

# Project A.S.I.A. Nepal Earthquake



# ETHNOS ASIA MINISTRIES PROJECT ASIA: NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### 1. BACKGROUND SITUATION

An earthquake of 7.9 magnitude struck Nepal on April 25, 2015 with the epicenter placed at 48 miles northwest of the capital city Kathmandu. The country's most devastating natural disaster in 80 years flattened entire villages, reduced even robust-built structures to rubbles and debris and left hundreds of thousands homeless. Close to 9,000 people died and thousands more injured.

Frequent aftershocks followed. A second strong quake of 7.3 magnitude struck on May 12, 2015. It worsened road blocks in affected districts and landslides in the Himalayan mountains that rendered many villages isolated and inaccessible by land transportation and added to the number of human and animal casualties.

Thousands of people around the country stay outside their homes and buildings fearing they may collapse with another quake. Food had been scarce.

### 2. METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

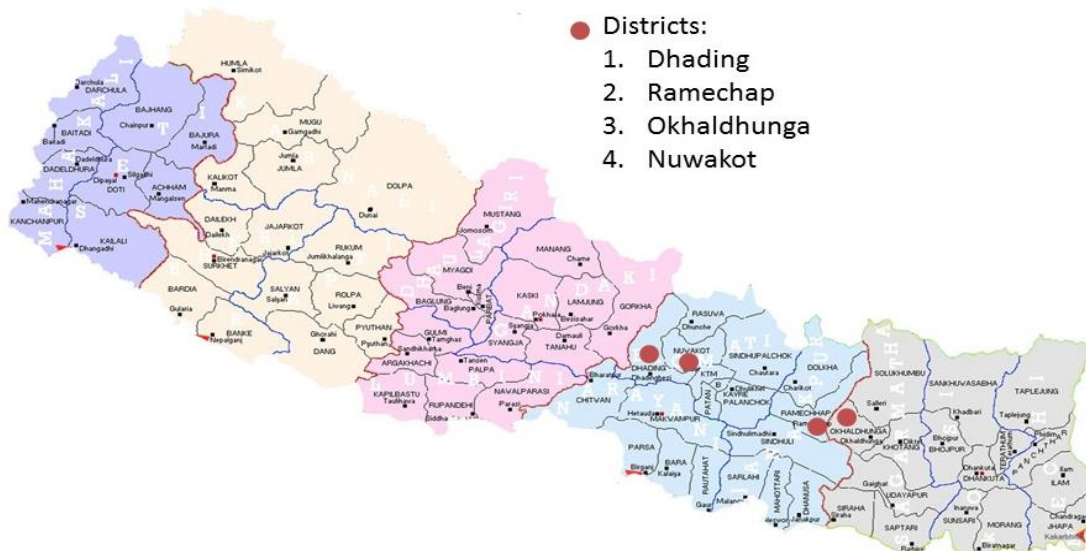
Our country working team and ground workers had assessed damages in the districts where our networks of churches are located.

Roadblocks is a major challenge in the delivery of relief goods but the provision of helicopter service by the government of Nepal made delivery possible.

In coordination with the Office of the Home Minister, data were collected and confirmed. The Office of the Prime Minister provided the free use of army helicopter to transport relief goods, blankets and tarpaulin sheets for roofing to Dhading district.

A ground personnel was deployed to manage the distribution of relief goods to the villagers.

