



ICT Europe Earthquake Relief Fund for Nepal



This spring, Nepal was struck by a devastating earthquake, in which more than 8,500 people died. Besides the immense personal suffering, there was enormous material damage as well.

Similar to the ICT 2010 Yushu Relief Fund for the earthquake in Tibet, ICT decided to launch a special Earthquake Relief Fund for the victims in Nepal. This decision resounded very well with the many reactions from ICT donors and other concerned people, who approached ICT asking for ways to help. The positive reactions to our initiative were truly heartening.

Over € 23,000 in donations has been received in little over a month and ICT complemented the donated amount to 25,000 euros. We have divided the entire revenue of the Earthquake Relief Fund into equal parts of 5,000 euro and was donated to 5 local organizations, that provide direct aid to victims of the Earthquake, both Tibetans and Nepalese.

These organizations were selected based on their track record of implementing aid projects benefitting Tibetans in Nepal before the earthquake.

Below are brief overviews of the reports ICT has received from the beneficiaries.

Chokgyur Lingpa Foundation (CGLF)

Since 2006, CGLF is committed to humanitarian projects in Nepal in the area of health and education.

After the earthquake, relief was provided to 96 village development committees and communities in 17 districts. Immediate assistance was provided to more than 25,000 families in the areas of shelter (tents, tarpaulin, corrugated plate), food (including rice, lentils and oil) and solar lamps.

With the donations of ICT corrugated iron and tarpaulin was purchased. This was important, since many houses were destroyed and with the advent of the monsoon, shelter was urgently needed. More than 130 families in the villages Sermathang, Thakani, Gaunkharka, Shabu Besi and Tatopani were provided aid, as a first step towards the further reconstruction of houses, schools and health centers in the long term.



The Himalayan Society for Youth and Empowerment (HSYWE)

HSYWE works since 2006 to empower Himalayan and trans-Himalayan ethnic communities in Nepal through education, culture and employment projects.

After the disaster, relief aid was provided by handing out food, medicine, tents and mattresses to a large number of remote villages. Those were villages, where not yet other assistance had been provided by the Nepalese government or aid agencies, including Rasuwa, Ikudole, Nuwakot and Ramechhap. In addition, a project on 'Post-Traumatic Stress Recovery' for earthquake survivors were set up in a retirement home and nunnery and free medical centers were established.

The donation of ICT was used for various projects of HSYWE.





Karuna-Shechen

The well-known Tibetan buddhist monk, Matthieu Ricard, founded Karuna-Shechen in 2000 with the aim of providing health care, education and social services to individuals and families in the poorest communities in Tibet, Nepal, and India. An emphasis is placed on the empowerment of women and young girls and the preservation of cultural heritage.

After the earthquake, mobile medical teams of the Shechen Clinic provided medical help. In addition, among others, food, tents and water purifiers were provided for 178.787 people in 477 villages. The donation of ICT contributed to this.





Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition (FPMT)

The FPMT was founded in 1975 by Lama Thubten Yeshe and Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche to promote the preservation and spread of Mahayana Buddhism worldwide.

After the earthquake, food parcels, tents, corrugated plates, blankets, clothing and medicines were distributed. Various free medical camps were set up. For the long term, the FMPT remains involved in rebuilding houses, monasteries and schools.

The contribution of ICT is used for direct aid and assistance.





The Snow Lion Foundation

Snow Lion Foundation was established in 1972 to provide health, education and social welfare of Tibetan refugees in Nepal.

The organization, in collaboration with the Tibet Fund, supplied aid and assistance to survivors. The Foundation is also involved in long-term projects for the reconstruction of communities.