

The Poor earthquake victims of Nepal seems to be caught up by policies of the government which make it inaccessible for them to receive the Govt. relief funds or the support from the donor agencies in a manner that would address their needs immediately.

National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) of Nepal has issued guidelines to I/NGOs who wants to help reconstruction and rehabilitation of the earthquake survivors

- The agencies have to build a minimum of 250 (INGOs) or 50 (NGOs) houses in a village **designated by NRA** and that they cannot build houses on their own.
- I/NGOs only can provide **Rs. 200,000 (1660€ approx.)** for each building. (This is equal but **not additional** to the grant that Govt. has allotted for each household, while a standard earthquake resistant house for 4 member family costs a minimum of **Rs. 500,000**. The rest of the required amount will be available to needy as a **loan** from the Govt.).
- Alternatively, an INGO can **deposit funds in NRA's bank account** for the purpose.

The **one door** policy of the Govt. has slowed down the process of reconstruction activities drastically, since there is no fast track arrangement for issuing permissions to the I/NGOs

The **blanket approach** of RS 200,000 for each house may not address the labour costs for single survivors, women only family, old people and children who lost both the parents, besides the degrees of remoteness of each household and the level of damages.

The **four quarter installment** basis of the Govt. grant, starting only with Rs. 50,000 may tire out the poor remote villagers who don't have nearby bank access and eventually give up on the grant after the first installment. Moreover, after waiting so long, the people may not use the first installment of Rs. 50,000 for shelter foundation but rather for clearing their debts, and thus get disqualified for the next installment.



It was the earthquake, now it is the wildfire before the rain, and will it be the landslides during the monsoon?



# HIGHLIGHTS



On 26th April, 2016 the His Eminence, Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle inaugurated the NJSI built school building at Khadichaur in the presence of His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, (Vatican Ambassador to Nepal and India), Bishop Peter Stasiuk, (Deputy Chair Caritas Australia), Fr. Silas Bogati (Dir. Caritas Nepal), and delegates from Caritas International. The dignitaries were present in Nepal for attending the Solidarity Event organized by Caritas Nepal.

Fr. Roy Sebastian—Coordinator of NJSI, represented the Nepal Religious congregations and presented the data of the Catholic Church's and religious congregations' response to the earthquake relief efforts at the Solidarity Event organized by Caritas Nepal from 25th to 27th.



Cristina Fernández Durán, the Program Manager of Xavier Net Work, arrived on 10th and stayed with NJSI till 28th. She visited Sindhupalchowk, Kavre, Dolakha and Gorkha. Sabrina Atturo, representative from MAGIS Italia, arrived on 17th and joined Cristina and the NJSI team for visiting the districts. Cristina took lead and conducted the seminar cum workshop for all the staff members of NJSI for three days on project writing, budgeting and reporting. The workshop also helped NJSI team to systematize their activities.



On 25th April, a memorial ceremony was organized in the NJSI central office, Kathmandu to mark the first anniversary of the earthquake and to pray for those who lost their lives.



Thanks and farewell to

Fr. Peter Chettri, SJ



# NJSI INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

## Kathmandu

NJSI supported the Bright Star Society Nepal to conduct three days “Personality Development Independent Living Training” for 24 visually impaired individuals in Kathmandu.

25 pieces of mats and 25 pieces of tarpaulins were availed to the group to conduct free health camp.



## Lalitpur



*NJSI has started repair work of the damaged building in Manakamana Primary School, Dalchowki, Lalitpur. About 35% of the construction work is completed and the work is expected to complete by the end of May.*

## Kavrepalanchowk

5 days Candle Making and 4 days Pote Making trainings were conducted for the women of Danuwar community of Jaretar, Kavrepalanchowk.





# Dolakha

The construction of a semi-permanent building in Nava Jyoti School, Suri, Dolakha was completed and handed over to the School Management Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> April. The NJS team was represented by Cristina Fernández Durán, Anita, Fr. Mathew, Fr. Arul. and the field staff.



# Sindhuli



On 8<sup>th</sup> of April NJSI had extended supported 45 families of forest fire victims of Bhuwaneshori VDC, Sindhuli.

The five wards of the VDC were totally destroyed by the forest fire. NJSI availed 4 bundles of CGI Sheets for each household.

# Ramechhap

On 4<sup>th</sup> of April, NSI Team visited the Sun Devi Sun Koshi Primary School in Rakathum, Ramechhap. NJSI is supporting the school and local people with drinking water facility and toilets for staff and students. The construction of water tank is completed. NJSI has supported in making the approach road to the School as well.



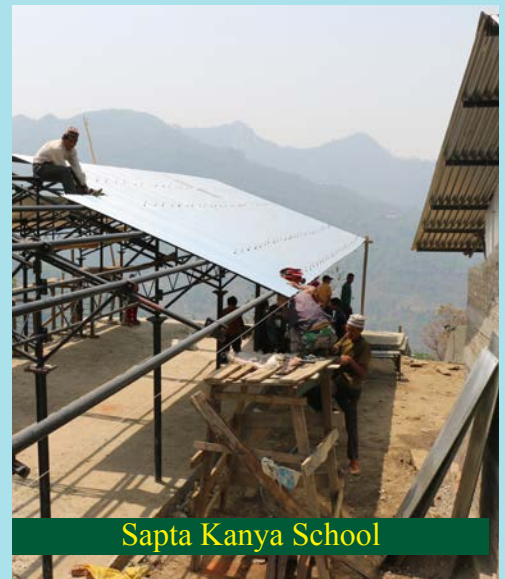


# Gorkha

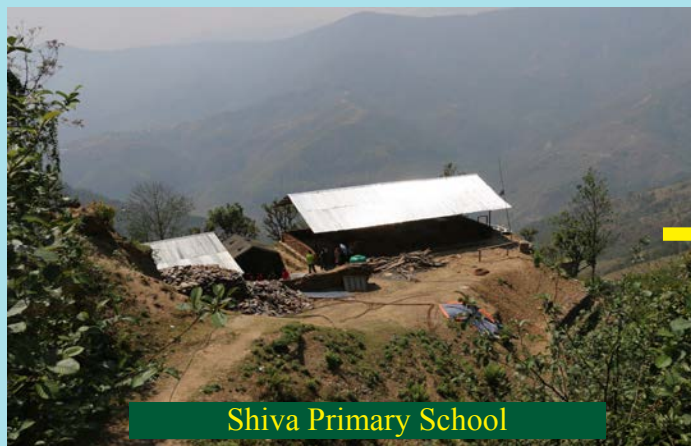
On 23rd April NJSI team along with our visitors, Cristina Fernández Durán and Sabrina Atturo, visited the 11 schools in Saurapani VDC where the semi-permanent structures are under construction. This was also the occasion to hand over two of the completed buildings to the management committees of Samudaik Smriti Primary School and Mul Devi Primary School. The trip was tiresome yet adventurous, and the drive along the cliff was exciting and revealing the difficulties the NJSI district team faces when monitoring the construction sites. The visit ended with a memorial service for the people who lost their lives a year ago during the earthquake. Fortyfour people had lost their lives in Saurapani VDC.



Mul Devi Primary School After Handing over



Sapta Kanya School



Shiva Primary School



Bardi Dada Primari School



Construction Materials stuck on the bad road