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## Help Us to Protect Women and Children After the Earthquakes

Dear Friends

Over the month of June The Advocacy Project is appealing for \$15,000 [through Global Giving](#) to help three civil society partners in Nepal protect vulnerable women and children in a way that will also address the deeper crisis of poverty.

We hope you can support this important initiative. We asked you for help in the immediate aftermath of the first quake and you responded with generosity. Your donations allowed our partners to buy desperately-needed tents, food and medicine for their stakeholders. Thank you!



But the challenge is just beginning. Many Nepalis suffered from poverty and marginalization - the silent emergency - before the quakes. Their situation is now much worse, as you will read [in this recent editorial by Ram Kumar Bhandari](#), whose father disappeared during the conflict in 2001.

This is what inspires our follow-up appeal. Our partner organization [CONCERN](#) will identify 20

children who are slated to work in the brick kilns (above) and enroll the children in school. [Care Women Nepal](#) will organize a health camp for rural women in Dhankuta district, which was affected by the second quake, and screen the women for uterine prolapse. [NEFAD](#), which was founded by Ram Kumar Bhandari, will provide \$20 to 200 widows of those who disappeared, to help them survive the current crisis and remain engaged in the search for justice.

We are confident that this approach can work because our partners have tested it out with success. The beneficiaries have included village women like Kumari Mugar, pictured below, who lost her baby from a botched delivery at the age of 17 and suffered through ten years of incontinence and a fallen uterus before she received treatment after attending [a health camp run by Care Women Nepal](#).



We are sending [three highly experienced Peace Fellows](#) to Nepal, to help partners manage these projects and report back through blogs and directly to donors. Two of the Fellows served in the Peace Corps.

We need to raise at least \$5,000 in June to meet Global Giving's requirements, and are hoping for 200 early donations. Please help us to launch this appeal on a strong note! As you can see below, \$10 will make a difference.

To donate, [click here](#) and follow the instructions. You can also donate at the top of this page. Thank you again for your interest and support. Your donations will be gratefully received and well spent.

The Advocacy Project

### **How donations will be spent:**

- \$10 will pay for a medical check-up for a woman at the health camp
- \$20 will provide a month of basic support for a family of the disappeared
- \$65 will enable a woman with uterine prolapse to receive surgery
- \$150 will provide a year of schooling for one working child

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