

## Earthquake Response

As a registered Canadian charity, all funds raised by CNMS were matched by the Canadian government's Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund until May 25, 2015. Immediately after the first earthquake, (magnitude 7.8) on April 25 2015, CNMS was accepting donations for early and sustained work with paramedics in Nepal. Some members of our Board also received donations-in-kind. By mid-June, hundreds of kilograms of materials contributed by our Canadian supporters were transported to Nepal by Dybesh, Judy and Rob on flights with cargo space donated by Qatar Airlines. They ensured that all supplies and early funds were provided directly to those in need in remote areas without the bureaucracy and political maneuvering. Candidates were also sought for the ANM and CMA courses. We focussed on Sindhupaalchok, a region devastated by the earthquakes.



Dr. Dybesh Regmi tending to victims of the earthquake.



Some of the supplies transported to the villages (not the motorcycles...)



Homes and schools destroyed



## Update 2017

Following an outpouring of support after the earthquakes of 2015, CNMS was able to sponsor 5 young women for paramedic training (4 in the ANM course and 1 in the CMA course). As of June, they have all graduated and are volunteering in their villages or seeking employment in rural areas. We were also able to sponsor the enrolment of 3 more students the following year, 2016.

We received more funds than we were able to apply to ANM or CMA training as there were not enough suitable paramedic candidates available. Some funds went toward Child Haven International, another Canadian charity working in Nepal with similar goals.

Child Haven was working towards the relocation of a village. The village of 65 households whose homes had been largely destroyed was moved to a new settlement built on land purchased by Child Haven in a safer location. As part of the re-creation of this village, your funds were used to complete a 14-unit building.



Here we see the foundation for the building and the larger complex well underway. It is now completed and the 14 apartments allocated.

Thank you, Child Haven

