Early on April 25 a 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck near Nepal's densely populated capital, Kathmandu. The quake and subsequent aftershocks have caused widespread devastation and loss of life, affecting communities in Nepal, India, and Bangladesh. The disaster is the worst to hit Nepal since 1934.

FJC sponsors 3 projects in Nepal – Nepal Teacher Training Innovations and Her Turn are based in Kathmandu and focus on empowering girls. Changing Lives Nepal focuses on sustainable, effective change inside Nepal.

For additional information on the international response please consult the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs or the Assessment Capacities Project (ACAPS), which released a Lessons Learned document for the Nepal earthquake response. More detailed information on U.S. efforts can be found at the U.S. Agency for International Development's Nepal Crisis page and Center for International Disaster Information.

LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS HELPING THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN NEPAL

**Action Against Hunger USA** - Within 24 hours after the earthquake, Action Against Hunger mobilized a technical team to complement and support our teams already on the ground.

**ActionAid International USA** - ActionAid Nepal has a well-established 30+ year presence in Nepal with strong local partnerships and networks, including a network of youth volunteers.

**American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee** - Following the deadly earthquake that struck Nepal on April 25, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is providing relief and medical supplies.

**American Jewish World Service** - With our long-standing commitment to disaster relief in the developing world, AJWS has set up an Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund.

**American Red Cross International Services** - The global Red Cross network, led by the Nepal Red Cross, has mounted an international relief effort.

**AmeriCares** – AmeriCares' emergency response team arrived in Kathmandu, Nepal, within 48 hours of the disaster, bringing critical medicine and medical supplies.

**Brother’s Brother Foundation** - Brother’s Brother Foundation (BBF) has partnered with Himalayan Health Care, a Nepal-based charity to provide emergency relief in the wake of the magnitude-7.9 earthquake.

**Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation** - In the wake of the earthquake, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation assembled a team of medical professional volunteers to help provide medical assistance and distribute food.

**Catholic Relief Services** - Working with Caritas Nepal, CRS’s initial goal is to help 10,000 families with emergency
shelter, blankets, water treatment kits, and hygiene kits.

**ChildFund International** - ChildFund International, through our ChildFund Alliance partner, ChildFund Japan, has worked in Nepal for 20 years and is responding in Sindhupalchok district.

**Church World Service** - CWS is supporting partners in Nepal distributing food, water, tarpulins, tents and blankets to families in the Kathmandu and Lamjung areas.

**Direct Relief** – Direct Relief has made available its entire current medical-supply inventory, valued at $100 million, for the response and also made an initial cash commitment of $500,000 for the immediate deployment of emergency medical response personnel and essential health commodities.

**Episcopal Relief & Development** - Responding to immediate needs for food, clean water, and shelter, as well as the need for accurate information through on-the-ground assessment.

**GlobalGiving** – All donations will support earthquake recovery and relief efforts in Nepal. Initially the Fund will help first responders meet survivors’ immediate needs for food, fuel, clean water, hygiene products, and shelter. Once initial relief work is complete, the Fund will transition to support longer-term recovery efforts run by vetted nonprofits in Nepal.

**Habitat for Humanity International** - Habitat for Humanity is coordinating with the government of Nepal and the United Nations-led Shelter to assemble and distribute emergency shelter kits.

**Handicap International** - Present in Nepal since 2000, Handicap International's 50-person team responded to the earthquake early on April 25.

**Heart to Heart International** - Heart to Heart International (HHI) has mobilized to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Nepal in the aftermath of the violent April 25 earthquake.

**Heifer International** - Heifer International has projects in the earthquake-impacted area of Nepal and is working to assess safety of families and damage to homes or loss of animals.

**Himalayan Cataract Project** – HCP Co-Founder Dr. Sanduk Ruit and all of our partners and friends at the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology in Kathmandu are safe, but several have lost their homes and countless acquaintances have died.

**Humane Society International** - As specific needs emerge, HSI’s disaster response team will cooperate with Animal Welfare Network Nepal.

**International Medical Corps** - Our Emergency Response Team, including doctors, nurses, and logisticians, is on the ground, operating mobile medical units (MMUs) to reach the hard-hit Gorkha district.

**International Relief Teams** - International Relief Teams is working with international partners to provide emergency medicines and other relief supplies for earthquake victims in Nepal.

**Islamic Relief USA** – Islamic Relief USA's disaster response team director has left for the region to join other European colleagues and Islamic Relief's India office staff crossing into Nepal to begin needs assessment and early recovery efforts. We will update this once they are the ground.

**Life for Relief & Development** - Life for Relief and Development is sending an emergency response team to the area to assess the needs and will provide tents, blankets, food, bottled water, medical supplies.
**Lutheran World Relief** – LWR staff on the ground are currently assessing the situation. We are working with our local partners and the international relief community to plan our early emergency response and will continue to communicate as plans take shape.

**Mercy Corps** – Mercy Corps is well positioned to respond swiftly to this disaster. For nine years, Mercy Corps’ Nepal program has mobilized communities around Disaster Risk Reduction and emergency preparedness. With one of the largest teams on the ground, Mercy Corps has more than 100 team members across Nepal evaluating conditions in some of the hardest-hit areas.

**Operation USA** – Operation USA has worked in Nepal since 1985, providing medical assistance materials to Kanti Children’s Hospital and SEVA’s vision programs.

**Oxfam America** - In its response to the Nepal earthquake, Oxfam aims to protect public health by providing clean water and safe sanitation and also distribute emergency food supplies.

**Plan International USA** - With the needs of children and the most vulnerable communities as a priority, relief teams are deploying into affected areas.

**Project C.U.R.E.** - Project C.U.R.E. is mobilizing our network of donors, volunteers and transportation organizations to send life-saving medical supplies to Nepal after the devastating 7.9 magnitude.

**ReSurge International** - ReSurge International’s Surgical Outreach Directors and local team are safe and responding to the need – providing surgical care to many victims.

**Salvation Army World Service Office** - Since 1882, The Salvation Army has served the people of its India Eastern Territory, which includes Nepal.

**Save the Children** - Save the Children, which has been working in Nepal since 1976 and has programs reaching across the country, reacted immediately. We are distributing aid and are gearing up for a massive humanitarian relief operation with our in-country staff and international experts arriving from around the world. Initial relief will be taking place in the badly-affected districts of Bhaktapur, Sindhupalchowk, and Gorkha.

**Unitarian Universalist Service Committee** - As is our practice with international disaster relief, UUSC will take the lead in distributing funds where they can do the most good.

**US Fund for UNICEF** - UNICEF and partners are planning to reach approximately 2,800,000 children in 35 affected districts, focusing on water and sanitation, protection, health, and nutrition.

**WaterAid America** - WaterAid has been active in Nepal since 1987.

**World Concern** - World Concern is responding to meet urgent needs of survivors of the Nepal earthquake.

**World Vision** - World Vision is responding immediately to the disaster, providing 1,000 tarps and 600 blankets in Bhaktapur.

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