

Remembering the Earthquake in Nepal - April 25, 2015

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It's been a year since two devastating earthquakes hit the central part of Nepal, taking the lives of over 8000 people, injuring over 16,000 people, and causing hundreds of thousands of people to become homeless. A year ago today, the Calgary Nepalese Community Association (CNCA) started a fundraising campaign to help support earthquake victims in Nepal in order to provide immediate relief and to support the rebuilding and reconstruction of damaged schools by partnering with Canadian Red Cross Society and Medical Mercy Canada. Together, we raised **\$117,441.25** for the people of Nepal. This update is dedicated to all of you who have made generous contributions to Nepal in the form of monetary donations, volunteered time, and support in a time of need. We are grateful to you, our supporters, partners and friends.



We, the Calgary Nepalese Community Association, are glad to inform you that we were able to use every single dollar which we have received through donations for the earthquake victims in Nepal. Here is how your donation was used:

1	Canadian Red Cross	\$42,119.85
2	Donation to Prime Minister Relief Fund in Nepal	\$6,000.00
3	Medical Mercy Canada (MMC) - for 2 school blocks in Dhading	\$15,620.00
4	Donation to Mahendera Lila High School, Gorkha	\$15,000.00
5	Donation to Shree Padma School, Bhaktapur	\$13,087.00
6	Donation to Majhuwa School Project, Kathmandu	\$2,834.79
7	Donation to NRN Canada (CNCA AGLC Fund)	\$15,000.00
8	Donation to MMC (from Fundraising Dinner)	\$7,762.00
9	Bank Fees	\$17.61
	Grand Total	\$117,441.25

The donation for Canadian Red Cross, and Prime Minister Relief Fund was used for relief supplies immediately after the earthquake. The remaining amount was used for rebuilding 5 damaged schools in Dhading, Gorkha, Bhaktapur and Kathmandu. The donation for NRN Canada and Medical Mercy was also used for rebuilding damaged schools.

Most of our school projects are either complete or approaching completion with the exception of Mahendera Lila High School in Gorkha. We formed a consortium of 5 different organizations in Canada and raised over \$70,000 for rebuilding Mahendera Lila High School. The construction is expected to start soon.

We are sincerely grateful for your contribution which allowed us to make a positive impact in the lives of the earthquake survivors in Nepal. More importantly, the people that you have directly helped are forever grateful for your generous contributions to Nepal. Thank you!

Some pictures of relief supplies donated to earthquake survivors:



Distribution of relief materials

Here are some before and after pictures of rebuilding and reconstruction:



Damaged Shree Kalika Primary School, Nilkantha, Dhading



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Sanskrit & General Higher Secondary School, Maldi, Dhading



Majuwa Primary School, Bhimdhuga, Kathmandu



Damaged lab at Shree Padma Higher Secondary School, Bhaktapur

We would like to thank our volunteers who volunteered countless hours, tirelessly for this genuine cause. We would also like to thank our partners in the relief, Canadian Red Cross Society and Prime Minister Relief Fund - Government of Nepal, our partners in rehabilitation and reconstruction, Medical Mercy Canada, Lions Club of Kathmandu - Durbarmarg, and consortium partners, NRN Canada, London Cross Cultural Learner Center (CCLC), Nepali Heritage Charity Foundation of BC (NHCF), and Canadian Newa Guthi (CNG). We would also like to thank the Canadian media for their timely dissemination of information related to the Earthquake in Nepal and our fundraising activities last year.

Thank you everyone for supporting CNCA.

Sincerely,

Calgary Nepalese Community Association

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