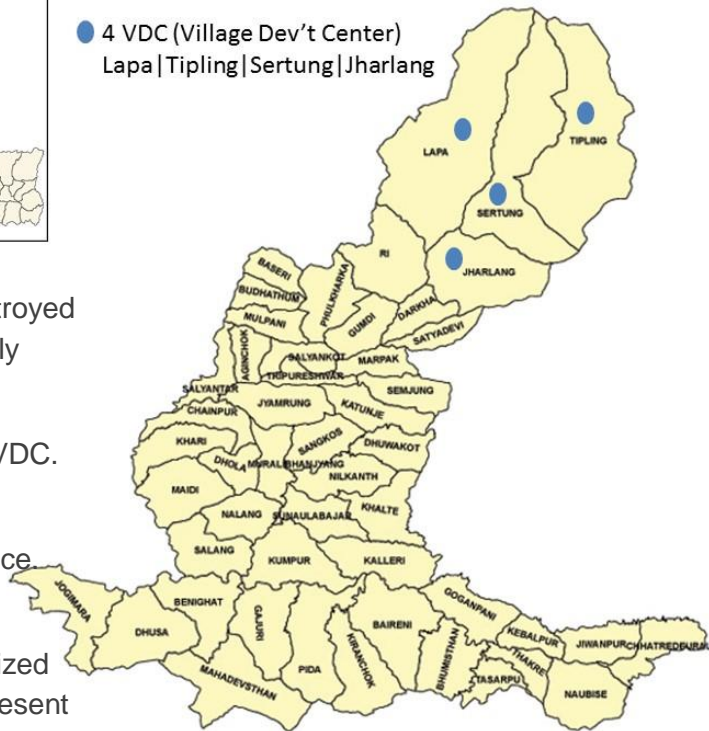
Areas covered by EAM Country Working Team:



## Dhading District



● 4 VDC (Village Dev't Center)  
Lapa | Tipling | Sertung | Jharlang



All churches were completely destroyed in these VDC. Populated by mostly Ethnic Tibetans.

Jharlang is known as a Christian VDC.

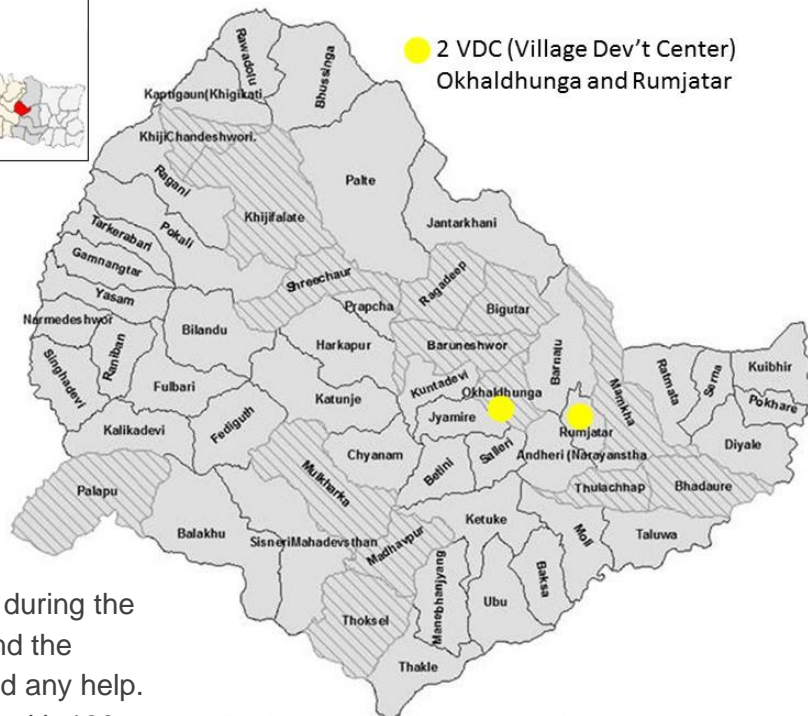
Sertung is majority Buddhist but 3 Ethnic Tibetan churches in the place

Lapa (where Phurpu had his first missionary work in 1998 and baptized 99 converts) and Tipling, are at present difficult places to reach but many Ethnic Tibetan Christians need help.

