

# Gorkhaly Foundation



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## Nepal Earthquake Relief Efforts

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## Who are we?

Gorkhaly Foundation, a US based volunteer group, is a proud partner of the global collaborative campaign '[Nepal Rising](#)' led by [Nepal Ko Yuwa](#), a 501 (c)(3) compliant non-profit organization, for earthquake relief and recovery efforts in Nepal. Over the past years, Gorkhaly Foundation has partnered with over dozen of Grass-root organizations in USA and Nepal. The foundation in 2013, with [Nepal Ko Yuwa](#) & [COMMITTED](#), raised over 35K for 12 NGOs in Nepal by organizing [Walk for Nepal](#) 2013 – platform for organizing walkathons in cities worldwide to mobilize individuals and organizations interested in the development of Nepal. In 2013, the foundation promoted CNN Hero Pushpa Basnet's documentary "Waiting for Mamu" to support the Butterfly Home project. In 2012, we raised funds for [COMMITTED](#) to building schools in Nepal by hosting the Xbox Football Tournament. Now we are dedicating the foundation to immediate and long term recovery of Nepal from the 2015 Earthquake. This will be the main mandate for the coming years.

## Facts about the Nepal Earthquake

- A devastating earthquake of Magnitude 7.6 struck Nepal on April 25, 2015 and another of 7.3 Magnitude struck on May 12, 2015 and its aftermath has claimed over 8700 lives and 16,392 injured (As of June 3rd 2015). 505,745 houses are destroyed and 279,330 are severely damaged.
- The Financial Tracking Service reports that \$123.4 million have been received against the Flash Appeal. Additional revised \$422 million is urgently required to ensure that the ongoing relief efforts can be maintained and scaled up.
- 8.1 + Million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and 3.5 + Million people estimated to be in need of food assistance.
- An estimated 15,000 children (6 to 59 months old) with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) require therapeutic feeding and 70,000 children (6 to 59 months) with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) need supplementary food.
- The Department of Education has reported that 14,541 classrooms were destroyed and 9,182 were damaged. With full reports not yet available for all the districts, provisional estimates indicate that some 948,900 children will not have access to education.
- Estimated 4.2 million people are in urgent need of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services.





## Our Focus - Rebuild Barpak Campaign

*Envisioning an inspirational success story for all remote and rural communities in Nepal*

- Barpak Village in Gorkha district, Warpak Village Development Committee (VDC), is in the Western region of Nepal.
- It was at the epicenter of the 7.6 M earthquake that struck Nepal on April 25, and has suffered insurmountable loss. 95% of the 1200 homes in Barpak village were completely destroyed including schools, health posts, food mills, and local businesses.
- Of its roughly 7000 inhabitants comprising of 1200 families, Barpak lost many men, women and children, its infrastructure, the access it had to energy, and the steady development it had made over the years.
- Before the devastating earthquake, Barpak was a prosperous and self-reliant village with 24-hour electricity, a thriving local business and agro community, and had connectivity to the rest of the world through the Internet.
- It was a shining example of micro-hydro led rural electrification and development with a 130 kW micro-hydro that served more than 1200 households, industries such as bakery, agro-processing mills, saw-mills, as well as shops, telecom towers, schools, and health posts. The Barpak energy access story features innovative concepts as time of use pricing, anchor-business-community approach, and income and employment through productive end use of electricity.
- Barpak is also known for being the village of the brave Gorkha soldiers. Most notably late VC Capt. Gaje Ghale who won highest honors Victoria Cross medal in Second World War in Burma.



To re-build Barpak Gorkhaly Foundation is partnering with [Nepal Ko Yuwa](#), a 501 (c) (3) entity, and are collaborating with Mr. Bir Bahadur Ghale, an Ashoka Fellow, who is the energy access entrepreneur behind the success of Barpak. With over 20 years of contribution in micro-hydro sector, Mr. Ghale has supported more than 60 micro-hydro projects across Nepal and is a reputed social entrepreneur. Please see <http://storycycle.com/barpak> for more information on Life Connected by Electricity in Barpak. Together with Mr. Bir Bahadur Ghale, we have launched “Rebuild Barpak” Campaign where we envision that Barpak will be an inspirational success story for all remote and rural communities in Nepal. Access to energy services for a resilient and sustainable community is the key to this vision. Join Bir Bahadur Ghale, an Energy Access Entrepreneur and Ashoka Fellow, and Gorkhaly Foundation, a volunteer group of young Nepali professionals to Rebuild Barpak!

