

Canadian Organizations Mobilizing for the Nepali People

Ottawa, April 29, 2015. In the immediate aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Nepal, many member organizations of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC) are already working to bring life-saving humanitarian aid to the region. With the number of deaths estimated at 5000, the injured estimated at above 9000, and with the numbers expected to rise, it is critical that aid reaches those in need as quickly as possible.

“Many of our members have years, if not decades, of experience working in Nepal,” says Julia Sanchez President-CEO of CCIC. “In times of great need, our members respond. CCIC members with expertise in water, sanitation and hygiene as well as those with expertise in logistics, health care and disaster response are on the ground in Nepal.”

The region is still suffering from aftershocks, some roads are impassable and hospitals are overflowing. In order to stem the possibility of a further crisis brought on by disease, humanitarian aid must be distributed quickly. It is estimated that as much as 8 million people have been affected by the earthquake in Nepal and neighbouring India.

After the immediate crisis subsides, the longer-term job of rehabilitation and reconstruction begins. And again, CCIC members are poised to help bring a sense of stability back to a traumatized region.

“What this crisis also shows is that when disaster strikes, it hits the poorest and most vulnerable the hardest,” says Sanchez. “We need to look at risk-mitigation and long-term resilience, so that people are better placed to deal with these shocks in the future.”

The government of Canada and Canadians have always been generous in times of great need. CCIC welcomes the creation of the [Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund](#) by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. Through this fund, the government has announced that for every eligible dollar donated by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities in response to the Nepal earthquake, the government will set aside one dollar for the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund.

Below is a list of CCIC members that are mobilizing to bring much needed support to Nepal. We urge Canadians to donate generously in support of their work.

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