



Nepal Earthquake Ground Report

Update: May 22, 2015

The disastrous earthquake on April 25, 2015 caused widespread devastation in at least 12 districts of Nepal and some parts of India. It is estimated that the earthquake has killed more than 15,000 people, although some expert opinions assess higher casualties. Thousands of houses have been destroyed in the mountainous districts of Nepal. Damage was compounded by another powerful earthquake on May 12, 2015.

Several monasteries, temples, and heritage buildings of archaeological importance have been destroyed in different parts of Nepal including Kathmandu: Patan Krishna Mandir, Patan Darbar Square, Basantpur Hanuman Dhoka Darbar square, Bhaktapur Darbar square, Taleju Mandir. The loss of the historical and culturally important Bhimsen Dharahara, the nine-story tower, is probably the worst loss for Nepal's history.

Sewa International and its sister organizations started rescue and relief work just 3 hours after the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal on April 25! They started distributing drinking water, rice, bitten rice (chiwda), ready to eat snacks, and, tarpaulins as an immediate relief in many places of Nepal.



Relief Work: Operations

For the last 5 weeks, relief material has been distributed in all 12 badly effected districts of Nepal including: Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Dhading, Kabhrepalanchok, Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Dolakha, Gorakha, Ramechhap, Sindhupalchok and Lamjung. In some of these districts the earthquake has destroyed 90% of the houses.

The volunteers have also tried to reach many of the isolated villages that are located at higher altitudes of 10,000 feet or above, to provide relief material to the people in distress. There has been a severe demand for tarpaulins, to protect families from the rain/wind/sun, and for food, such as rice and yellow gram (daal).

Dattatreya Hosabale and Sunil Ambekar, senior dignitaries from Sewa International's sister organizations in India, spent five-days in Nepal and provided timely and valuable guidance. They participated in relief, boosted the morale of all volunteers, and provided direction for serving the quake-affected effectively.

Sewa International Partner Organizations in Nepal

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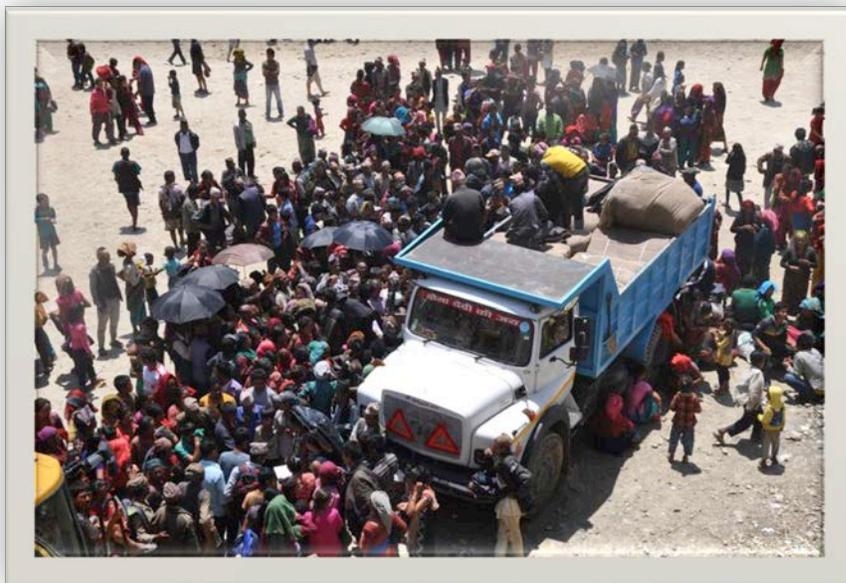
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Relief Work: Materials Distributed

Sewa and its sister organizations, successfully deployed more than 1,600 volunteers for the rescue and relief operations and have reached more than 300 villages in these 12 districts of Nepal. Villages in Nepal comprise of scattered groups of hamlets making relief work challenging. More than 200 tons of relief material like Tarpaulins, Rice, yellow gram, edible oil, tents, biscuits, have already been distributed till this date. Another 50 tons of material is awaiting transportation from Bharat.

