



NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

A six-month report covering
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Since two devastating earthquakes rocked Nepal this spring, an outpouring of prayer, compassion, and giving has helped hurting families feel the love of Christ—shared through you.

Your support, when combined with gifts from other churches, individuals, organizations, and government grants, delivered emergency supplies, shelter, food, and more. It also provided activities aimed at protecting children and helping them heal from the loss of loved ones, friends, homes, schools, and other things that make them feel safe and provide a normal life.

This report shows the valuable ways your support is helping children and families recover from this sudden disaster, and enable them to begin to rebuild their lives.



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Nani displays her World Vision-issued ID card that enables her to receive a cash grant and other services.

On the cover: Children attending a World Vision temporary learning center give thanks for the backpacks full of school supplies they received.

EARTH-SHATTERING NIGHTMARE

The spring earthquakes impacted more than 8 million people, leaving 2.8 million in need of assistance. Some 8,857 people were killed and another 22,309 were injured. More than 345,000 homes were either partially or completely destroyed, as were schools, hospitals, clinics, roads, and businesses.

REACHING OUT TO THE HURTING

Nani thought the worst had passed when her home in the Lalitpur district was destroyed by the April 25 7.8 magnitude earthquake. But when the May 12 7.3 magnitude earthquake followed, it took something far more valuable than her home—it took her husband's life, leaving her a widow with two children.

By reaching out as the hands of Jesus, you are helping World Vision care for women like Nani with supplies and, importantly for a family that lost its wage-earner, \$75 cash grants that help buy food and other essentials. These grants also stimulate the local economy, which has suffered as well.

Working with the Nepalese government and alongside other aid organizations, World Vision has so far provided assistance to 229,021 people in the districts of Bhaktapur, Dhading, Dholaka, Gorkha, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Lamjung, Nuwakot, Sindhuli, and Sindhupalchowk. Our response has brought help through shelter, health and nutrition, jobs and cash grants, water, sanitation, hygiene, education, and protecting children.

Here is a snapshot of what that looks like to date.

Shelter

17,282 families benefited from distribution of emergency shelter materials that included:

- 97,312 corrugated metal sheets to replace roofs—a real necessity during the monsoon season that hit not long after the earthquakes

- 30,588 tarps
- 16,948 solar lamps

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

- 700 families received construction materials to build latrines.
- Nearly 7.9 million AquaTabs were distributed to families, to purify drinking water

Health and Nutrition

- 600 mothers visited special spaces set up to provide privacy for nursing, care of infants and toddlers, and to learn about mother and child health and nutrition.
- 1,000 families benefited from assistance from trained healthcare workers.

Livelihoods

- 13,198 people participated in programs that provided jobs aimed at restoring infrastructure and rebuilding communities. This provided much-needed income and benefited communities as well.
- 16,680 people like Nani received cash transfers to be used for food, shelter, household goods, and other necessities.

Education and Child Protection

- 35 Child-Friendly Spaces were established to provide 3,535 children with a safe place to spend time following the earthquakes.
- 54 temporary learning centers enabled children whose schools were damaged to return to class, benefiting 8,214 students.



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Pratikchya and others in her village had to walk an hour to get clean water after the earthquake. World Vision constructed a safe water system that serves 500 people in her village.

What is a Child-Friendly Space?

A Child-Friendly Space is a structured and safe place where children and youth can safely learn, play, and receive care from trained staff to help them deal with loss and trauma. Staff is recruited from the local community, if possible (teachers or adults with some psychosocial or child development training).

Here children can play games and sports, participate in art therapy and crafts, and even take part in nonformal educational activities.

These spaces provide children with a place to express their feelings about what they've experienced, learn about what is happening in their community, and help them regain a sense of control in their lives. It also gives parents a safe place to send their children as they begin to piece their lives back together.

Child-Friendly Spaces also are places where children who have been separated from their families can be registered.



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Families receive corrugated metal sheeting to repair homes during the first distribution of such materials in Sindhupalchowk district. This distribution provided 691 families with materials to repair their homes and protect them from monsoon rains.



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Following the earthquakes, Kedar's family slept in a field, because they were afraid of aftershocks. But the monsoon rains forced them to patch up their home and move back inside. Just a few days after the first quake, World Vision provided tarps, rope, blankets, sleeping mats, water containers, buckets, and water purification tablets as well as hygiene and kitchen kits. Electricity is still sporadic in their neighborhood, so a well-used gift is the solar light that illuminates the inside of their living space, and provides light for walking at night amidst the considerable rubble in their community.

"The lamp protects us when there's no light," said 15-year-old Kedar. He is shown at left, using the portable charger that powers the lamp.

Sharmila, right, cradles her two-month-old son while she learns about good hygiene and nutrition practices at a World Vision center for mothers and young children. Here, World Vision maternal and child health specialists share the importance of handwashing before handling food, breast-feeding, and other nutrition tips for keeping babies and young children healthy.

Mothers also received baby kits that included blankets, towels, powder, soap, diaper rash cream, and other items to better care for their infants.

"With the monsoons and winter coming, the blankets are going to be very useful for my baby, because I need to keep him warm and clean," Sharmila said, adding that she learned much from the session. "Now I've learned I need to wash my hands before handling him and keep him clean so he avoids diseases."



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Mira takes daughters 6-year-old Purmina (pictured here) and 5-year-old Puja to school at a temporary learning center built by World Vision. In the tumultuous days following the earthquakes, Mira said, "I'm happy to see my children smile. I only see that when they are in school." The schools helped children return to more normal routines.

CONTINUING NEED

The people of Nepal still need our help. Some 58,690 remain in sites for displaced families, and an estimated 81,000 households need durable shelter before winter sets in. More than half a million people do not have enough food.

World Vision joins thousands of families in Nepal in thanking you for coming to their aid. Will you continue to pray for these families as they continue to struggle to survive and rebuild their lives?

May God richly bless you for sharing your blessings with others during their time of great need.



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