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The Response of Asal Chhimekee Nepal
(The Social Initiative of Pokhara Christian Community)

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Congratulations on the successfully completion of Disaster Resilience Assistance Programme!

I really appreciate the remarkable contribution of Asal Chhimekee Nepal in distribution of relief, reconstruction of public buildings, private houses and rehabilitation of communities through livelihood and health project in response to the devastating earthquake 2015.

Thank you ACN, your staffs, stakeholders and all the donor agencies for your efforts for 2015 earthquake survivors of Gorkha district.

Ramsaran Basnet
Hon'ble Minister
Ministry of Physical Infrastructure Development
Gandaki Province, Pokhara, Nepal

Asal Chhimekee Nepal has played vital role in relief work along with reconstruction and rehabilitation work after the devastating earthquake on 25 th April 2015. This organization has made tremendous contribution to reconstructions and manage the damaged health infrastructures affected due to the earthquake. I am very thankful towards the organization for working along with District Health Office throughout the reconstruction and rehabilitation phase.

Mr. Deepak Subedi
Public Health Officer
District Health Office, Gorkha

Asal Chhimekee Nepal has proved to be the extraordinary organization in supporting reconstruction campaign of the infrastructures destroyed by the earthquake 2015. Reconstruction of private houses, educational institution, government office, health posts were duly completed in very close coordination of local community and government. I highly admire the incredible aid by the organization and wish all the success in future work on various other fields.

Er. Ramsaran Acharya
Division Head
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On behalf of this unit, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Asal Chhimekee Nepal for the outstanding contributions in very noble and important work in the reconstruction of 4 community schools destroyed by the devastating earthquake 2015, that were completed in coordination with government and handed over to the community within stipulated time period and providing an opportunity to children to study in safe and earthquake resistant infrastructure.

Mr. Ram Prasad Acharya
Unit Head
District Level Project Implementation Unit (Education), Gorkha

I would like to express my gratitude towards Asal Chhimekee Nepal for holistic approach in reconstruction of VDC Office building, Health Posts, School Building and more than 70 private houses that were destroyed by Earthquake in Ward no. 7 Shreenathkot of Siranchowk Rural Municipality.

Immediate relief support, rehabilitation and resilience work of the organization are highly appreciated.

