HIMALAYAN EARTHQUAKE

Urgent Appeal for Support

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United Way Disaster Response Fund- Himalayan Earthquake 2015
A massive earthquake of magnitude **7.9 on the Richter scale** struck Nepal on 25th April 2015.

The intensity of the quake spread to several countries surrounding Nepal like Bangladesh, Bhutan, China and India.

So far, **at least 44 aftershocks of magnitude 4.1 to 6.7 had been felt in the region** following the main quake bringing about large scale devastations.

In Nepal, the quake has been declared has the worst calamity to have hit the nation in 81 years.

In India the states like Bihar, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, West Bengal and other Northern states have been affected.
Impact in Nepal

- Over 7,675 deaths
- More than 16,392 injured
- Over 2,84,455 homes fully destroyed
- Over 2,34,102 homes partially damaged
- Over 10,00,000 people left homeless
- More than 8 million people affected across 39 Districts of Nepal
- 11 districts badly affected
- At least 2.8 million children were in urgent need of humanitarian assistance (UNICEF)
- Over 3 million are in urgent need of food assistance (WFP)
- Power, Fuel supply, communication severely affected

The Government and humanitarian partners have by now reached all the affected districts and are refining information on needs of affected people, particularly in remote and hard-to-reach areas.
Impact in India

- Total of 75 deaths and 450 injuries are reported in India
- Bihar is the most affected region with 58 deaths reported so far

The other states affected by the earthquake include:

- **Uttar Pradesh:** The tremor was intensely felt in Maharajganj, Siddharthnagar and bordering areas of Nepal.
- **West Bengal:** 3 deaths were reported in Siliguri due to building collapse. Also, 40 children were injured when a part of their school collapsed in Malda district.
- **Rajasthan:** 1 death has been reported.
- **Sikkim:** Communication line has been fully restored. Infrastructure damages reported from –West (School & Govt. Building) South and East (2-3 Govt. Building). West Sikkim is worse affected due to tremors and landslide but no casualties being reported or damages. No causalities have been reported so far.

Basis the reports shared by Sphere India (Nodal humanitarian response coordination agency in India), the impact level in Bihar is higher than the other states.
Response Initiated by United Way of India

- With regards to interventions in Nepal, NGOs registered in India do not have tax exemption for working outside the country, and donations are taxable as per Government of India rules. **United Way has applied to the concerned authorities for special permissions and tax exemption, which should be in place very soon.**

- UWI is mobilizing resources from corporates and individuals to support its comprehensive relief and long-term disaster response plan

- United Way Disaster Response Team (UWDRT) is closely coordinating with the Indian Government, UN agencies, Sphere India, National NGOs responding in Nepal & India, and the local volunteers in Nepal to understand the emerging needs and initiate a coordinated response to avoid duplicity of efforts

- UWDRT has commenced the process of initial rapid needs assessment and identification of suitable National and International implementation partners who are authorized to receive and deploy funds in relief work
Emergency Needs: Immediate Relief and Mid-term Support

- **Family Relief Kits** - Family size, all-weather resistant tents, ground sheets, basic utensils, blankets, floor mats, mosquito repellent, solar lamps, dry ration, water and water purification tablets

- **Health care Interventions**: medical camps, medicine supplies

- **Hygiene Kits** - soap, toothbrush, towels, sanitary pads, toiletries, water purification tablet, etc.

- **Child Care Kits** - nutritional support and medicines for children between 0-5 for a period of 3 months

- **Mother Kits** - nutritional support and medicines for pregnant women and new mothers for a period of 3 months.

- **Education**: makeshift schools and school kits to prevent loss of schooling days as a result of damage caused to the educational infrastructure

- **Sanitation**: construction of low-cost temporary toilets
Long-Term Rehabilitation Needs:

Basis our past experiences, we foresee need for a wide range of interventions for long-term rehabilitation of the earthquake affected communities; (subject to on-ground needs assessment)

• Reconstruction of permanent shelters,
• Reconstruction of key community infrastructures such as; schools, community halls, health centres, etc.
• Support for promotion of good quality education, educational sponsorships, etc.
• Support for long-term medical treatments and rehabilitation
• Interventions for promotion of livelihood among the families (skill building, vocational training, provision of seed fund, market linkages, etc.)

