



3 MONTH UPDATE

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

Dear Friends,

It's now been three months since the first of two devastating earthquakes struck in Nepal. It is clear that too many people lost too much during these tragedies.

On my recent visit to Nepal I saw countless examples of the Canadian Red Cross making a difference in people's lives. I am proud to share these stories with you – without your support, none of this would be possible.

At our field hospital perched on a terraced mountainside, I saw our medical teams working alongside local Nepalese medical staff to help new mothers through difficult births, comfort children with serious illnesses, and give every patient excellent, sometimes lifesaving care.

The need is still great, but recovery from a disaster of this magnitude is always a long process.

So, thank you again for your compassion and generosity in supporting the survivors of the earthquakes – you have given an immeasurable gift. Rest assured that you are helping to save lives, give comfort and ease suffering.

Sincerely,

Susan Johnson
Director General, International Operations
Canadian Red Cross



“ At first sight it looked like a ghost town; the deserted streets were covered in rubble and debris. The totality of devastation was paralyzing. ”

– Mirva Helenius, Red Cross worker, who arrived in the hard-hit town of Singati

Your impact now and going forward

TODAY



Shelter: The Red Cross continues to distribute shelter items and kits to as many people as possible – an immediate priority with Nepal in the midst of monsoon season.



Health: With many hospitals and clinics damaged or destroyed, the Red Cross is operating seven emergency health facilities in some of the hardest-hit areas.



Water, sanitation & hygiene: To date, the Red Cross has distributed more than 2.5 million litres of safe water in addition to constructing emergency toilets and carrying out hygiene promotion activities.

IN THE COMING MONTHS



Livelihoods: In the aftermath of the earthquakes, many families have been left struggling to meet their basic life necessities. The Red Cross has started distributing vital cash relief and will work towards helping families regain their source of income and independence.



Rebuilding: With hundreds of thousands of Nepalese people forced to live in temporary shelters, the Red Cross will develop solutions to assist families in their eventual return to durable housing.

IN THE FUTURE

Disaster ready: Nepal is one of the most vulnerable countries to natural disasters. The Red Cross will help communities be better prepared so that more lives are saved the next time disaster strikes.





Grateful for your generosity

We are sincerely grateful for what your donation has allowed our aid workers to do. More importantly, though, is the gratitude from the people you have directly helped. Here are two of their stories.

Seventy-three-year-old Bhudhu Maya is one of the many patients at the Canadian Red Cross field hospital. She lies on a bed while a Red Cross nurse checks her bandaged leg, which was severely injured when her house collapsed on her during the earthquake.

Bhudhu was rescued from the rubble by her grandson and transported by helicopter to the field hospital in the village of Dhunche. Taking Bhudhu under their care, the Red Cross team performed two surgeries to cover an exposed tendon. Thanks to you, Bhudhu is healing well.

“We are very lucky to have this hospital with all these kind people,” said her grandson. “If this place was not here, I would have no idea what to do.”



Working day and night since the field hospital opened, the Red Cross team has treated all sorts of patients – mothers, fathers, uncles, grandchildren. Many have been unable to get the care they need because of damaged or destroyed health facilities.

Before the earthquake, Karma Buti Tamang, 50, felt pain near her heart and stomach. When she arrived at the Red Cross field hospital, Canadian doctor Dan Deckelbaum performed a surgery to remove her gallbladder.

“I was a bit afraid in the beginning but when I saw how the Red Cross staff were working here and treating the patients, I felt safe,” said Karma.

Now Karma is recovering before she makes the long journey back to her village. “The staff told me I could stay to get stronger before going home,” she said with a smile.

Thanks to your support, the Canadian Red Cross continues to operate a field hospital in one of the hardest-hit regions. Three months on, close to 100 Canadian aid workers have been sent to provide first aid, basic surgeries and maternal care to more than 3,600 people.



Thank you!

Together we have raised \$27 million to help the people of Nepal. This update is dedicated to all of you who gave in a time of need: you are our supporters, our partners and our friends.

Because of you, hope for a full recovery in Nepal has begun. Together we will help the people of Nepal get through this difficult time. Thank you again for your support and your trust.



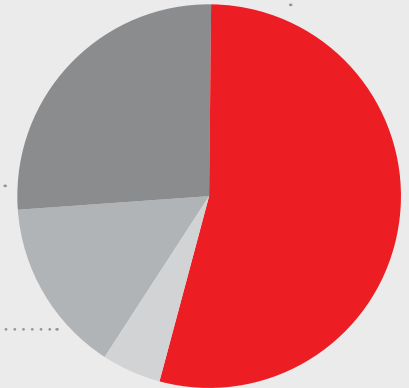
How your donation is being used

Recovery & Response Capacity*: 54%

Emergency Relief Supplies & Distribution: 26.3%

Red Cross Field Hospital: 14.7%

Fundraising costs**: 5%



* Funds to be used for 1) Families and Communities Recovery (shelter, water & sanitation, livelihoods and health); 2) Healthcare system strengthening and 3) Nepal Red Cross response capacity development

** Costs include processing of donations, tax receipts and fundraising efforts.



1-800-418-1111
redcross.ca
WeCare@redcross.ca

