



Families in Nepal Need Help for Reconstruction after the Earthquakes in 2015

In 2007 Paul Pholeros started working with the families in Bhattedanda village to improve sanitation conditions.

Toilets and waste removal systems – septic or biogas - were constructed for 112 families in Bhattedanda and the nearby villages of Arubot and Dandagaun by the end of 2014.

On 25 April 2015 the earth shuddered and roared in Nepal, crumbling the houses in the 3 project villages. The 112 toilets remained firm and functional.

Since 2016 the legacy of Paul has been to assist those who lost their houses to rebuild, according to government regulations for earthquake “proofing” with the use of banding and reinforcing techniques.

Due to generous supporters and donors, 58 families so far have been provided with a subsidy from our project to build in the necessary banding. Local skilled teams work with the householders to ensure the construction meets the necessary standards, under the supervision of Nepali project managers who worked with Paul in the sanitation projects.

However the funds are running low and there are still 25 families in need. These are among the poorest in the villages, it’s taken them longer to raise baseline funds for reconstruction. They have spent the past 3 years living in flimsy tin and plastic shelters.

The subsidy for each house/family is \$2000. This covers the costs of the extra materials required such as gravel, stone, cement, steel rods, and skilled labour.

Tax deductible donations can be made to the Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) account. RAWCS Admin fees are 2.5%, the remainder of the donation goes directly to the reconstruction.

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Your support will be greatly valued by the villagers who say, in greeting,
Namaste and Laso.

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