

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE 2015  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
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# THANK YOU FOR SAVING LIVES IN NEPAL

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An earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale hits Nepal. Just over two weeks later a second earthquake strikes. Almost 9,000 people are killed and over 850,000 homes are destroyed or damaged.

**Oxfam acts immediately – working with our local partners and volunteers to get help even to the most remote areas.**

## FIRST 3 MONTHS

### THE PUBLIC DONATE GENEROUSLY FOR EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

In the UK, support for our earthquake appeal is overwhelming. Thanks to your generosity, within days of the earthquake we've delivered thousands of tonnes of life-saving supplies to Nepal from our warehouses in Bicester, UK and Spain, as well as our stores in India and Kathmandu.



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### IN THE FIRST 3 MONTHS OXFAM DISTRIBUTES OVER 29,000 HYGIENE KITS

– including buckets, soap and towels – helping to prevent the spread of disease. In addition, we deliver clean water for drinking and cooking, plus emergency food supplies and shelter kits; and we construct emergency latrines.



## 3 TO 6 MONTHS

### RICE SEEDS

The earthquake struck just as farmers were beginning to plant their crops.

**We give thousands of farmers rice seeds so they can replant before the monsoon season takes hold.**

### SAFER LIVING CONDITIONS

By autumn, we build almost 8,000 latrines in the worst-affected communities – creating safer, more dignified living conditions for around 116,000 people.



### LOCAL ECONOMY

We distribute vouchers to enable the most vulnerable families to buy seeds, tools and other essential items – which in turn helps to boost the local economy.



## 6 TO 12 MONTHS

### SHELTER

With winter approaching, Oxfam provides shelter materials and winter kits – including thermal floor mats, groundsheets, blankets and hot water bottles – to help families survive the plummeting temperatures.



### FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS

We're also repairing and restoring longer-term water and sanitation facilities in schools, with separate toilets and wash areas for girls to encourage them to come to school.



### RECOVERY

Our focus shifts from emergency relief to long-term recovery. Thousands of people benefit from cash-for-work schemes, which give them a much-needed income in return for repairing damaged water supplies and pathways connecting communities. We also provide recovery grants to help rebuild livelihoods.



## NATIONAL RECOVERY PLANS

Throughout the response, we are working with the government of Nepal to ensure that the needs of women, elderly people and other vulnerable groups are included in national recovery plans.

# STRONGER WITH YOU

Thanks to you, we can continue to work with local people, our partners and the government to ensure that Nepal builds back stronger than before. Here's a snapshot of some of the life-changing work that your generosity has made possible.



## GIVING WARMTH AND SHELTER

As the sole carer for her elderly mother and seriously ill daughter, Thulimaya Lama was very grateful to receive a winter kit from Oxfam to help the family cope after their home was destroyed by the earthquake. At night, temperatures can plummet to below zero in winter – and families like Thulimaya's were especially vulnerable. "I was given two mattresses, two quilts, a tarpaulin, some cooking vessels and some blankets," she says. "I am very grateful that people from far away have helped me." More than 800 vulnerable families received winter kits in Thulimaya's area, which was badly affected by the earthquake and aftershocks.



## REBUILDING COMMUNITIES

When the earthquake destroyed his water supply, Bhakti Basnet feared he would have to leave the village he loved. But with your help, Oxfam started a cash-for-work scheme there, paying local people to restore a water pipeline and storage tank. Bhakti says: "There are 42 households involved in this project and around 400 to 500 people will benefit. Lots of people have kitchen gardens, so they will be able to use the water for those as well as for drinking. If Oxfam had not helped us, all 42 households would have had to move. My father and my father's father lived in this place. If I'd had to move, I would have been really sad." Bhakti is one of many people taking part in our cash-for-work schemes to rebuild their own communities.



## GETTING GIRLS BACK TO SCHOOL

Sangita Pariyar and her classmates will never forget the terrifying earthquake that destroyed their school. Thankfully, they're now attending a temporary school where Oxfam has provided water and sanitation facilities. This includes separate toilets and wash areas for girls, as well as hygiene classes where they can discuss personal issues openly for the first time. Girls feel much happier coming to school as a result. "I like this school more than the old school, because there were no doors on the toilets there," says Sangita. "I really appreciate that there are separate toilets for the boys and girls." As permanent schools are rebuilt, Oxfam will work to make sure girls' needs are taken into account – and they get the education they deserve.



## RESTORING LIVELIHOODS

Netra Parajuli stands amidst the rubble of what was once his thriving shop in Lamosanghu. He is one of thousands whose livelihoods were destroyed in the earthquake. Oxfam is distributing vouchers so people can buy what they need to restart their farms, businesses and kitchen gardens – which is good news for traders like Netra. With the stock he salvaged, he has managed to set up a temporary shop, and business is booming. "I've had almost 900 people come to my shop because of the vouchers being distributed. The most popular items have been the spade, the hoe and the watering can. If people's tools are damaged, I repair them. I make the hoes myself, and I sometimes show people how to use them too."

**THANK YOU** so much for helping the people of Nepal to rebuild their lives.