

# 2015 Earthquake in Nepal

**Nepal earthquake of 2015**, severe earthquake that struck near the city of Kathmandu in central Nepal on April 25, 2015. Several thousand people were killed; many thousands more were injured; and more than a half million structures in Kathmandu and other nearby towns were either damaged or destroyed.



Brick and other debris lining a street in Bhatkpur, Nepal, in the aftermath of a magnitude-7.8 ...

The initial shock, which registered a moment magnitude of 7.8, struck shortly before noon local time (about 06:11 AM Greenwich Mean Time). Its epicenter was about 21 miles (34 km) east-southeast of Lamjung and 48 miles (77 km) northwest of Kathmandu, and its focus was 9.3 miles (about 15 km) underground. Two large aftershocks, with magnitudes 6.6 and 6.7, shook the region within one hour of the main quake, and several dozen smaller aftershocks occurred in the region during the succeeding days. On May 12, 2015 a magnitude-7.3 aftershock struck some 76 km (47 miles) east-northeast of Kathmandu, killing more than 100 people and injuring nearly 1,900.

## *Press Release of Nepalese Association of Houston April 25, 2015 The Earthquake in Nepal*

*Nepalese Association of Houston (NAH) is deeply saddened by the loss of lives and property in Nepal due to devastating earthquake of 7.9 Richter scale on April 25, 2015. We express our deepest condolences to all those affected by the earthquake in Nepal including the families of those who died in Nepal and surrounding areas.*

*Given the difficult geographical terrain and other infrastructural issues in Nepal, it may take few more days to estimate the exact number of casualties and the scope of impact. It is learned so far that there have been loss of more than 1500 lives. Several road closures and impact on other infrastructures have slowed down the rescue effort.*

*Given the need of help and support to respond to and recover from the disaster, NAH is leading the fund raising effort in Greater Houston Area joining hands with several local associations and agencies including University of Houston Nepalese Students Associations and Gulmi Samaj of Houston. For this purpose, we have set up a donation portal on the association's webpage. We would like to request your financial support so that we can help Nepal to recover from the tragedy.*

You all know Nepalese Association of Houston (NAH) did a very successful fundraising to help Earthquake victims in Nepal. NAH Earthquake Support Committee would like to provide you with the updates and activities how the relief funds were collected and utilized in different projects, mainly in reconstruction of the school buildings in Nepal. NAH collected donation through NAH website, individuals and different organizations. NAH and all the members would like to thank you all for your help and support.

## **Candle Light Vigil**

NAH organized different program on April 27, 2015 at 6776 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77074 to show our solidarity in support of earthquake victims and their families in Nepal:

- Interaction with Congressman Al Green (Representative District 9)
- Media Brief and QA with Congressman, NAH Officers and individuals whose families suffered back in Nepal
- Candle Light Vigil / Moment of Silence



Congressman Al Green (Representative District 9)  
Addressing In the meeting



Candle Light Vigil in NAH Office  
6776 SW Freeway, Houston TX 77074

First of all, to ensure that the relief funds are used properly, NAH adopted the working guidelines on managing Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund. On NAH Executives meeting held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 two committees were formed:

### **Donor Appreciation Committee:**

- Samir Rawal (Lead)
- Niraj Shrestha
- Bindra Shrestha
- Linda Amatya
- Sanjeev Rai

### **Project Identification and Evaluation Committee**

- Madhukar Amatya (Lead)
- Gyanshor Shrestha
- Rabin Shrestha
- Niraj Shrestha
- Bijay Bokhim



## **Nepal Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund Concert**

**Organized by Local Talents  
of Houston & Friends**

Nepal Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund Concert on May 8, 2015 at Taj Hall and collected \$6,247.00, which was handed over to NAH Earthquake Fund on May 13, 2015.