*80% of the fundraised by the Foundation will support the Rebuild Barpak Campaign*

## Our Impact and Strategy – Rebuild Barpak Campaign

*Working on a long-term rebuilding strategy in partnership with Bir Bahadur Ghale and the locals*

### ❖ Medium term: Aiming for Self - Reliance

- On May 25<sup>th</sup>, one month after the devastating earthquake in Nepal, Gorkhaly Foundation has delivered 'Urja' a 50kVA diesel generator to the village of Barpak. This generator has been supporting the village's immediate electrification needs.
- Supplying electricity to run the village's food mill and saw mill that will provide food and means of building shelter for 1200 households.
- Directly supporting lighting for temporary-shelters, health post, local businesses, and schools.
- Helping provide energy for further strategic rebuilding.



*Local residents of Barpak Village in front of 'Urja' donated by Gorkhaly Foundation*

### ❖ Long-Term: Infrastructure Rebuilding

- In conversation with local private companies in Nepal to set up a micro-hydro facility and supporting other infrastructure needs.
- Helping local partners make necessary connections with potential investors abroad.
- Funding the construction of a Community Center which would be a space for local residents, tourists and businesses to thrive.
- Supporting business planning and proposal writing.
- Supporting long-term housing solutions for residents once the Nepal government has announced its housing expenditure plan.



*Agro-mills in operation supporting local food and grain needs*



*Electricity access for temporary shelters for 1200 families*



## Other Relief Efforts

*Providing immediate relief in other rural parts of Nepal*

In partnership with Nepal ko Yuwa, Magnus Consulting Group and other local partners, we have supported the following relief efforts:

### ❖ Kumpur Village, Dhading District

- Distributed tarps to 120 families to protect them from the Monsoon season
- Distributed tarps to schools to provide temporary shelter for continuing education for children
- Total number of family members impacted – 465
- Total number of Children Impacted – 245.

### ❖ Okherpauwa, Nuwakot District

- Distributed 60 Tarps for 60 families
- Distributed Kitchen necessities such as 70 sets of pots and pans, spatula and cooking oil
- 25 Health Kits for women (Including Combs, Soaps, Washing Buckets and Medicines)
- Total number of family members impacted – 445
- Total number of children impacted – 225

### ❖ Bigu VDC, Dolkha District

- Distributed funds for the purchase of 7 CGI (Corrugated Galvanised Iron) sheets for 7 temporary shelters

### ❖ Selang, Sindhupalchowk

- Distributed funds for the construction of 22 temporary toilets in 11 schools (2 per school)



*Kids studying under Tarp provided by Gorkhaly Foundation*



*Tarps being distributed to families in Kumpur Village*



*Relief aids being distributed to families in Nuwakot District*

*20% of the fundraised by the Foundation will support our relief efforts in rural Nepal*

## Gorkhaly Foundation Fundraising Efforts

*Ongoing, Past and Planned fundraising efforts*

### ❖ Ongoing Efforts

- Individual donations via PayPal
- Grant writing and proposal submission for Barpak Project
- Proposal writing for equity, impact investments for micro-hydro funding

### ❖ Planned Events

- Happy Hour every other month starting July 2015
- BBQ in late July 2015 (More details coming soon)
- Nepali Classical Music Evening in late July or early August 2015
- Marine Corp Marathon (Oct 2015) - #Run4Nepal – Runners to run and raise funds for Nepal Earthquake to be donated via Gorkhaly Foundation

### ❖ Past Events

- Fundraising Drive at Dupont Circle Festival (2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015)
- Fundraising drive by the Boardwalk in Ocean City, MD (6<sup>th</sup> June 2015)

## Dine for Nepal

WASHINGTON DC: May 15, 2015 – Chef Doug Alexander of Art & Soul, Willard InterContinental and Gorkhaly Foundation hosted a dinner event to rebuild Barpak. This event raised over 7K at the event by 100 plus well-wishers.

Over 100 residents of the nation's capital came together to support Nepal, the country that experienced a devastating earthquake in late April, by participating in Dine for Nepal hosted by Art and Soul restaurant, the Willard InterContinental and Gorkhaly Foundation at the Mess Hall in Brookland, NE DC on Friday, May 15, 2015.



Chef Alexander worked with a team of talented Nepali including Chef Arjun Ranabhat of Willard InterContinental and Shiva Nepal from Art and Soul. Art and Soul servers Kiran, Hari Shiva, Arjun served dinner – all of whom are Nepali living abroad and have families in Nepal impacted by the earthquake. Volunteers of the Gorkhaly Foundation supported

the event, and expressed deep appreciation to the hosts and the community for their participation and support.

All proceeds was donated to Gorkhaly Foundation's mission to rebuild the village of Barpak, which was at the epicenter of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that flattened what was once a model of rural development. The funds were dispatched immediately to provide both immediate relief to the hardest hit families and help in restoring Barpak to its former glory.



## How to Donate



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3007 James Street  
Fairfax, VA 22031

A mammoth task lies ahead for Nepal and its people, one that calls for collective action and long-term engagement encompassing relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts. Help us Rebuild Nepal to its former Glory. Please Donate Now!

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