

## CTAS – EARTHQUAKE FUND APPEAL - UPDATE MAY 2015

Following the dreadful earthquake on 25<sup>th</sup> April that devastated many older and poorer areas of Kathmandu and all but wiped out many of the surrounding villages in the region, we are happy and relieved to report that the majority of places in which our projects are based have escaped relatively unscathed.



Several of the older houses in some villages have been badly damaged, but we have not been made aware of any loss of life in the areas where we work. That is indeed something to be thankful for.

Our Nepalese administrator (Som) and some of his colleagues went earlier in the week (3/5/15) to try and visit some of the affected villages nearer the Pokhara Valley (where the majority of our projects are based).



He reported that when they visited the Dhading area to take foodstuffs and clothes for the people, he found that the Red Cross were already there, and that the government was trying to control the aid that had been donated.

However, the aid is not actually getting to where it is needed, as it is very difficult to reach the villages affected by the earthquake, and any roads or tracks that did exist have been badly damaged or buried under landslides.

There was aid sitting piled up, waiting to be distributed, but it is not getting through. It appears that the government are not being effective in co-ordinating the aid effort or distributing the supplies to those who most need it. Som had to leave the provisions and supplies they had brought with them with a government official from that place, and just hope they would reach where they were needed in a timely manner.

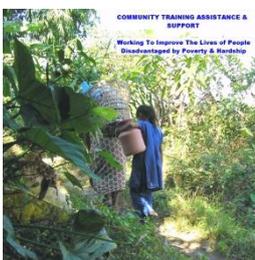


There are many large aid agencies currently in Nepal, and the view of our local committee there is that we must help the people to rebuild their lives for the long-term, by helping with the building or repair of schools, water supplies and other community facilities in villages where the level of damage is such, that we can make a positive impact in assisting with its restoration.

Until now most schools and colleges have been closed, and the banks and many shops were not open. Let us hope that the after-shock tremors still being felt some nights will soon cease, and some sort of normality can be restored to the place.

*Michele Spencer* (Chairperson)

We are currently seeking additional Trustees, if you are interested in joining us, please contact us.



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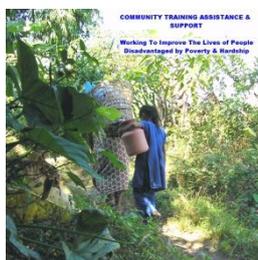
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