



Kevin Rohan Memorial Eco Foundation

PROMOTING HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT THROUGH A SYNERGY OF MAN AND LAND
KHAHARE, KATHMANDU, NEPAL EST. 2008

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Dear Friend,

A devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake and several aftershocks hit Nepal this past week, destroying homes and livelihoods of entire cities. Thousands have died, and thousands more have been left injured and stuck beneath rubble. Aid agencies have begun to provide supplies and services while searching for survivors, though many are overwhelmed by the sheer scale of the disaster. In the long term, Nepal will require ongoing assistance to rebuild homes and rehabilitate the lives of all who were affected by this tragic event.

Like many villages surrounding Kathmandu City, Khahare (home of KRMEF) has been significantly damaged by the earthquake, with more than 500 homes destroyed. The foundation is taking the initiative to respond to the most urgent needs of our local community. We aim to start with our own village and work outward with a ripple effect as we build our capacity to support those in need. We have begun with a survey of impacts and are organizing families in need into categories based on necessities such as water, food, housing, clothing, health, and safety. One of our first initiatives has been to harvest fresh

spring water into tanks for anyone in need, as many of the natural water sources we've

grown to depend on have either moved or broken. We are also running a generator to allow locals to recharge their mobile phones in order to stay in contact with their loved ones. Our international volunteers have already started to help the local community build a house for a family who lost their home, and are organizing a "building best practices" workshop to discuss and share tips on earthquake-safe construction techniques as locals start to rebuild. Our vision is not only to provide immediate relief, but to use this event as an opportunity to foster long-term, comprehensive, and sustainable solutions in our community.



Photo of home post-earthquake in Khahare - photo courtesy ©Santosh Chetri



Saharsa taking shelter under roof of cow pat pit - photo courtesy ©Santosh Cheetri

The Kevin Rohan Memorial Eco Foundation (KRMEF), established in 2008, has long supported the local community and beyond. The foundation is composed of a variety of community outreach programs including four Waldorf inspired schools, a thriving biodynamic farm, bee hives, a free community health clinic, a handicraft workshop and store, bio-briquette production, and sustainable and natural buildings such as bottle houses.

We work in many domains, incorporating sustainable and environmental values in all our activities, and are looking forward to maintaining and expanding our capacity to help those in need with your contribution.



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Your donations will go a long way in supporting our mission to assist in rebuilding and revitalizing our villages in a long-term, sustainable way. With our strong roots in the local community and beyond, this financial resource will help to alleviate the suffering of the Nepali community and be the stepping stone to help restore and rebuild the community from the ground up. Depending on your location and currency, we have made it convenient to donate using three different options. As always, your donations are tax deductible and we will be updating our blog with information about how your contribution is helping.

Please see the details for donation below:

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Thuli who has lost her mother during earthquake- photo courtesy Krishna Gurung

Anyone who has visited Nepal knows of the generous nature of the Nepalese, giving even when they have very little. On behalf of the Nepali people, we thank you for your compassionate support. With your contribution, you are joining in the international movement to give back in this great time of need, building together for a better, more sustainable future.

Welcome aboard! We're glad to have you!

Krishna Gurung
KRMEF