It will be our endeavour to identify and support most relevant and long-term programs in the affected regions to improve the state of health, education and livelihood of the affected communities.
Following are some of the credible NGO partners that United Way of India is exploring possibility of partnership for implementation of relief programs in Nepal and India. UWI partnership with these NGOs would be based on the compliance and legal status of these NGOs and other potential NGOs to operate in Nepal and India.

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How can you support United Way Disaster Response Fund - Himalayan Earthquake

- **Online donations by individuals:** A donation link has been created at [http://unitedwaymumbai.org/himalayaneearthquake](http://unitedwaymumbai.org/himalayaneearthquake)

- **Dedicated online donation campaign for corporate employees:** Dedicated links can be created for employees of specific company and the donations can be tracked separately on regular basis.

- One time employee giving campaign (offline): Your company may chose to run a one time employee donation campaign by way of payroll deductions and a consolidated cheque could be sent to United Way of India. You may also consider to give a matching corporate grant (to match the employee contributions)

- **Corporate Grant:** Your company may chose to give a standalone grant to United Way of India.
Donation details:

• Cheque/ pay-order to be drawn in favour of: “UNITED WAY OF INDIA”
  
  (We will also need the donors details such as; a letter stating that, the purpose of donation is towards: “United Way Disaster Response Fund- Himalayan Earthquake”, Full name of the donor, Amount of donation, PAN No., Email Id and Mailing address)

• Bank details for direct transfer of funds:

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Role of UWI

- **UWI** has a unique vantage point as trusted global Non-Profit Partner for mobilization and management of financial resources granted by corporate and individuals.
- **Due Diligence:** Identify credible and compliant NGO partners for on-ground implementation.
- **Effective implementation, measuring and reporting mechanisms.**
- **Close facilitation and monitoring** of relief and rehabilitation programs, management of fund disbursement.
- **Regular reports** on progress in relief and rehabilitation to be sent to all donors.
- **Coordination** between Indian and Nepalese Government agencies, NGO partners and volunteer agencies.
- **Comprehensive approach** towards relief/rehabilitation.

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UWI guidelines to responders

- **Remember that it is not about you** Do not rush to go to the earthquake affected region, at least for the next couple of weeks while the region is reeling. The exception to this is if you are a qualified professional with much-needed skills to offer on the ground.

- **Do not donate stuff** Second hand goods are difficult to distribute in a disaster area and are hardly ever what is actually needed. If you want to give away things you no longer need, sell them and donate the money to the United Way Disaster Relief Fund- Himalayan Earthquake.

- **Give money.** What is most needed in earthquake affected areas right now is money. Donate what you can, to United Way Disaster Relief Fund- Himalayan Earthquake.

- **In the long term, rebuild sustainably** If in the coming months you want to contribute to the rebuilding efforts and the longer-term development of the affected communities, consider sustainability as a factor.

Source: ‘Don’t rush to Nepal to help’ By Claire Bennett published in [www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com) on April 27 2015
## Responding to Disasters since past 11 years

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Glimpses of our past work

Support to Livelihood program for fishermen community - Tsunami, 2004

Support to families of Mumbai Terror Attacks, 2008

Immediate Relief Support to families - Bihar Floods, 2008

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UWI’s Outreach in Uttarakhand, 2014

Sector-wise Intervention by UWI
- Healthcare
- Water Treatment and Storage
- Sanitation and Hygiene
- Child Education and Protection
- Shelter
- Immediate Relief & Response
- Disaster Risk Reduction

More than 2 Lakh Direct Beneficiaries

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Glimpses of UWI’s Programs in Uttarakhand

On-Going Long-term programs

- Residential Shelter program for 50 vulnerable children
- Student Scholarship Program
- Reconstruction of 5 disaster resilient schools
- Learning Enhancement Program in 60 Schools

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Glimpses of UWI’s Programs in Jammu and Kashmir

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Let us Join Hands in Rebuilding the Earthquake Affected Communities

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