

Tuesday 28th of April - 22.30 HKT:

As Nepal continues to be terrorized by aftershocks and hindered by a crippled transport network it is becoming apparent just how long this suffering will go on. 6 million people are affected. The long term effects of this will be huge – not just in relation to infrastructure and resources but also the physiological well-being of survivors who have witnessed so much suffering and fear.

We are overwhelmed by the support we have received - total amount raised is now at HK\$766,000! It is absolutely wonderful to witness everyone unite to help Nepal; it is comforting during this difficult time for our teams and beneficiaries to know that we all stand by them.

The update from Nepal today is promising and we are able to support so many with food, shelter, medicine and care: -

- Douglas, together with 3 of our partners, Kopila Nepal, Right4Children and Sano Paila are coordinating a response with other local NGOs to respond to the immediate needs in Pokhara, Gorkha, Kavre, Lamjung and the Kathmandu area.

- Gorkha which is in the epicentre of the earthquake has been badly hit and some areas have still not received aid. We are currently focusing on emergency needs including tents, rope, tarps, medicine, food, shelter, blankets, rope and water purification tablets. Teams are already on the ground in Gorkha, Kathmandu, Kavre, Birgunj and Pokhara and teams are leaving to Lamjung tomorrow morning.

- By tomorrow we will have sent US\$58,000 (around HK\$456,000) to buy goods and materials (mentioned above) locally and get it transported to those in need (all expenses are documented and will be reported on transparently).

- The Asha Health team are working hard to provide medical care to survivors in and around the Pokhara area.

- The JYOTI Vocational Training Centre (currently vacant due to semester break) has been turned into a shelter to house and feed around 200 people who are less severely injured and need to recover or to stay with their family members. They will confirm their financial needs with us by tomorrow morning.

- We are still waiting for news from Sindhupalchok where we have anti-trafficking projects. Our team are struggling to coordinate their efforts as the communication networks remain unstable in Kathmandu

and in Sindhupalchowk. We hope to have some further developments tomorrow.

Unfortunately, scammers come out of the woodwork during desperate times like this so our teams have to be careful and persistent. There are reports of some shops charging Nrs 500(HK\$50) for a bottle of water! The Government is trying to stop these scammers and have today announced that shop keepers who abuse the current situation will face 10 years in jail and a fine of Nrs 200,000 (HK\$20,000).

The monsoon begins in June so we are desperate to get water proof accommodation arranged in these communities as soon as possible.

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 to Nepal's emergency please kindly direct them our way.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us on +852 2526 8810.

Thank you so much for your help,
The CWS team