

Nepal Earthquake

ONE YEAR LATER



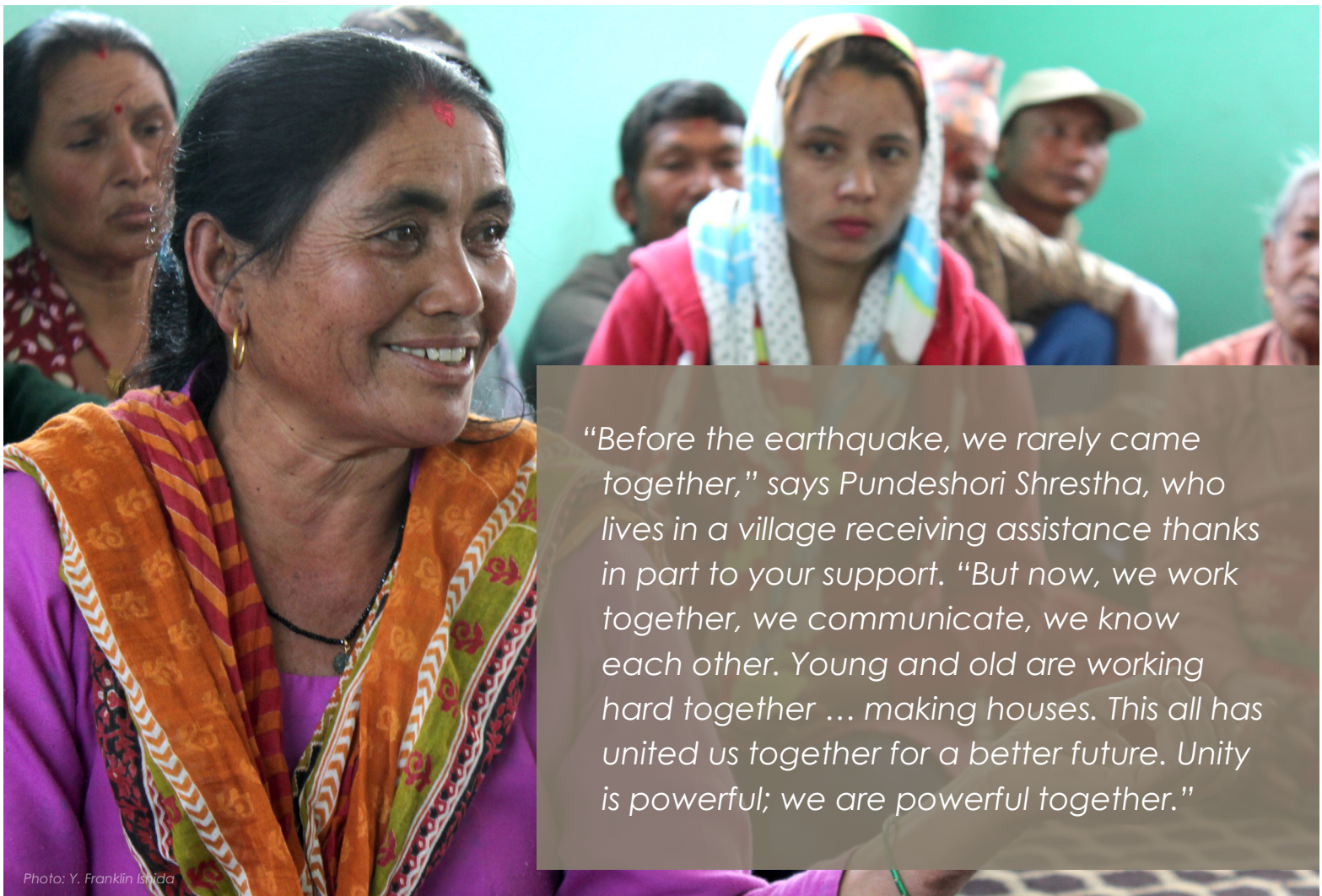
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"We are grateful for organizations that have helped us during this time. We received food and tents as initial relief. Then afterwards, we received seed, galvanized sheets for temporary shelter, and winterization materials," says Angela Tamang, whose home was destroyed in the earthquake.



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"Before the earthquake, we rarely came together," says Pundeshori Shrestha, who lives in a village receiving assistance thanks in part to your support. "But now, we work together, we communicate, we know each other. Young and old are working hard together ... making houses. This all has united us together for a better future. Unity is powerful; we are powerful together."

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Thank you!

Trusted partners

Lutheran Disaster Response works with a network of partners who are actively engaged with communities on the ground. Within days of the first and second earthquake, resources were mobilized. Now, one year later, we are still working with The Lutheran World Federation, United Mission to Nepal, Shanti Nepal and Lutheran World Relief, helping to rebuild communities and improve lives.



By working together, we can do far more than we ever could alone.



Emergency relief

Relief aid was provided to people within days of the first and second earthquakes. Immediate distribution of ready-to-eat food, blankets and hygiene kits were provided to households. Water filtration units and personal care kits were also a priority in the beginning stages of recovery.





Agriculture and development

Many families were poor before the disaster, but the earthquakes have tipped some into absolute poverty. Cash-for-work programs have been initiated for debris cleanup and water maintenance. Small grants and training for self-help groups are being organized. Training in agriculture, livestock support and income generation is taking place in rural areas. Because much of the land was disrupted by the earthquake, support has been given to farmers with seed distribution, irrigation projects and soil management. Ten mini tractors have also been supplied.





Shelter

The earthquakes destroyed or damaged more than 500,000 homes. The timing of the earthquakes meant that reconstruction of housing, a most pressing need, could not take place before the annual monsoon season. Emergency shelter kits were distributed and people constructed temporary shelters. Now, people are ready to reconstruct their homes and want to learn how to make them earthquake resistant. Masons are being taught earthquake resistant techniques, technical support is being given and grants for reconstruction are being distributed. By working together, we will build back better.





Health care and education

The Shanti Nepal primary health clinic provided emergency medical treatment after the earthquakes. Although the clinic is in need of improvements, it is meeting some initial health care needs in communities. Support is being provided with repairs, training and equipment. Rebuilding and repairing is also taking place at Elim Kids Academy, a Christian school that the ELCA helps support by providing scholarships and teacher training programs. Temporary learning centers have been set up in areas until the government is able to rebuild schools.



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Looking ahead

Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to helping communities in Nepal be resilient to future disasters. This will happen through education and capacity building, income generating trainings and activities, progressive farming techniques and methods, access to and reconstruction of safe and secure permanent housing, and uplifting gender justice, human dignity and advocacy.

Your gifts made it possible for our church to respond – bringing help, hope and healing to our Nepal neighbors. But they still need your help.



Give now

Your support is still needed to assist in the recovery efforts. Gifts designated for the “Nepal Area Earthquake” will be used entirely (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted until this response is complete.

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As a church, we are often present where others are not – reaching out to the “least of these.” In response and recovery efforts to the Nepal earthquakes, special attention has been given to people living with disabilities, ethnic minorities, women and children.



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