



Solaban

**Earthquake Relief
Housing Project Report
2017-2021**

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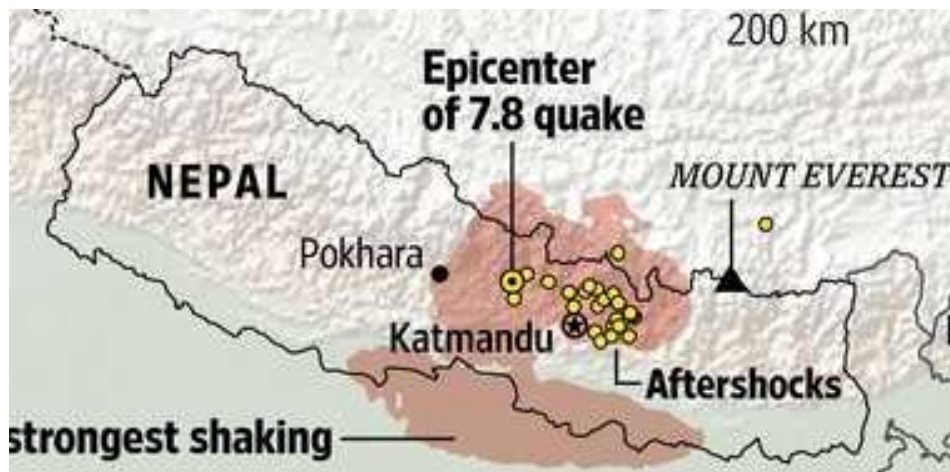
Earthquake Aftermath

Across Nepal

Over 8,800 people were killed

505,745 houses were destroyed

279,330 houses were badly damaged



On 25 April 2015, a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal with its epicentre in Lamjung, 50 miles (80 km) west of the capital Kathmandu.

Devastatingly, a second earthquake, with a magnitude of 7.3, struck on 12 May 2015. This earthquake, with its epicentre in Dolakha District, east of Kathmandu, exacerbated the destruction.

It severely worsened living conditions for people in the most affected district and caused major destruction in areas that had escaped damage in the first earthquake.

Solaban is a tiny Sherpa Village with 87 household in the Lower Solukhumbu District. The village was left largely unscathed by the first earthquake, but the epicentre of the second earthquake was much closer due to which out of 87 houses 37 houses were severely damaged and many families from the village were left homeless.

Most families were bound to live in temporary shelter for about two years. It was hard for the families to cope with cold during winter and rain in monsoon. The support from the government was slow, families had to find ways to help themselves but due to poor economic back ground they were helpless.



Organisation Profile

Action for Nepal is a non profit company working to build better communities in rural Nepal through improvements in health, education, clean drinking water and emergency relief support program.

- We work directly with the local communities and also closely collaborate with central and local government.
- We only work with those communities who are willing to help themselves
- Sustainable Community Development is our focus

Earthquake Response

Provided 36 Earthquake Relief houses to earthquake victim families with funding support from Burwen Education Foundation, USA (BEF)



Action for Nepal (AF Nepal) with the funding support from Burwen Education Foundation (BEF-USA) started “Earthquake Relief Housing Project” to support 37 families of Solaban Community who badly suffered from 2015 earthquake.

The project started with 6 houses in the beginning and completed all the 37 houses in four years. All the families who got the relief houses were from economically backward families.



Pema Lhamu Sherpa

Pema Lhamu's Story

Pema Lhamu 65, is a single mother of six children. She has got four son and two daughter. Three son and one daughter have married and they live near by her place in Solaban. With her, she has got her younger son and daughter.

“To live a single life as a women is the hardest thing I have faced in my life. When my husband passed away, I had six small children. When I look back, I don't know how I have raised my children. Poverty never left us. I and my children's life have gone though many struggles and we still do” - says Pema Lhamu.