## **Town Hall Meeting**

Date: Saturday, July 11, 2015

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 am

Venue: Taj Hall (5615 Savoy Dr, Houston, TX 77036)

A town hall meeting was organized to say thank you all the donors and supporters. During this meeting NAH shared its draft vision regarding the utilization of the resources collected by NAH. This meeting also provided opportunity for offering suggestions / feedback in terms of mobilization of resources for the rebuilding efforts in Nepal. NAH also handed over the receipts and appreciation letters to the donors and volunteers. It was decided in the meeting that NAH will focused on rebuilding schools damaged or





## Approved Projects and Partners

### Nepal Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund Proposals to NAH-Declarations-Donors Update # 2 Projects and Status

No	Name of the Project	Location	Proposal from	Total Cost Proposed	Category	NAH Criteria				Proposed By	Status/ER										Total Allocated Funds		
						Non-profit	Community Project	Proposal has enough details?	Sustainable		MOU Signed	1st Installment (40%)			2nd Installment (30%)			3rd Installment (30%)				Comment	
												(Yes/No)	Amount (\$)	Wired? (Yes/No)	Bank Reference #	Amount (\$)	Wired? (Yes/No)	Bank Reference #	Amount (\$)	Wired? (Yes/No)			Bank Reference #
1	Kahemawati Higher Secondary School	Suape, Dolkha	Rotary Club Yala	\$67,100.00	School buildings	Yes			Yes	Machhar Ananya	Yes	\$20,000.00	Yes	FW00067380 48359082 CN 2/17/2016	\$15,000.00	No	-	\$15,000.00	No	-	Project started	\$50,000.00	
2	Shree Bagdevi Higher Secondary School	Jyendi, Kavre		\$50,000.00	School buildings						Yes	\$12,000.00	Yes	FW00069180 96773969 CN 1/5/2016	\$9,000.00	Yes	FW00067381 38931230 CN 5/17/2016	\$9,000.00	No	-	Project started	\$30,000.00	
3	Shree Balkumari Higher Secondary School	Suneguthi, Lalpur		\$19,000.00	School buildings		Yes	Yes	Yes			No	\$9,000.00	No	-	\$4,500.00	No	-	\$4,500.00	No	-	Need to sign MOU	\$15,000.00
4	Kuladada Secondary School	Bhimeshwor Municipality, Dolkha		\$10,000.00	School buildings						Yes	\$4,000.00	Yes	FW00069180 96462369 CN 01/06/2016	\$3,000.00	Yes	FW00067381 35419130 CN 5/17/2016	\$3,000.00	No	-	COMPLETED	\$10,000.00	
5	Gyanachochi L Secondary School	Manikhet VDC, Lalpur	Share Education Initiative Nepal (SEI Nepal) <a href="http://seineducation.org/">http://seineducation.org/</a>	\$10,000.00	School buildings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bijay Bokhim	Yes	\$4,000.00	Yes	FW00069180 96462369 CN 01/06/2016	\$3,000.00	Yes	FW00067381 35419130 CN 5/17/2016	\$3,000.00	No	-	COMPLETED	\$10,000.00	
6	Gyan Jyoti L Secondary School	Matta VDC, Lalpur		\$10,000.00	School buildings						Yes	\$4,000.00	Yes	FW00069180 96462369 CN 01/06/2016	\$3,000.00	Yes	FW00067381 35419130 CN 5/17/2016	\$3,000.00	No	-	COMPLETED	\$10,000.00	
7	Shree Rathene Secondary School	Thangpokot VDC, Sindhuapachok	Committed Nepal <a href="http://www.comnepal.org/">http://www.comnepal.org/</a>	\$869.00	Access to clean drinking Water	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Santika Shah	Yes	\$869.00	Yes	FW00069180 96732959 CN 1/5/2016 FINAL	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	-	COMPLETED	\$869.00	
8	Shree Taktalewoti Primary School	Thangpokot VDC, Sindhuapachok		\$1,239.00							Yes	\$1,239.00	Yes	FW00069180 96732959 CN 1/5/2016 FINAL	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	-	COMPLETED	\$1,239.00	
9	Society of Ex-Buddhist monks Nepal	Everest Region (Villages of Phaple & Thang)	<a href="http://www.sebonline.org">www.sebonline.org</a>	\$4,860.00	Sharing the Warmth (Hygiene), Blankets, sleeping bags & warm clothes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bijay Bokhim	Yes	\$4,860.00	Yes	FW00067380 48895082 CN 2/17/2016 FINAL	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	-	COMPLETED	\$4,860.00	
												Total Allocated Funds:										\$131,968.00	

Approved

#### Notes:

[1] Transfer of total fund in three (3) installments, at 40%, 30% and 30% (except # 7, 8 & 9).

