2 days of salary and so have their board members.

Right4Children is helping the NGO Federation with a help desk in hospitals to match beneficiaries to NGO providing the needs they require. They are currently donating their staff and they will inform us as soon as possible on what sort of financial support they will be needing.

CWSN, as a member of special Rescue Coordination Committee, is working for the immediate relief for the victims in the western region. They are sending support to injured people; a large number of injured people are being brought to hospitals in Pokhara. They are planning to provide the VTC (our vocational training school which is currently vacant) as a hostel for injured people who need to stay a bit longer in Pokhara for recovery. They are currently arranging bedding, food and logistic support at the VTC. From tomorrow, people will start to go there.

Our partner Sano Paila is coordinating with local authorities to send supplies to Gorkha which was in the epicenter of the earthquake.

Shakti Samuha will be meeting tomorrow morning to coordinate a response in Kathmandu.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

We thank you again so much for your kind support which will make such a big difference to our partners in Nepal. Should you know of anyone wishing to make a donation but who does not know where to go, please direct them our way.

You can visit our page <http://cwshk.org/Donate.aspx> for updates which we will be posting regularly. We will keep sending you updates but should you wish not to receive them anymore please reply to this email and let me know.

Thank you,  
CWS team