Pema adds by saying, *“we are poor people and every time we are the ones to suffer. I had a small house and that too was destroyed by earthquake. I had no idea what my upcoming days would be like. I used to feel I was born just to suffer. One day, I was invited for a meeting by Dorjee Sherpa, and the villagers and I came to know about BEF wanting to help Solaban people with relief house project. Hearing this news gave me and many people of Solaban new hope for life and I felt that there are people who take the role of a god to support people like us. David has done so much for the people of Solaban, I take him as a living god for we Solaban people. I want to thank him for all the support he has done for us. I would also very much like to thank Dorjee and Action for Nepal for understanding our needs and helping us to get this relief house project in our village.”*



37 Families Getting Back To Their New Home

After the 37 families' houses were severely damaged by the 2015 earthquake, the families were living in temporary shelter for more than 2 years. It was hard for the families to live in temporary shelter during winter and monsoon seasons.

The 37 families are now back to their new home. The house has been designed and built using the earthquake resistance technology. The design includes wooden roof and wooden frame wall, plywood interior and metal cladding and reinforced concrete stone wall.

Our Partner



We believe working together in partnership for the same cause can make a huge difference. We have been very fortunate to work in partnership with Burwen Education Foundation - USA (BEF) to provide earthquake relief housing project to the victim families of Solaban.

Working together with BEF - USA, we not only received the financial support, but also created good harmonious relation and a strong working environment among us.



Burwen Education Foundation - USA, have been supporting Solaban community since 2000. In 2002, BEF funded the first phase of the construction of a school to educate the children of Solaban. They funded for a English teacher, a hostel for teachers, water and sanitation facilities for the school complex, and 2 additional teachers support. They also funded the annual distribution of school supplies, backpacks, and sweaters to about 1000 school children in various districts of Nepal. In 2006, BEF funded the construction of a hydroelectric power plant to provide electricity for Solaban.

Message from Executive Director



Lakpa Thering Sherpa
Executive Director

Namase All,

I am so pleased to inform you that, with the hard work put in by the Solaban Relief House Construction Team and the generous support from Burwen Education Foundation - USA (BEF- USA) we have been able to successfully complete our Relief House Project by building houses for the 37 families of Solaban Village, who lost their homes in 2015 earthquake.

Due to poor economic background people were not able to repair or build the new houses. It was through the generous financial support received from the BEF - USA, we have been able to support the villagers with the relief house project.

We have emphasized on the adoption of earthquake-resilient building techniques. Our reconstruction principles and practices are not only in compliance with National Building Codes of the Government of Nepal but it was aimed to ensure future safety and physical security of the Solaban people.

On behalf of Action for Nepal, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Burwen Education Foundation - USA for your generous contribution for relief housing project and want to congratulate all the families who have received the new houses.



Transparency

We believe being transparent is the best way to honestly present what we do, and to maintain a trusting relationship with the partners and donors with whom we work.

We decided to publish the relief house project report first to show what we have achieved and to show how the funds we have received from our generous donors have been spent.

Secondly, we believe every donor and organisation has a right to know where their money has been spent.

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Funds Received from Burwen Education Foundation - USA

S.No.	Donors	NRs
1	Burwen Education Foundation	24,050,008.90

Expenses of Solaban Relief Housing Project

S.N	Particulars	Amount
1	Construction	20,005,415.00
	Construction Cost	20,005,415.00
2	Project Management Cost	1,108,000.00
	Personal Cost	1,108,000.00
3	Monitoring and Supervision	381,091.00
	SWC	200,000.00
	Field visit, Travel, Monitoring cost	181,091.00
4	Administrative Cost	2,193,706.00
	Office Overhead 9%	2,193,706.00
	Total Project Cost	23,688,212.00

Thank You

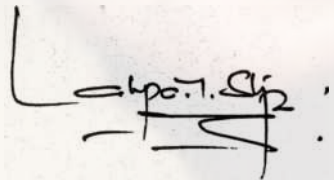
On behalf of the Action for Nepal, I would like to thank Burwen Education Foundation - USA, Solaban Community and our own dedicated construction team for building the relief house for the people of Solaban.

Without your kindness, generosity and dedication, we would not have been able to achieve what we have achieved so far.

We look forward to working together again in the near future.

- Burwen Education Foundation - USA
- Solaban Community
- District Development Committee
- Dorjee Sherpa - Community Coordinator
- AF Nepal field engineer / Staff

With Best Wishes and thanks to all



Lakpa Thering Sherpa

Executive Director

Pictures of Solaban Earthquake Relief House Project







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