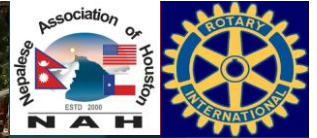
[2] NAH will review the status of each phase and decide on the funding for the next.

[3] The balance will either fund the projects under review or any excess costs for the approved projects. Per some of the beneficiaries, the original estimates will increase due to the harsh conditions in Nepal.



# ROTARY CLUB OF YALA (RCYALA)

## Lalitpur, Nepal



THE GREAT  
EARTHQUAKE  
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## RELIEF AND RECOVERY

### PROJECT 1 : RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDING

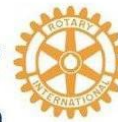
#### SHREE BAGDEVI HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Jyamdi, Kavre District Total allocated NAH Fund: \$30,000.00



**NEPALESE  
ASSOCIATION OF  
HOUSTON, USA**

**Rotary**  
Club of Yala  
Lalitpur, Nepal



**Shree Bagdevi Higher Secondary School**

**Jyamdi, Kavre, Nepal**

**Reconstruction of School Building**

**Support: NEPALESE ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON, USA**

**सहयोग: ह्युसटन नेपाली संघ, अमेरिका**



## Shree Bagdevi Higher Secondary School



Major Donor: Nepalese Association of Houston, USA



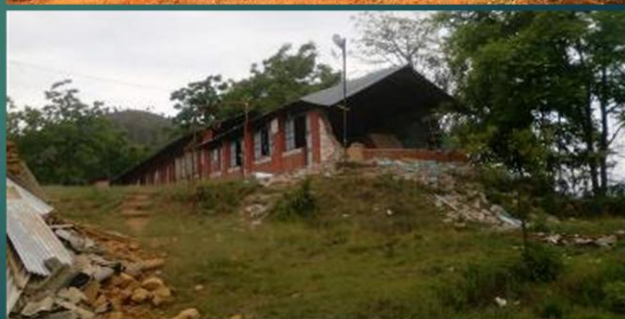
Total Cost Estimate	USD 50,000
Established Date; Higher Sec. School	BS 2007 (1951); BS 2038 (1982)
Number of Students	1000; Boys:45%; Girls:55%
Damaged Classrooms	15
Classroom size each	300 Sq. Ft.; 20 Ft. x 15 Ft.
Total Reconstn. Area	4,500 Sq. Ft.
Cost @ \$ 10 per Sq. Ft.	USD 45,000
Water & Sanitation	USD 5,000 (Repair only)
Windows, Doors, Furniture	Reuse Existing materials

Note: Work in progress.  
Roof slab will be completed by 30 July.  
\$21,000 received from NAH

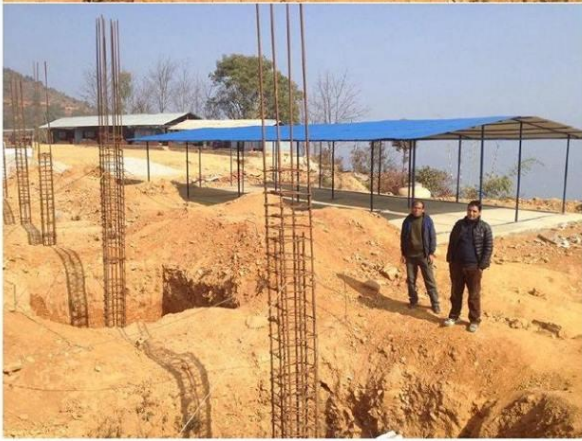
## A1. Shree Bagdevi Higher Secondary School Jyamdi Madan Village, Kavre District



- ▶ Jyamdi Madan Village, 5 km NE of Dolalghat. 1991 census: population - 4467 and 848 houses.
- ▶ The Jyamdi HS School, a public school, attracts a large number of students from surrounding villages, densely populated by Tamangs.
- ▶ 55 teachers and staff serving around 1000 students from nursery to grade 12.