## Okhadhunga District



● 2 VDC (Village Dev't Center)  
Okhaldhunga and Rumjatar



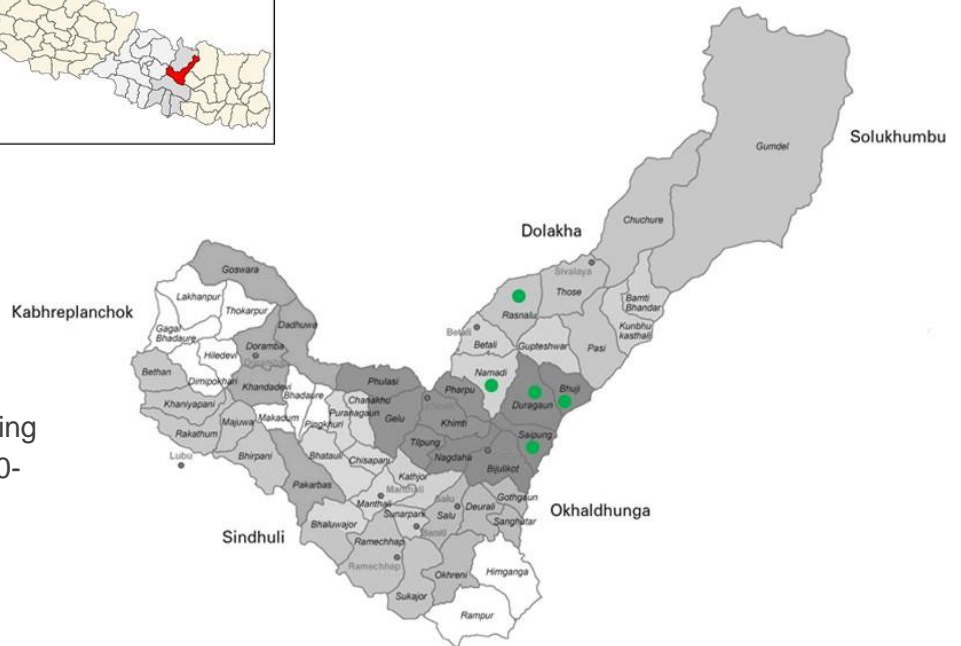
Experienced more damages during the 2<sup>nd</sup> earthquake on May 12 and the government has not extended any help. There are 3 Nepali churches with 100+ believers.

## Ramechhap District



- 5 VDC (Village Dev't Center)  
Rasnalun | Namadi | Duragaun | Bhujji | Saipung

260 houses are completely Tibetan Kagate. There is one church in which we are supporting the pastor – Phurba. Around 50-60 believers in this Tibetan community.

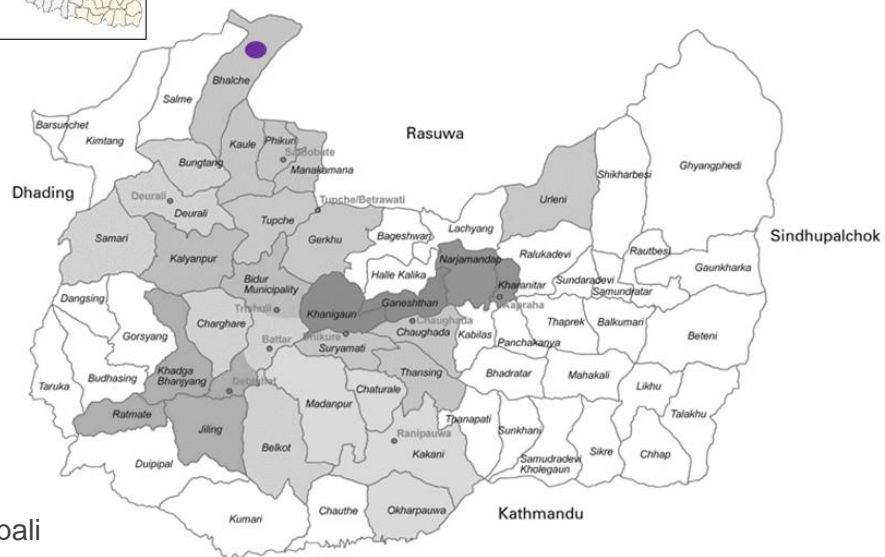


## Nuwakot district



- One VDC (Village Dev't Center)  
Bhalche

There are about 100 Nepali Christians in this village with one church. No help has been extended to them.





### Urgent Needs:

Basic shelter materials – preparing for the monsoon season that starts in mid-June  
Food and basic necessities for children in the Care Center  
Support for staff and workers for the Care Center  
Volunteer teams – teachers, counselors, medical / dental personnel

Assessment and prioritizing of needs, development to succeeding phase of our disaster response continue as relief and rehabilitation are done. Such efforts are done through first-hand reports from Reaching Himalayas Ministry, Reaching Himalayas Center, Rengma Baptist Mission ground workers, EAM Country Working Teams and documentation teams.

Other helpful information will be sourced from the Office of Home Ministry and other government and non-government agencies working in the target areas.

