

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF



2 YEAR REPORT

BACKGROUND

On 25 April and 12 May 2015, Nepal was struck by 2 devastating earthquakes, causing unprecedented damage to the country and its people. Mercy Relief deployed our first response team within 48 hours of the first quake. Since then, Mercy Relief has established long-term partners on the ground, rising to meet the evolving challenges of recovery and implementation.

The road to recovery has been an uphill journey marked by issues including limited resources, infrastructural inefficiencies, difficult terrain and the seasonal changes. In spite of these obstacles, Mercy Relief's programmes have led to better, more resilient communities.

With your support, we have been able to implement projects that span across the entire Disaster Management Cycle from response to preparedness, benefiting over 36,000 individuals to date.

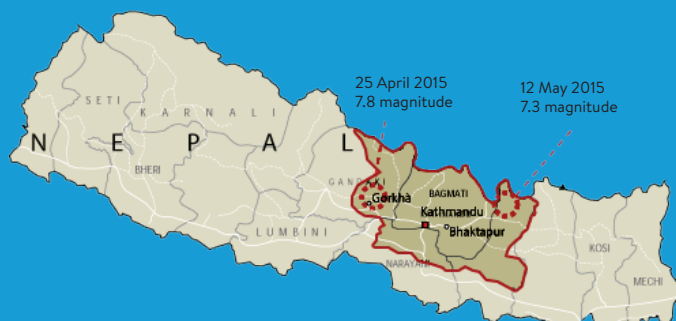
\$1.7 million

Total raised in SGD

36,066

Survivors benefited to date

AREAS AFFECTED



14 HEAVILY AFFECTED DISTRICTS

- GORKHA
- DHADING
- MAKAWANPUR
- RASUWA
- NUWAKOT
- KATHMANDU
- LALITPUR

- BHAKTAPUR
- KABHREPALANCHOK
- SINDHULI
- RAMECHAP
- DOLAKHA
- SINDHUPALCHOK
- OKHLADUNGA

> 8.1 million

Affected

> 22,000

People Injured

> 600,000

Houses Damaged

< 9,000

Fatalities

TIMELINE

25 APR WITHIN 48 HOURS APR - MAY 2015 MAY - OCT 2015 SEP 2015 - MAR 2016 APR 2016 - MAY 2017 JUL 2017 ONWARDS

Disaster Strikes Response Recovery Mitigation & Preparedness

Mercy Relief received Appeal for Assistance	Began fundraising & deployed response team	Conducted 28 Relief Distribution Operations (RDOs) & 8 medical missions	Began School Support Project & Transitional Shelter Project	Unofficial blockade	Initiated Building Resilient Communities Programme	Began Resilient Mountain Village Programme
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RELIEF ACTIVITIES

Mercy Relief deployed a team to respond to the disaster and evaluated needs on the ground, within 48 hours. Mercy Relief's nimble and agile approach allowed the team to respond quickly and effectively, providing immediate aid to survivors.

In its Response Phase, the team conducted a total of 28 extensive RDOs. Through a partnership with volunteer-doctors and nurses from Changi General Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Mercy Relief also facilitated 8 medical missions. Our relief efforts extended across 7 heavily affected districts.

20,000

Survivors benefited

Apr - May 2015

Duration



Items Distributed



HYGIENE KIT

Hand Soap
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Mask



FOOD ITEMS

Rice
Dhal
Food Grain
Salt
Cooking Oil
Noodles
Beaten Rice
Spices
Potatoes



NON FOOD ITEMS

Steel Plate
Bucket
Jug
Blanket
Tarpaulin
Carpet



SCHOOL SUPPORT PROJECT

10,000

Survivors benefited

May - Oct 2015

Duration

29

Transitional classrooms constructed

1,300

School packs distributed



Project Summary

By mid-May 2015, Mercy Relief moved into the Recovery Phase focusing on bringing back a sense of normalcy to survivors' lives. The team identified the need for transitional structures for the community. Mercy Relief collaborated with 6 ground partners to construct 29 transitional classrooms, 12 toilets and 3 water supply systems. Because of the emotional trauma caused by the quakes, the team also conducted psycho-social therapy workshops to affected students and distributed school packs and free meals to 7 schools in 4 heavily affected districts.



BACK TO NORMALCY

By providing transitional spaces, families could focus on other pressing matters and children could return to school. Easing the burden on families and being reunited with classmates for the children brought a sense of normalcy into the survivors' lives.



ACCESS TO EDUCATION

By prioritising temporary classrooms, Mercy Relief reduced the time children were out of school, providing a safe place for students to return to proper guardianship. This allowed parents to continue rebuilding what they had lost.