## PROJECT 2: RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDING

### KSHAMAWATI HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Suspa, Dolkha District

Total allocated NAH FUND: \$50,000.00

#### A2. Kshamawati Higher Secondary School Suspa Kshamawati Village, Dolkha District



- ▶ Suspa Kshamawati Village, 150 km from Kathmandu and 15 km from Charikot – Dolkha.
- ▶ The Kshamawati HS School, estd. 1948, through community initiation, is the oldest public school in the district. The school and the whole community has faithfully served people from far and away places and has functioned as a beacon of light in an underprivileged region.
- ▶ 15 teachers and staff serve 450+ students from nursery to grade 12. Majority of students at the school belong to a disadvantaged Thami community.



#### Kshamawati Higher Secondary School



The oldest school of Dolkha District from which many prominent scholars, professionals and politicians have emerged. All buildings need reconstruction.

Major Donor: Nepalese Association of Houston, USA

Total Cost Estimate	USD 67,100
Established Date	1948; Secondary 1960
Number of Students	450; Boys: 40%; Girls: 60%
Damaged Classrooms	22
Classroom size each	192 Sq. Ft.; 16 Ft. x 12 Ft.
Reconstruction Area	4224 Sq. Ft.
Cost @ USD 15/ Sq. Ft.	USD 63,360
Water system	USD 3,740
Windows, Doors, Furniture	Reuse Existing materials

Note: Building construction using CSSB (Cement Stabilized Soil Blocks) technology. CSSB making machines from AIT-Thailand will produce blocks from mid August. Foundation work will start in 1<sup>st</sup> week of October after monsoon. \$20,000 received from NAH.



## PROJECT 3: RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDING

### SHREE BALKUMARI HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Sunaguthi, Lalitpur District

Total allocated NAH Fund: \$20,000.00

#### A3. Shree Balkumari Higher Secondary School Sunaguthi Village, LSMC



- Sunaguthi village, 5 km south Lalitpur town. 2011 Census: 10,092 in 2,397 households.  
A popular religious site: Lord Shiva, the Bhringeshwar Temple, built before the Pashupatinath temple.
- Shree Balkumari Higher Secondary School's one building severely damaged.  
Running short of nine class rooms.
- Close to School, Bouddha Jana Senior Citizen Day Care Centre.  
An exemplary initiative of RC Yala.



The Temple of Bhringeshwor Mahadev



Day Care Centre



Bouddha Jana Bihar

#### Shree Balkumari Higher Secondary School



Major Donor: Nepalese Association of Houston, USA



One building - labelled RED.  
All students are from farmers' families.



Total Cost Estimate	USD 25,000
Established Date; Higher Sec. School	BS 2007 (1951); BS 2038 (1982)
Number of Students	Total: 450; Boy:40%;Girl:60%
Damaged Classrooms	4
Classroom size each	300 Sq. Ft.; 20 Ft. x 15 Ft.
Total Reconstrn. Area	1,200 Sq. Ft.
Cost @ \$ 20 per Sq. Ft.	USD 24,000
Water & Sanitation	USD 1,000 (Repair only)
Windows, Doors, Furniture	Reuse Existing materials

Note: School has applied for reconstruction permission from NRA (National Reconstruction Authority), and waiting for the papers.

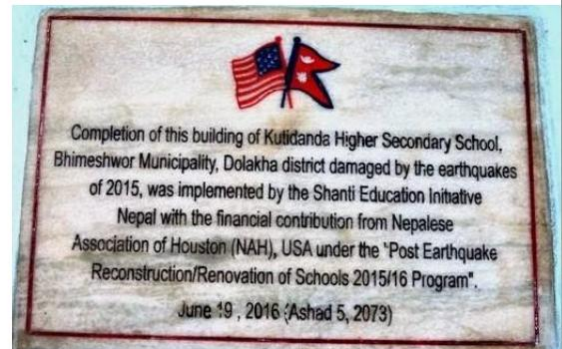
# **SHANTI EDUCATION INITIATIVE NEPAL (SEI NEPAL)**