## 3. IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES



All helps are done through and in partnership with churches to strengthen them in the midst of crisis and enable them to stand a witness of God's love to their people.

- Ethnic Tibetan villagers, Urgency of preparing protection from the coming monsoon
- Places which had least or had not been reached by relief helps due to roadblocks and landslides
- Christians in remote villages
- Children and widows / aging citizens who had been displaced, orphaned and homeless.

## Emergency Relief Update

As of 30 May 2015, the following had been provided through Himalayan Harvest Team, Reaching Himalayas Ministry, Reaching Himalayan Center and Rengma Baptist Mission.

**Dhading District:**

May 6-7, 2015      620 blankets

May 19, 2015      7,500 kilos of rice, noodles, salt and oil



**Ramechhap District:**

May 18-22, 2015      265 tarpaulin sheets for roofing





**Note:**

In Fulpingkot VDC, Sindupalchok District, 35 Christian families were ignored in the distribution of goods on the accusation that they received help from foreign donors. Our team distributed 150 sacks of rice, salt and oil, to all families regardless of faith to demonstrate the love of God.



## Relief and Rehabilitation Phase – starting June 1, 2015

### 1. Family Shelter – basic family shelter materials for 1,585 families

Priority need as protection from the coming monsoon season due to start in mid-June (2 weeks time)

#### Priority 1: Starts June 1, 2015

- a. 500 families - Sertung VCD – Ethnic Tibetan villages, 3 churches with 300 Christians
- b. 400 families – Jharlang VCD – Ethnic Tibetan villages, 7 churches with 400 Christians
- c. 185 families – Okhaldhunga District – Nepali villages, 3 churches with over 100 Christians

(damaged during the second strong quake but had not received help because some areas affected by the first quake had not been reached yet.)

#### Priority 2:

- a. 300 families – Ramechhap District – Ethnic Tibetan villages, 1 church with 60 Christians
- b. 200 families – Balche VCD – Nepali villages, 1 church with 100 Christians

### 2. Shelter for 21 Pastors and 21 Churches

Provision of basic family shelter materials

Target Date: June 1-15, 2015

- a. 20 Pastors and 20 Churches - Dhading District
- b. 1 Pastor and 1 Church - Ramechhap District

### 3. Care Centers

Various reports state that children affected by the earthquake to be close to 2 million. Many of them lost parents in the collapsed dwellings or landslides. Hundreds roam the city of Kathmandu for fear of getting trapped inside buildings. Children from villages risk coming to the city afraid of breaking grounds and eroding mountains.

Neglected widows and aging citizens are also focus of concern.

Prior to the April 25 devastation, child trafficking for slavery and sexual exploitation had been a serious concern. Children and women are now more vulnerable due to pressing need for survival and escape from worsening poverty.

The Care Center which will provide feeding and trauma counseling will be a temporary holding centers until the end of 2015.

**Target Recipients:** 1,500 children and 500 widows / aging citizens

500 children in Kathmandu

1,000 children in 20 villages

500 widows / aging citizens in 20 villages – This project will start after the Care Center for Children in Kathmandu has been set up.

**Target Date:**

1. Bhaktaphur, Kathmandu

June 1 – July 15, 2015 - organization and preparation

July 16, 2015 - opening of center

2. Boudha, Kathmandu

June 1 – July 15, 2015 – organization and preparation

August 1, 2015 – opening of center

3. 20 village churches

August 2015 – training of center staff



## 4. TIMELINE/SCHEDULE



## 5. GIVING|DONATION

Ethnos Asia Ministries has committed to help the local churches in Nepal where our Himalayan Harvest team and local volunteers have been mobilized to assist our brothers and sisters who are in desperate need at this time.

We urgently need your prayers and donation.

### Donations to the Project A.S.I.A. Nepal Earthquake can be designated to:

- Family shelter, immediate need for 1,585 families in 12 villages before the monsoon season. To provide roof, the cost is US\$54/family
- Pastor immediate basic need – family shelter cost is US\$300/pastor
- Church basic need – cost is US\$340/church
- To run the care center, the cost is US\$3.25/child or widow/day
- Give whatever you can, we'll use it with those in greatest need

Thanks and God bless you!