

A Message From the President and CEO

Three months ago, a massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal. The devastating earthquake and subsequent aftershocks—which are still ongoing—destroyed countless homes, businesses and schools; flattened entire communities; and resulted in the deaths and injuries of tens of thousands.

Thanks to the support of our generous donors—and working side-by-side with our partners in the global Red Cross network—the American Red Cross moved quickly to respond to pressing needs of people facing such tragic losses, providing vital relief items, like shelter materials, hygiene kits, drinking water, blankets and health care supplies.



In Rasuwa District, American Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern visits earthquake survivors.

Since the earthquake struck in late April, 36 American Red Cross disaster specialists have been deployed to aid in a number of critical response activities in Nepal—ranging from emergency relief to cash distribution, recovery planning and IT/telecommunications support. In addition, we've also provided remote mapping and information management support to help humanitarian workers on the ground be even more targeted and efficient.

In May, I had an opportunity to visit Kathmandu and other affected areas. The massive destruction caused by the earthquake was truly heartbreaking to witness. Yet even in the midst of such terrible tragedy, the Nepalese people I met with were among the most gentle and kind-hearted I've ever encountered. And the many scenes of community resiliency that I saw left me with a feeling of hope for the future of Nepal.

In the weeks and months ahead, earthquake survivors will begin to shift their focus to long-term recovery. Thanks to the impactful generosity of our donors, the American Red Cross and our global partners will be there, helping communities get back on their feet and become better prepared for future emergencies. We remain committed to being good stewards of our donors' contributions, and this report shows our past, present and future work in response to the April 2015 earthquake in Nepal.



Gail McGovern

Red Cross Focused on Emergency Needs as Monsoon Season Begins

Nepal Red Cross volunteers, supported by the American Red Cross and the global Red Cross network, continue providing vital humanitarian assistance following the April 25 quake and a 7.3 magnitude aftershock on May 12 that further damaged infrastructure and hampered relief efforts.

It is estimated that the earthquake and its aftershocks have killed more than 8,800 people and damaged or destroyed more than 850,000 homes, with some 2.8 million people still in need of humanitarian assistance. Schools, roads and health facilities have also been badly damaged or destroyed; many survivors have limited access to water and sanitation; their livelihoods have been disrupted; and an estimated 1 million people do not have sufficient food.

Thanks to our compassionate supporters, the American Red Cross has raised \$35 million to help families and individuals in Nepal who have lost so much, and, as of July 10, we have already spent or committed \$13.6 million to assist people impacted by the disaster.

This money is being used to purchase and distribute relief items, deploy disaster specialists and provide cash grants that help earthquake survivors address their most urgent

needs. The American Red Cross will make additional financial commitments to the earthquake response in Nepal as we support ongoing relief and long-term recovery efforts.

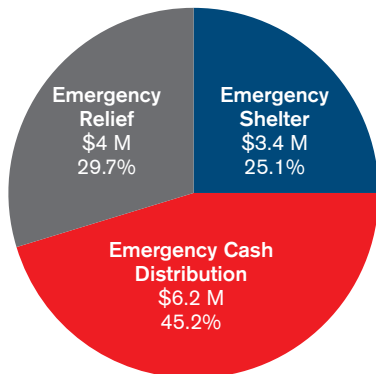
Critically, with monsoon season now underway, people in remote hilltop villages and mountainous areas remain extremely vulnerable. Many communities will face months of severe rain, flooding and potential landslides, and remote villages could become completely cut off.

Tens of thousands of families whose homes were damaged or destroyed will need temporary shelter as well as financial support to help them get back into their homes. The Red Cross is helping people by providing them with shelter toolkits, cash, and technical assistance, so they can find shelter from the elements and meet immediate needs.

Health conditions for survivors living under tarps will worsen during monsoon season. The longer they must live in unsanitary and unsafe conditions, the higher the risk of disease. To help prevent this threat, the Red Cross is also working to ensure that people affected by the earthquake have adequate shelter, food and access to clean water and sanitation.

American Red Cross Nepal Earthquake Response*

Expenses and Commitments as of
July 10, 2015 – US \$13.6 M



Emergency Relief: Includes the distribution of relief items such as water purification tablets and kitchen items, funding for reconnecting families, telecommunications equipment to support the global Red Cross relief operation, and deploying disaster specialists.

Emergency Shelter: Includes emergency shelter items such as tarps and tools, as well as funding and expertise to rebuild safer homes.

Emergency Cash Distribution: Includes unrestricted cash grants and livelihood assistance.

*An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs.

Shelter Toolkits and Cash Assistance Making a Big Impact in Sindhuli District

The American Red Cross and our partners in the global Red Cross network are providing thousands of families in Nepal with shelter toolkits, cash and household items as they recover from the devastating earthquake and aftershocks. For people with badly damaged homes, the monsoon season and the onset of winter makes shelter a major priority.

In the hard-hit Sindhuli District, Janakpur Zone, many houses are uninhabitable—either completely flattened or severely damaged. And while some people can still use portions of their damaged homes, they are often not suitable to live in. Thus, as aftershocks continue, most families are sleeping outside under tarps or in tents—often in the monsoon downpours.

Before the earthquake, many homes in Nepal were built in densely populated urban areas, on unstable mountain areas and often out of materials that could not withstand an earthquake. Until their homes can be rebuilt or repaired, many earthquake survivors are salvaging materials from the rubble to construct temporary shelter. To help with this process, the Red Cross is giving families shelter toolkits with items such as handsaws, nails, wire, hammers, shovels, rope and hoes. The Red Cross is also training people how to use these tools, salvage local materials to supplement the toolkits and make the rebuilt shelters more earthquake resistant.