## **PROJECT # 4 RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDING**

### **KUTIDADA SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Bhimeshwor Municipality, Dolakha

Total allocated NAH Fund: \$10,000.00



**Newly built Kutidanda higher Secondary**



## **PROJECT # 5 RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDING** **GYANCHACHHU L SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Manikhel VDC, Lalitpur

Total allocated NAH Fund: \$10,000.00



शान्ति शिक्षा अभियान नेपालले “भूकम्पले क्षतिग्रस्त विद्यालय भवन पुनःनिर्माण मर्मत कार्यक्रम” अन्तर्गत ललितपुर जिल्लाको मानिखेल गाविसमा अवस्थित ज्ञानचक्षु प्राथमिक विद्यालय पुनःनिर्माण गरी मिति २०७३ आषाढ १ गते जिल्ला शिक्षा कार्यालय ललितपुरका सहायक जिल्ला शिक्षा अधिकारी खेमनाथ पोखरेलको प्रमुख आतिथ्यतामा नवनिर्मित भवन उद्घाटन तथा हस्तान्तरण एवं सामाजिक परीक्षण कार्यक्रम सम्पन्न गरेको छ । विनाशकारी महाभूकम्पले क्षतिग्रस्त विद्यालय भवनहरू र विद्यार्थीहरूको दयनीय अवस्थालाई मध्यनजर गर्दै यस संस्थाले ‘भूकम्पले क्षतिग्रस्त विद्यालय भवन पुनःनिर्माण मर्मत कार्यक्रम २०७२/०७३ अन्तर्गत दोलखा जिल्लाका ५, काभ्रे जिल्लाका ४, काठमाडौँ जिल्लाका ३ र ललितपुरका १० वटा गरी कूल रु. दुई करोड ७५ लाखको लागतमा २२ वटा विद्यालय भवन मर्मत तथा पुनःनिर्माण गर्ने निर्णय गरेको छ ।

कार्यक्रममा विद्यालयका विद्यालय व्यवस्थापन समितिका अध्यक्ष सूर्यमान लामाले गत वर्षको विनाशकारी भूकम्पले विद्यालयको लगभग सबै भवनहरू क्षतिग्रस्त भएकोले विद्यालयमा पठनपाठन गर्न गराउन असहज भएको अवस्थामा विभिन्न संघसंस्थाहरूबाट सहयोग प्राप्त भई अस्थायी कक्षा कोठामा राखी पठनपाठन भईरहेको तर मौसमी परिवर्तन सँगसँगै विभिन्न समस्याहरू आउने गरेको अवस्थामा शान्ति शिक्षा अभियान नेपालले दुई कोठे पक्की भवन निर्माण गरी विद्यालयलाई धेरै राहत मिलेकोमा संस्थालाई धन्यवाद ज्ञापन गरेका थिए ।

सोही भूकम्पमा परी यसै विद्यालयका दुई जना विद्यार्थीको मृत्यु भएको र नवनिर्मित भूकम्प प्रतिरोधी भवन बनेपश्चात् अबका दिनहरूमा कसैले पनि अनाहकमा ज्यान गुमाउन नपर्ने विश्वास व्यक्त गरे ।

विद्यालयको प्राङ्गणमा आयोजित कार्यक्रममा शान्ति शिक्षा अभियान नेपालका कार्यकारी निर्देशक रचना महर्जनले भवन निर्माणमा लागेको कूल लागत रकम रु. १३,८०,६५९।- खर्च बारे विस्तृत रूपमा समुदाय समक्ष सार्वजनिक परीक्षण प्रतिवेदन पेश गरेकी थिइन् ।

यसैगरी शान्ति शिक्षा अभियान नेपालका अध्यक्ष रविन्द्र महर्जनले भूकम्पपछि विद्यालयहरूको भवन क्षतिग्रस्त भई विद्यार्थीहरूलाई असहज वातावरणमा पठनपाठन गराईरहेको अवस्थामा नेप्लिज एशोसिएशन अफ हुस्टन (एनएएच), अमेरिकाको आर्थिक सहयोगमा विद्यालय भवन पुनःनिर्माण गरी पठनपाठन कार्यमा सहयोग गर्न पाएकोमा खुशी व्यक्त गरे ।