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Relief Material Distributed (May 18, 2015)

Sl #	Type	Quantity
1	Rice	600 Quintals
2	Tarpaulins	20759
3	Blankets	25152
4	Biscuits	37314 packets
5	Noodles	15208 packs
6	Gur (Jaggery)	17061 Kgs
7	Puffed Rice	20799 Kgs
8	Wheat flour	5800 Kgs
9	Edible oil	393 Kgs
10	Sugar	100 Quintals
11	Salt	1877 kgs
12	Clothes (new)	483 sacks
13	Yellow gram (Daal)	915 kgs.
14	Potato	1600 bags (50Kg/bag)

Other materials distributed: Medicines, water bottles, mats, candles, torchlights, matchboxes, and umbrellas.



Housing – An Immediate Concern

The Sewa International movement that started in India in 1989 has had more than 25 years of experience in dealing with disaster relief. Since the establishment of Sewa International in the US in 2003, we have dealt with disaster relief and rehabilitation including Tsunami (2004), Hurricane Katrina (2005), Orissa Floods (2007), Bihar Floods (2008), Hurricane Ike (2008), Cyclone Alia (2009), AP/Karnataka Floods (2009), Leh Cloudburst (2010), Colorado Floods (2012), Maharashtra drought (2013),

Uttarakhand Floods (2013), and, Jammu & Kashmir Floods (2014). In all the above cases our volunteers from Sewa International have participated on the



ground serving humanity without discrimination.

The student community is one of the worst affected. Schools have been

Three Phases of Disaster Recovery

- Rescue (0-5 days)
 - Relief (up to 60 days)
 - Rehabilitation (3-5 years)
- Shyam Parande, Global Coordinator, Sewa International, New Delhi

DISASTER RECOVERY IN NEPAL – IMMEDIATE RELIEF

To beat the monsoon, our volunteers on the ground in Nepal are working hard to build temporary rain resistant shelters before the monsoon hits. Providing a temporary roof using tin sheets and a structure to support is the

destroyed, and with families staying in camps, children and youth are receiving very little formal education at this time. Educational plans are being put into place to keep the children and youth engaged.

Rehabilitation – A Long Road

Sewa International has put a team together to survey the damage and provide a proposal on long-term rehabilitation. This report will be released in

the first week of July. Sewa and partner organizations will be working in six of the twelve hardest hit districts. A menu of possible rehabilitation items is being considered (see adjacent figure).



Partnership and Support

Sewa International appreciates the support and cooperation of many local organizations from various Nepali towns and villages of the quake-affected districts. These local organizations with their intimate knowledge of the remote geographical areas worked jointly to guide our relief operation.

The people of India, rose to the occasion and donated relief material on a massive scale and in a timely manner through Sewa International, India, and,

Rashtriya Sewa Bharati, India. Their efforts continue to the present.

Sewa International volunteers across the globe have worked hard to generate a judicious and instant response by raising funds for the relief effort. The Indian Embassy in

Kathmandu provided round the clock services to the earthquake affected. A team of physicians from Arogya Bharati (a Sewa funded organization), National Medicos Organization, and many individual groups joined the relief effort with medicines and medical kits that have saved many lives. Sewa is very thankful to all for their timely help.

Sewa International thanks the donors who have supported us during the Nepal relief, and looks forward for the further support for the long-term rehabilitation program.

100% of the donations will go directly to beneficiaries in Nepal

- Prof. Sree N. Sreenath,
President, Sewa International

Appeal

Sewa is committed to raising \$1 million for relief and rehabilitation efforts. We have already raised \$500,000 through pledges and donations.

Sewa International is a Hindu-faith nonprofit charity registered under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). All your donations are tax-deductible.

We thank all our donors who have brought us halfway to the target of raising \$1M for Nepal.

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