

# NEPAL

## ONE YEAR AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

Donor Update



## A MESSAGE FROM CONRAD SAUVÉ



Dear Supporters,

It was the moment we had been bracing for. Here at home, news of tragedy in Nepal came in the early morning of Saturday, April 25. As we gradually got a picture of the earthquake's full effects, it was worse than we had all feared.

During this time, many Canadians felt the need to help in whatever way possible. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all our supporters—individuals, governments, community groups and corporate partners—who answered the urgent call for donations.

**It was your outpouring of compassion and generosity that ensured help arrived in those critical hours, days and weeks following the earthquake. You saved lives, eased suffering, and gave hope to people in need.**

There are always challenges with an operation this complex, and Nepal has been no different. Since day one, our efforts have faced numerous hurdles—from reaching hard-hit communities cut off by landslides, to navigating border closures, to overcoming gaps in the country's infrastructure. Our experts on the ground have truly been put to the test.

But as we reflect on the year that has passed, we can be proud of the work that you have made possible.

Your donation meant we could send an emergency field hospital and team of aid workers to the remote village of Dhunche, in one of the worst-affected regions. And today, you are supporting a health facility that will ensure this community has access to essential care until a permanent hospital is built.

**As our work moves forward, we remain as committed as ever to the people of Nepal. Together, we will stay by their side, helping them meet their immediate needs as more permanent solutions take shape.**

I am immensely grateful for your compassion, your generosity, and your trust. You are behind everything we have accomplished in Nepal, and everything we will achieve going forward.

Thank you sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Sauvé', written in a cursive style.

Conrad Sauvé  
President & CEO



## There from the moment help was needed

With your support, 3 million survivors received emergency aid

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### **When the 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck, the impact was immediate and catastrophic.**

Nearly 9,000 lives were lost, around 22,000 people were injured, and more than 800,000 houses were damaged or destroyed.

In the immediate aftermath, your donation contributed to a massive life-saving operation conducted by the Red Cross Movement.

Thanks to you, Red Cross workers and volunteers on the ground were able to provide emergency first aid and distribute vital relief items—such as clean water, food, and shelter materials—to ensure the survival of tens of thousands of affected people.

In remote areas outside the capital, Kathmandu, the need for help grew more urgent with every passing hour.

Despite damaged and blocked roads, Red Cross teams were the first to reach many of these hard-hit communities. In village after village, they were met with overwhelming destruction. Those who had survived the earthquake were in dire need of help.

As teams on the ground continued to distribute relief items, Red Cross emergency field hospitals, including one from the Canadian Red Cross, were flown into villages where the local hospital had been destroyed. Medical teams operated non-stop for weeks to treat thousands of men, women and children impacted by this tragedy.





## The journey of a field hospital

How your donation continues to support healthcare in Nepal

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### Getting to the isolated village of Dhunche was only the beginning.

With landslides blocking roads, a helicopter was the only way a team of Canadian Red Cross aid workers could reach this village in desperate need of help.

Their next challenge was setting up a field hospital in such a remote, mountainous region of Nepal. After the community's hospital had been reduced to rubble, the Red Cross emergency response unit was brought in to provide much-needed medical assistance. They arrived just days after the devastating earthquake.

Over the weeks and months that followed, your support sent dozens of Canadian aid workers to this hard-hit area to ensure ongoing health care for the local people.

Several months later, with the situation improving, the field hospital was handed over to regional health authorities and the Nepal Red Cross.

Canadian aid workers stayed on to make sure local doctors and nurses could handle anything that came up.

"I truly believe we improved the overall quality of healthcare there," said Dr. Ola Dunin-Bell. "Helping with little things such as medical techniques and patient care have made an huge contribution to Dhunche."

With your generous donation, the Canadian Red Cross continues to support health care in the community, including the rebuilding of a new health facility.

While our efforts continue today, your contribution has already made a lasting difference to the people in this corner of Nepal.

# Your donation at work

The Canadian Red Cross would like to thank generous individuals, corporate and community partners, and governments for donating \$27 million in support of our Nepal response.

To date, 64% of all funds raised have been rapidly turned into help and hope for survivors. Remaining funds will be used to support ongoing and future work (see next page).

The cost of fundraising for our Nepal Earthquake appeal will not exceed 5%. This includes fees associated with donation processing and receipting, reporting and communications.



## TOGETHER, HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED:

- 3 million** impacted people received emergency help, such as first aid, clean water, food, tarpaulins and other essential items, during the global Red Cross relief operation
- 100+** expert aid workers were deployed along with our emergency field hospital, which treated over 5,400 patients and helped safely deliver 31 babies
- 5,000** vulnerable families were provided cash grants to help them purchase warm clothes and blankets ahead of the winter season
- 2,000** impacted families were supported with emergency shelter materials
- 43,000** impacted people in the Dhunche region will have access to medical care at a new health facility now under construction



# What's ahead for Nepal

Your support to the Red Cross goes beyond healing the immediate wounds of the earthquake.

Your donation also means supporting families and communities as they get back on their feet. This is our commitment to you, and our promise to the people of Nepal.

Today, our experts are working alongside communities and conducting ongoing needs assessments to ensure your donation has a meaningful and lasting impact in the lives of those who need it most.

## IN THE COMING MONTHS

We know that it takes years to recover following an emergency of this scale. Over the next 24 months, we will focus our efforts on **supporting community health facilities**, while also contributing to local solutions for **rebuilding earthquake-resistant shelters, restoring livelihoods, and rehabilitating water and sanitation systems**.

As this recovery work gets underway, we will continue assisting families with their immediate needs through unconditional **cash transfers**.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We know this will not be the last earthquake to hit the region. Communities in remote areas of Nepal are highly vulnerable to future disasters. This is why we will also be **training local Red Cross volunteers, storing emergency relief supplies, and supporting community health projects**, including a mobile health unit that can be deployed to hard-to-access areas.

By helping communities become better equipped for disaster, we will ensure more lives are saved the next time one strikes.

# Thank you!

We sincerely thank all of our supporters for their incredible contribution to our humanitarian mission in Nepal.

Your generosity continues to make a huge difference to people in need. We look forward to keeping you updated on your impact as our work moves on.



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