Along with the shelter toolkits, the American Red Cross is providing cash assistance—approximately \$150 per family—in Sindhuli. This type of direct cash assistance reflects the idea that people impacted by the earthquake have the best understanding of their most urgent needs. Some families buy extra food or invest in their small businesses, while others buy building materials locally or hire local workers, which in turn can help the economy recover. The value of these cash grants, which is one and a half times the national minimum wage, was calculated using the cost of household requirements for basic and replacement items and is expected to meet the cost of shelter items, hygiene products, fuel, clothes, medical costs and transport.

“This is the first time we have given cash and shelter kits out to people at the same time,” said Wendy Brightman, relief

coordinator for the American Red Cross. “Cash not only gives people back the dignity of making decisions for themselves, but helps kick-start local businesses, which have also been affected by the earthquakes.”

Within a week of the training, 525 Sindhuli families had already received cash relief and shelter toolkits. And as of July 1, the American Red Cross and our partners had distributed nearly 7,500 cash grants to affected individuals and families in six districts. In the coming weeks, Red Cross teams will carry out more distributions to thousands of additional families across the 14 worst-affected districts. These cash grants are in addition to more than 6,800 shelter and relief kits and more than 100,000 tarps distributed by the Nepal Red Cross with support from the global Red Cross network.

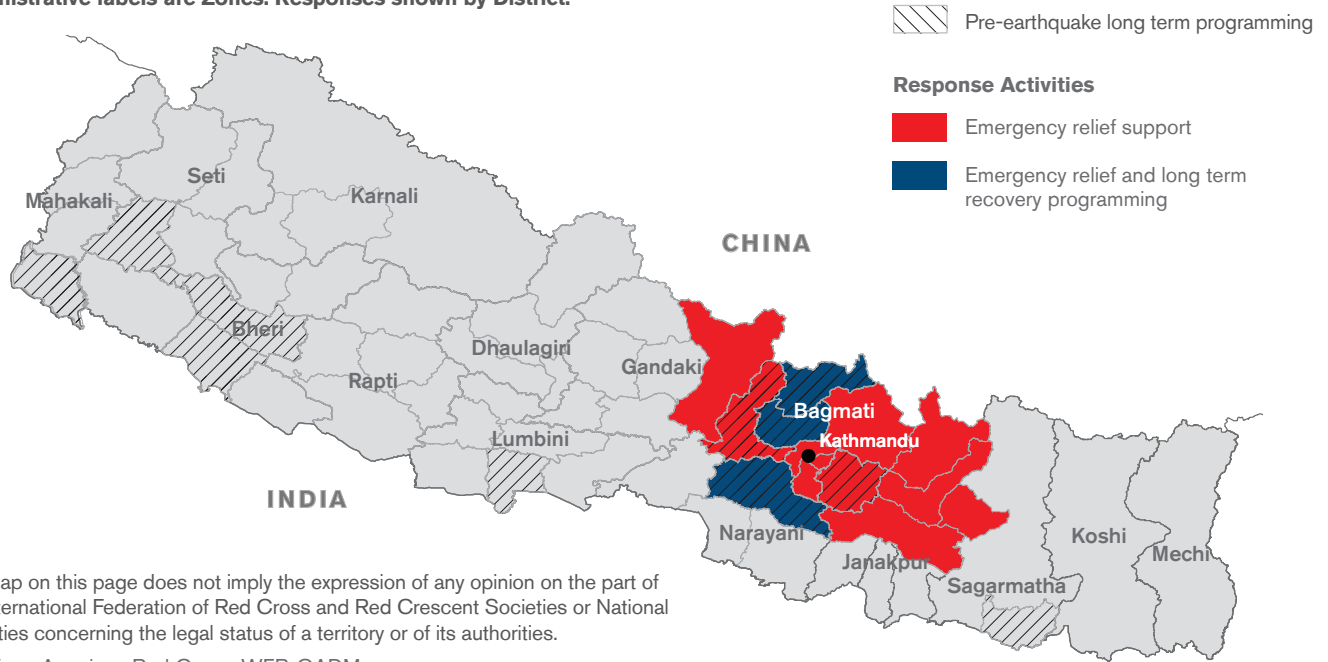
Kamala Pariyar, a resident of Sindhuli District who lost her home, was grateful for the help. “With the cash provided by the Red Cross, I will be able to buy bamboo for temporary shelter,” she said. “The instructions provided on shelter building as well as the shelter kit will also be very helpful for me.”



In Sindhuli District, a Nepal Red Cross volunteer teaches an earthquake survivor how to use a shelter toolkit. The American Red Cross distributed cash and shelter toolkits in June to Sindhuli residents affected by the earthquake.

American Red Cross Support in Nepal

Administrative labels are Zones. Responses shown by District.



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Data from American Red Cross, WFP, GADM

Thank You

The American Red Cross responds to disasters around the world by mobilizing cash support, pre-positioning relief supplies, deploying disaster response experts and, in some cases, implementing recovery and preparedness programs. The remarkable generosity of our supporters—individuals, corporations and foundations—drives our ability to provide relief and assist our partners in the global Red Cross network. We are grateful for your trust.



Families from Sindhuli with shelter toolkits provided by the American Red Cross. These toolkits will help residents construct temporary shelter until their homes can be rebuilt or repaired.