

NEPAL: ONE YEAR AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES

Disaster Relief progress and plans

One Year Report May 2016



25 April 2015 is etched into the memories of many Nepalis. The severe earthquake that struck that day, and the aftershocks that followed, left scars across Nepal's landscape, and devastation in its wake. After the earthquake, schools were destroyed and materials had crumbled among the rubble, leaving the education of the children in Nepal at a standstill as the country began to rebuild.

Within 24 hours of the earthquake, Projects Abroad called for volunteers to join a Disaster Relief building project to rebuild schools in the Kathmandu area. In early June 2015, just over a month after the earthquake hit, our first group of volunteers hit the ground running, ready and eager to make a meaningful impact.



“Something like 22,000 schools were destroyed in the quakes, so it was great to know that children who had their education disrupted would be able to return to lessons again when we were finished. It wasn't easy though, we had to build the foundations from scratch and we were working against the monsoon . . . But the optimism and enthusiasm of the team leaders and other volunteers was amazing and we carried on every day with lots of smiles and encouragement!

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Karleen Stevens, August 2015

Just one year later, with the help of over **450** volunteers, many constructions engineers, architects, and our local staff, we have built **6** fully-equipped schools with a total of **65** classrooms from the ground up.

We recognise that schools must be a space in which students feel safe, both practically and creatively. As such, we have ensured that each school is built with attention to detail from earthquake-resistant flexible structures and light zinc sheet roofs, to colourful pillars and vibrant wall decorations.

Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, over **1500** students have been able to continue their education, and over **60** teachers have returned to work.

Much still needs to be done in Nepal, and Projects Abroad will continue to help rebuild schools and communities across the country in the coming months and years through the generosity and hard work of volunteers from across the world.

Find out more about our Disaster Relief work in Nepal, and help us make a difference where it's needed most: <http://www.projects-abroad.org/volunteer-destinations/volunteer-nepal/building/disaster-relief/>



Since the devastating earthquakes in Nepal in late April 2015, Projects Abroad volunteers and staff have made significant progress in helping rebuild local communities. In the last year...

