



A devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal on Saturday causing massive damage. Its epicentre was in a densely populated area near the capital, Kathmandu.

Thousands of people are dead. Thousands more are injured. Many homes are destroyed or damaged. Lives are shattered.

Major aftershocks are causing further destruction and fear amongst survivors. Families are sleeping in the open, afraid of returning to their homes. Monsoon rains are expected in the coming days.



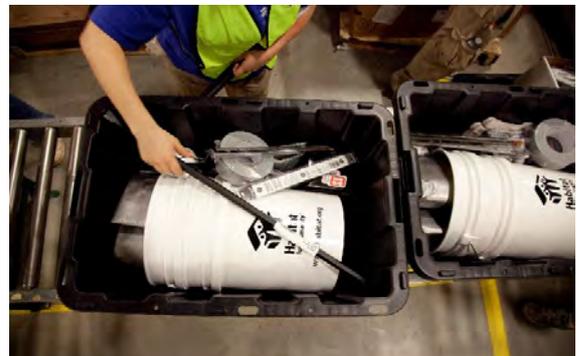
Shelter is a priority.

Our Habitat colleagues in Nepal are on the ground, working to assess families' immediate needs and coordinating the response. We are aiming to distribute 20,000 emergency shelter kits, depending on funding available.

What's in an Emergency Shelter Kit?

Kits provide families with tools and materials to have immediate protection from the elements. Items include:

- 2 tarpaulins
- 1 rope
- 1 box of 2" umbrella nails
- 1 hammer
- 1 pair of scissors or box cutter



Example of an emergency shelter kit. © Habitat for Humanity

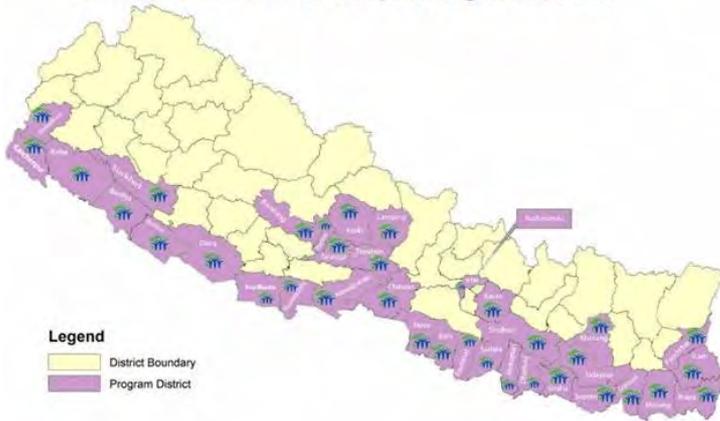
Just **£132*** could provide an emergency shelter kit to a family in desperate need of shelter. We **urgently** need your help to reach as many families as possible.

Our response will also include:

- Mobilising engineers to carry out house-by-house **damage assessments**, as many families fear staying in their homes.
- In the long-term, we will support families to **rebuild their homes and lives**.

*This includes the content, local transportation, and overseeing community organisation and distribution.

Habitat for Humanity Nepal Program Districts



Our Habitat colleagues in Nepal are working in incredibly difficult circumstances. Roads are blocked and communications are down, which is hampering the relief effort.

For the past 18 years, Habitat Nepal has helped tens of thousands of families in need of decent housing. Operating in 35 of Nepal's 75 Districts, we have a strong reputation, working closely with dozens of local partner organisations. We have responded to past disasters, providing transitional shelter made from treated bamboo and engineered earthen bricks.

Pathways to Permanence

Habitat Nepal have been joined by the global Disaster Response Team. Habitat uses a "Pathways to Permanence" approach when responding to disasters. This is the process of reducing vulnerability while supporting disaster affected families and communities to make progress towards achieving permanent, durable shelter and settlements.

We are working in partnership with the Nepali government, UN-lead Shelter Cluster and local communities to ensure the effectiveness of the response is multiplied.

A World Leader in Shelter Aid

Habitat is the world leader in shelter aid. Our Disaster Response programmes focus on the housing needs that arise from natural disasters and humanitarian emergency conflicts. We use integrated approaches centred on sustainable shelter and housing solutions. Globally, Habitat has served more than **one million people in 44 countries** in the aftermath of disaster and conflict, and reached thousands more through disaster risk reduction.

**We urgently need your help to reach as many families as possible.
Help restore hope to families who have lost everything in Nepal.**

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