TRANSITIONAL SHELTER PROJECT

3,500

Survivors benefitted

Jun - Oct 2015

Duration

690

Transitional shelters constructed

8 affected districts

Location



Project Summary

With the oncoming force of the monsoon season in mid-2015 and with so many survivors left without homes, Mercy Relief worked with 5 ground partners to provide much needed transitional shelters to nearly 3,500 survivors. These shelters were constructed using CGI (Corrugated Galvanised Iron) sheets that protect families from the harsh wind and rain from the monsoons. While waiting for more permanent housing, families remain in these shelters up to today.



SHELTER

The transitional shelters provided a more immediate solution to survivors who had lost or damaged homes. The shelters shielded families from the elements, as the challenges to rebuild Nepal continues.



REDUCED RISK

Although the transitional shelters are for temporary use (up to 3 years), the structures were designed to withstand unexpected quakes, with minimal damage, protecting families and reducing risk of loss.



BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

2,530

Survivors benefited

Apr 2016 - Dec 2017

Duration



Project Summary

Entering the Mitigation Phase, Mercy Relief worked closely with our affiliate networks to “build back better”. Since April 2016, Mercy Relief has been focusing on the reconstruction of 20 earthquake resilient classrooms across 3 schools and the development of a community-managed settlement. With our partners, we provided nearly 400 students with new and safer classrooms, after tremors destroyed most of the schools’ infrastructure. The team also conducted water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activities at the schools to promote good hygiene management. Schools will also receive new supplies, furniture and equipments.

Through prior assessment, Mercy Relief identified a need for better disaster preparedness. Therefore, the schools will be used as community evacuation centres to protect students and others, in the event of future disasters.

The team also developed Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) media training for a popular radio station on best practices for disseminating information during a natural disaster; encouraging the stations to utilise their reach when disasters strike. The participating radio stations also helped to create awareness on the importance of building earthquake-resilient structures .

Activities

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| 1 | Reconstruction of Shree Sundara Devi Basic School (Nuwakot) | COMPLETED | ✓ |
| 2 | Reconstruction of Chyandanda Basic School (Sindhupalchok) | COMPLETED | ✓ |
| 3 | Reconstruction of Fulpingkot Secondary School (Sindhupalchok) | COMPLETED | ✓ |
| 4 | School Equipment Support | ONGOING | → |
| 5 | Community-managed Settlement (Kathmandu) | ONGOING | → |





MASONRY TRAINING

Sindhupalchok

Location

Mar & Nov 2016

Duration

36

Masons trained

117

Houses constructed to date



Project Summary

Mercy Relief organised training sessions for 36 survivors to acquire high-demand masonry skills. To date, these masons have constructed 117 homes and parts of our school projects using local materials in compliance with the nation’s building codes. They also shared their new knowledge, skills and importance of building resilient structures with their communities.



INCREASED LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES

The trainees have seen an increase in job opportunities within their local community and are better equipped to contribute.



IMPROVED DRR INFRASTRUCTURES

With the increased awareness and knowledge of the new building codes, more structures are built to withstand future disasters, decreasing the risk of damage and injury to individuals.

DO YOU KNOW?

This project was published in “Together We Stand” by Tudor Rose and United Nations OCHA for the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul. The feature was part of Mercy Relief’s editorial contribution.



MOVING FORWARD

Our team will continue with Mitigation and Preparedness efforts focusing on resilient livelihood for mountainside communities in Sindhupalchok and Lalitpur.



SURVIVOR STORY

MDM DURGA RANA

In April 2015, Mdm Durga Rana's world collapsed around her when the Nepal Earthquake struck. With over 8,000 lives lost in the devastation, Mdm Durga considers herself lucky to be alive. Despite losing her home and having to move into a makeshift tent by the jungle, Mdm Durga is determined to continue to provide for her family. Choosing not to wait for handouts, she works tirelessly selling pigeon feed to tourists in Kathmandu's Durbar Square.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Mercy Relief's Executive Director Zhang Tingjun said, "Here at Mercy Relief we often say that disasters show no mercy but you can. The impact captured in this donor report was made possible by individuals like yourselves who gave and gave generously to support those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Nepal. We look forward to staying engaged not only with our beneficiaries on the ground, but to share their stories of strength and resilience with you in the months to come."



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IN ACTION



A huge thank you from Mercy Relief!

We would like to acknowledge our key supporters for their contributions to this relief effort.

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It takes a team of specialised aid workers to respond timely and effectively to humanitarian crises around the region as well as implement impactful developmental projects. When you donate to Mercy Relief's General Fund you enable our ability to scale as an organisation and strengthen our expertise on the field. Please note that all donations will be directed to this fund will enjoy a tax deduction of 250 percent of the amount of the donation.

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