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## NEPAL EARTHQUAKE - ZONE

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AN URGENT APPEAL TO HELP REBUILD DEVASTATED SCHOOLS IN MOST REMOTE
AREAS OF NEPAL – working with
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Latest updates of the relief effort carried out by a huge team of dedicated teachers and volunteers carried out by SV Trusted NGOs in Nepal:

Saraswati/Jankalyan, HSS Nepal, SEWA, VHP Nepal who have cleared access directly to over 1600 remote villages

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7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Earthquake-hit Victims Relief Campaign

#### **Updates**

- 1. Volunteers from various organizations including Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, Pragyik Vidyarthi Parishad, Janakalyan Pratishthan, Janajati Kalyan Ashram, Pashupati Shiksha Prasaar Samiti and Vishva Hindu Parishad Nepal swept the debris lying on the streets and cleared the roads blocked by rubbles in Bhaktapur on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The roads and streets in Bhaktapur were blocked by debris as most of the concrete structures has been reduced to rubble.
- 2. Trucks loaded with all the relief goods like dry foods, blankets, drinking water etc. coming from various stations of Nepal and Bharat are reaching Kathmandu. The same goods are then ferried up to needful peoples in far off remote villages of worst-hit Sindhupalchok, Dhading, Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Kavre, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, Gorkha, Sankhuwasabha etc. Karyakartas from those districts are approaching the HSS Nepal central office 'Keshav Dham' with details of things required for the people in their village. The help-desks in the central office are managing aid accordingly. The quake-survivors heaved a sigh of relief to some extent with the arrival of relief materials, foodstuff and tents in remote settlements of quake-hit hilly districts. Yet, more relief goods are being sent to the quake-hit villages on Sunday.

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3. A team of swayamsevaks led by Sambhag Pracharak Tirtharaj Khanal and Mukesh Shah reached Jiling, a remote village in Nuwakot Saturday night around 11:56 PM with relief materials. Majority of the houses were destroyed in this village. Quake victims were forced to spend the cold nights under the open sky. They had some food-stuffs remaining but were running short of tarpaulin, blankets and sleeping mats. 'The locals in the village are spending days and nights in open spaces. They are in need of tents first, food second,' said Mukesh Shah. Materials including tarpaulin sheets, basic food items and sleeping mats were distributed among the victims in the mid-night. It served more than 156 families.

'I was overwhelmed to see how happy people were after they received urgent materials in this time of crisis,' said Tirtharaj Khanal, 'they expressed their gratitude with wet-eyes'.

Similarly, another team led by Jagannath Subedi reached Kumari VDC of Nuwakot. Amidst a well organized program in a local school, they distributed ready made food packets, 5 sacks of rice, 5 sacks of beaten rice (chiwra), biscuits, noodles, 180 tarpaulin sheets, 90 blankets etc. No relief materials had reached there till then.

Prem Thulung, Sangathan Mantri of Janajati Kalyan Ashram Nepal with a team of volunteers reached Nanglebhari village Saturday evening and availed 30 families there with the relief materials including tarpaulin sheets, rice, flour, beaten rice etc.

Likewise, another team of swayamsevaks led by Prahlad Regmi reached Fatakaa-shila and Ichok villages of Sindhupalchok district on Saturday. The roads were worsened due to landslides following the massive earthquakes. They managed to reache these remote villages with blankets, tarpaulin sheets, rice, beaen rice. About 318 families were benefited by it. Earlier, on Friday the same team had distributed goods in Navalpur and Sindhukot villages of Sindhupalchok district.

Meanwhile, two medical teams with Doctors from Bharat, led by Dr. Hemraj Koirala are rendering service in Sindhupalchok and Bhaktapur districs. They have set-up temporary medical camps to treat the . The villagers from the quake-affected areas are benefited. A majority of health facilities in Nepal's quake-affected areas have sustained damage in the April 25 earthquake.

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