

Religions for Peace

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About RFP Nepal: RFP, Nepal's aim is to advocate peace, friendship and development within the framework of religious co-existence and inter-religious dialogue. RFP, Nepal was founded as national organization to catalyze peace by stressing basic human values which are based on love, compassion, service, benevolence, justice and truth.

This year has been devastating for our country Nepal. Thousands of people lost their lives and thousands more were injured in a 7.8-magnitude earthquake that hit Nepal's capital Kathmandu and its surrounding areas on 25 April. The earthquake was followed by a large number of aftershocks, including one that measured 7.3 on 12 May. The April earthquake killed more than 8,000 people and injured more than 19,000.



Many have been left homeless by the disaster. The temporary shelters may not last long. The situations for the poor people are really bad since they have lost their homes; they need immediate help in reconstruction.



RFP International donated \$3000 for the immediate relief for the earthquake victims. RFP Nepal quickly acted on this and utilized the funds on acquiring the relief materials viz. Blankets, floor mats, Bed sheets, pots and pans, buckets, mugs, towel, soaps etc.



RFP Nepal visited 3 devastated sites viz. Ichungu, Ramkot and Okhar Pauwa. We distributed the relief material in these places. We visited Ichungu, Ramkot on 7th May 2015 and on 20th May we went to Okhar Pauwa, Kakani.



Maryknoll, a catholic missionary donated \$5000 to RFP Nepal for the earthquake relief. This money was used to buy zinc sheets for those who need the supplies desperately to build houses. The life of zinc sheets are about 20to 30 years so they can be used to build permanent shelter.

We went for a location visit to a village name Ghusel, in Lalitpur District. We contacted the VDC member their and went for an inspection. Almost 95% of houses have been collapsed by the earthquake. They are in much need of shelter and relief materials. Therefore in the first phase, we decided to build at least five houses there. We will be providing them some raw materials along with some cash to build the houses. They committed to complete building the houses within a week. This was our first phase and eventually in the later phases we decided to have a target to build at least a hundred houses.

On 22nd June we conducted a discussion program. For this program we invited religious leader of various faith and asked for their help to support us to help the earthquake victims. The leaders of all faiths showed their solidarity and appreciated the work that RFP Nepal was doing.



ACRP Task Force visited Kathmandu between 6th and 10th July.



Initially the task force members visited various places affected by the earthquake viz. Bhaktapur, Bungamati, Sanko and Boudhanath Stupa. All these places were affected by the earthquake.

ACRP Task Force then visited the relief site Ghusel and Thanapati. About 200 villagers welcomed the task force. Several women voiced out what they wanted. There was women association in the village and while their husband went to work in cities, they wanted to take vocational training to sustain the livelihood. This request will be referred again in future.



RFP Nepal has already distributed zinc sheets to 20 households; soon we will be in position to supply for 75 households. If subsequent donations reach RFP Nepal, about 400 households are targeted to be the recipients.

The distribution of the zinc sheets will be completed by early September. Then we shall embark on the second phase projects which will end within 5 years.



ACRP task force made a contribution of US \$5000. This subsidy actually came from RFP Japan which they want to be contributed as ACRP contribution.

In addition to this ACRP has decided to contribute more. US \$20,000 has been proposed in recommendation, for this RFP Nepal is very grateful to ACRP.

The earthquake victims need more assistance and RFP Nepal will try however we can to provide the help.