



Humanitarian Aid

Immediately after the severe earthquakes of 25 April and 12 May 2015, the German Government made available funds for humanitarian assistance in a total volume of 5 million euros.

A German Red Cross and Federal Agency for Technical Relief flight funded by the Federal Foreign Office arrived in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu on 29 April. The aircraft transported tents, blankets, hygiene kits and two urgently needed water purification units to the disaster zone. With the help of these units, up to 30,000 people are provided with fresh drinking water every day. In addition, German Humanitarian Aid supported UN-OCHA, immediate relief activities of the World Food Programme (WFP) and several German NGOs already active through local partners in Nepal.

German Non-Governmental Organisations

Following the disaster, a great number of German non-governmental organisations offered support to the Nepalese people. Among them are many organisations with long-standing cooperation projects in Nepal as well as medical emergency and disaster response teams. They have provided a substantial amount of relief goods to Nepal, such as tarpaulins, kitchen sets, water purifications systems etc. The German Embassy organises a regular NGO roundtable to enable smooth cooperation with the overall relief efforts. There has been strong support and solidarity for Nepal among the people in Germany: this is e.g. reflected in private donations amounting to more than 60 million euros.

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Recovery and Rehabilitation Programmes

German Development Cooperation immediately made available contributions of more than 150.000 euros for disaster relief, such as medical supplies, blankets and tents etc.

To assist Nepal in its mid- and long-term recovery and rehabilitation efforts, the German Government announced an additional 30 million euros for a substantial support programme. The regional focus of this programme will be in Dhading, Nuwakot and Rasuwa districts as well as the city of Bhaktapur.

The intended areas of German support focus on:

- **Health sector support**, such as rebuilding hospitals in the worst-hit districts and smaller health posts especially in remote areas, as well as procuring medical equipment and supplies. In addition, transitional housing for the rainy season will be provided in order to help people meet their own needs.
- Rebuilding **infrastructure**, including homes and municipal buildings and water supply systems.
- **Energy sector support**, e.g. rehabilitation of the central load dispatch centre in Kathmandu and necessary repairs at hydropower plants, transmission lines and substations damaged by the earthquake.

The German Recovery and Rehabilitation programmes will be coordinated by the German Embassy and implemented by KfW (Financial Cooperation) and GIZ (Technical Cooperation) in close cooperation with the Government of Nepal.

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