

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

In April 2015, an earthquake hit Nepal, a country in South Asia. The charity Save the Children set up the Nepal Earthquake Appeal to raise money to help people affected by the earthquake. This article from their website describes how donations have made a huge difference in the area.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: HOW YOU HELPED

When a catastrophic* earthquake hit Nepal in April 2015, it flattened towns and villages and left thousands dead. As aftershocks* caused further damage, we were already on the ground saving lives. Today we're still there, helping communities rebuild.

How your donation has helped children

5 Thanks to you, we've been able to reach more than half a million people — including more than 350,000 children — with vital aid. In the days and weeks following the earthquake, your generous support enabled us to:

- **Distribute shelter materials and essential household items** to over 172,000 families including: tarpaulins*, rope, kitchen utensils, mats, solar lamps, gas stoves and mosquito nets. 10
- **Send emergency mobile health units** to 24 villages, bringing medical assistance to over 2,000 people. 15
- **Set up clinics in remote villages**, bringing vital health care to patients from nearly 1,700 households.
- **Distribute hygiene kits** to help families stay clean and healthy, including water purification drops. So far we've distributed nearly 29,000 of these kits, reaching more than 144,000 people. 20
- **Set up temporary learning centres**, helping over 67,620 children continue with their education.

Today, our teams are still there — protecting children, supporting families and helping communities rebuild.



Phurpu and Sabita's story

25 Sabita was eight months pregnant when the earthquake struck. She had to run from her home as the walls started to crack around her. "After going through so much suffering due to the earthquake I was very scared about the safe arrival of my baby," she says. "It was simply overwhelming." But we had set up an emergency health camp nearby. So, when Sabita's baby came, she got the best possible care. With her delivery overseen by a doctor and a nurse, little Phurpu was born safely. Dr Ghimire, who was part of our mobile health team, said: "It always feels very fulfilling to help bring a new life into the world, but this birth felt extra special." 30

Glossary

catastrophic — terrible
aftershocks — smaller earthquakes following the main earthquake
tarpaulins — big pieces of waterproof material

An abridged version of a report from www.savethechildren.org.uk

1 Why do you think the earthquake survivors were given tarpaulins?

1 mark

2 How many hygiene kits were distributed?

1 mark

3 Give two ways that donations have helped to keep children in Nepal healthy.

2 marks

4 What does the word "vital" (line 14) mean? Circle one:

- a. modern b. clean c. essential d. main

1 mark

5 Why do you think Phurpu's birth was "extra special" (line 31) for Dr Ghimire?

1 mark

6 Why do you think Save the Children wrote this article?

2 marks

7 Do you think it's important that people raise money for charities like Save the Children? Explain your answer.

2 marks

Total
out of 10