उनले देशमा हालको जस्तै पुनर्निर्माण कार्यमा ढिलाई भएमा १० लाखभन्दा बढी विद्यार्थीहरू आगामी पाँच वर्षसम्म अस्थायी सिकाई केन्द्रमा पठन पाठन गर्न जटिल अवस्था श्रृजना हुने हुँदा शान्ति शिक्षा अभियानलगायत अन्य संघसंस्थाहरू र समुदाय मिलेर पुनःनिर्माण कार्यमा लाग्न आग्रहसमेत गरेका छन् । आगामी दिनहरूमा सामुदायिक विद्यालयमा गुणस्तरीय शिक्षा प्रदान गर्न आवश्यक शैक्षिक कार्यक्रमहरूमार्फत संस्थाको सहयोग जारी रहने प्रतिबद्धता व्यक्त गरे ।

कार्यक्रममा प्रमुख अतिथि खेमनाथ पोखरेलले भूकम्पले क्षतिग्रस्त भवन पुनःनिर्माण गरी विद्यालयका बालबालिकाहरूलाई पठनपाठन गर्न उपर्युक्त कक्षा कोठाको व्यवस्था र शिक्षक शिक्षिकाहरूलाई अध्यापन गराउन सहज वातावरण श्रृजना भएकोमा धन्यवाद व्यक्त गरे । संस्थाले यसअघि माल्टा, घुसेल, र अश्राङमा भवन हस्तान्तरण गरिसकेका छ ।

## PROJECT # 6 RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDING

### GYAN JYOTI L SECONDARY SCHOOL

Malta VDC, Lalitpur

Total allocated NAH Fund: \$10,000.00



# Shanti Education Initiative Nepal

शान्ति शिक्षा अभियान नेपाल

School: Gyan Jyoti Primary School  
Location: Malta, Lalitpur

Funded by: Nepalese Association of Houston (NAH), USA  
Implemented by: Shanti Education Initiative Nepal

## Post Earthquake Reconstruction/Renovation Program 2015/16



Completed on: 24/04/2016







**Mr. Rabindra  
Maharjan briefing  
the projects to NAH  
board member Mr.  
Samir Rawal**



# COMMITTED NEPAL

Project # 7: Access to clean drinking water

Shree Raithane Secondary School

Thangpalkot VDC, Sindhupalchok

Total allocated NAH Fund: \$869.00



Bringing the Smiles Back  
Help Provide Access to Clean Drinking Water  
Sree Raithane Secondary School



Top: Earthquake damage

Bottom Right: Temporary Learning Center

Bottom Left: Water taps and toilet before earthquake



Project # 8: Access to clean drinking water  
Shree Taltuleswori Primary School  
Thang Palkot VDC, Sindhupalchok  
Total allocated NAH Fund: \$1,239.00



Bringing the Smiles Back  
Help Provide Access to Clean Drinking Water  
Shree Taltuleswori Primary School



Top: Water tank without water supply  
Bottom Left: Temporary Learning Center  
Bottom Right: Shree Taltuleswori Primary School before earthquake



**SOCIETY OF EX-BUDHANILKANTHA STUDENTS NEPAL**  
**Project # 9: Sharing the Warmth (Nyanopan)**  
**Blankets, sleeping bags & warm clothes distribution**  
EVEREST REGION (VILLAGES OF PHAPLU & THATENG)  
TOTAL ALLOCATED FUND: \$4,800.00



Reconstruction activities are ongoing on at this time. We have attached pictures of school buildings being built in Nepal as a result of the relief funds provided by all of our donors.

Once again, we thank you for your generous support in helping the earthquake victims and their families in Nepal. There is still a long way to go to get back to the normal life. We request that you keep these families in your prayers as they remember their loved ones who lost their lives in the earthquake.

THANK YOU!

Compiled by: Madhukar Amatya (IPP NAH)

August 11, 2016