Adv. Raju Gurung
Chairman of Siranchowk, Rural Municipality office

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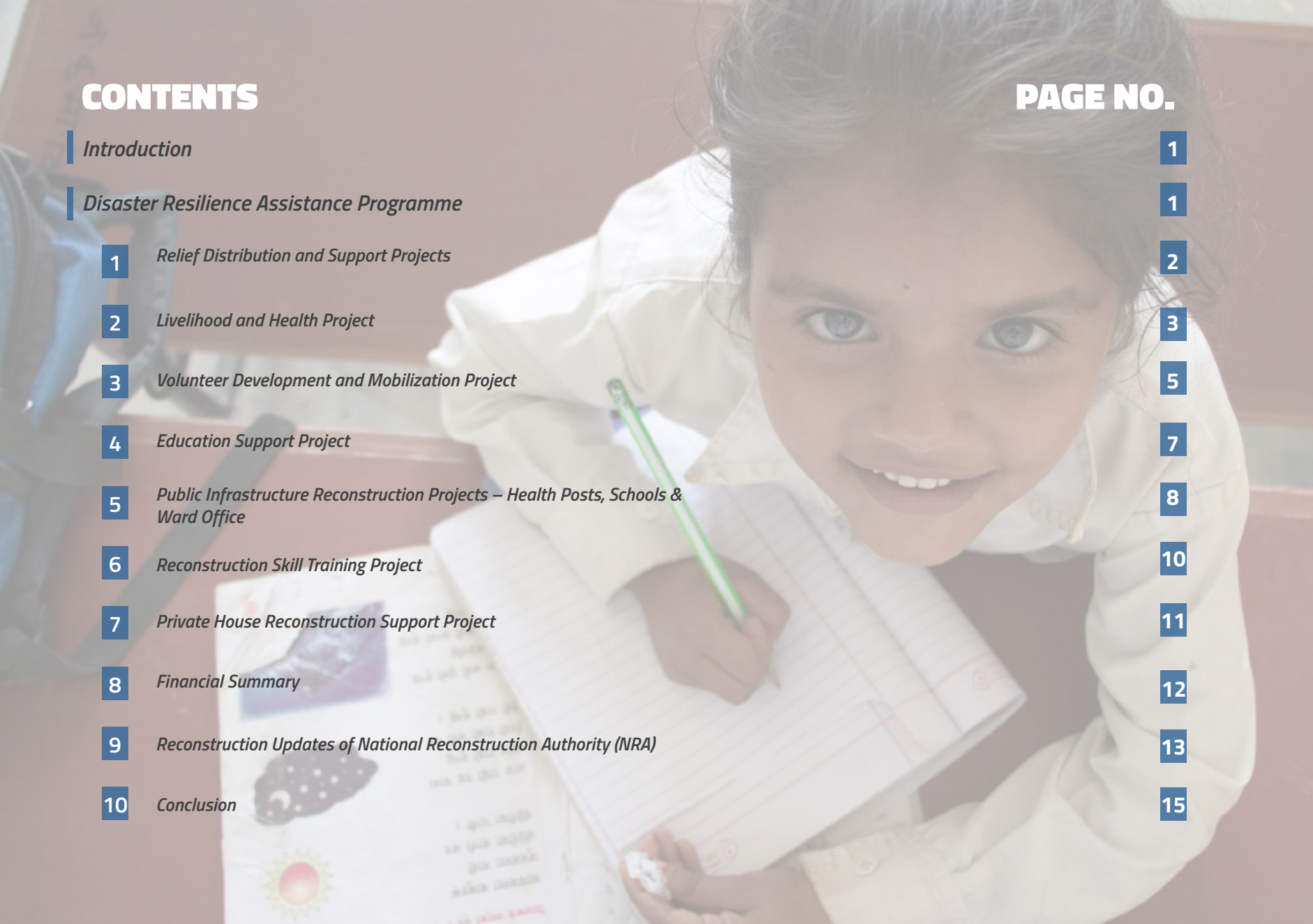
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INTRODUCTION

Asal Chhimekee Nepal (ACN), a non-governmental organization (NGO), is a Social Initiative formed by the Pokhara Christian Community (PCC). ACN has been serving the poor and marginalized communities of Western Nepal since 2003. The work of ACN has brought positive transformation through improving health and education, livelihood, empowerment, capacity enhancement, rehabilitation of women with drug and alcohol dependency, and disaster response. After the earthquake in 2015 ACN also began to work in Gorkha in disaster relief, rehabilitation, rebuilding and resilience.

DISASTER RESILIENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

Nepal experienced a devastating 7.8 Magnitude earthquake on 25th April 2015. It was followed by hundreds of powerful after-shocks. Approximately 9,000 died and 22,000 were injured. Almost one-third of the population of Nepal was impacted by this earthquake. **Disaster Resilience Assistance Programme** was the initiation of Asal Chhimekee Nepal and Pokhara Christian Community in response to the earthquake. The programme later focused on 5 VDC's (now 4 Rural Municipalities) of Gorkha to continue its recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation project.

1. Relief Distribution and Support Projects

In the first days after the earthquake, ACN and PCC made the decision to do as much as they could in the face enormous need. With only a small amount of money, but with strong convictions and a large number of volunteers, ACN's relief distribution work began. The programme provided relief material packages to earthquake survivors for over six months. As a result of this early relief phase, ACN was able to reach out to around 15,000 families in ten districts with immediate relief supplies.

Details of relief distributions:

ACTIVITY	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
Distribution of relief materials (Food and non-food items)	1,000 HHs	10,325 HHs
Filter distribution (Shreenathkot VDC)	200 people	212 HHs
Distribution of warm clothes	3,000 HHs	3,486 HHs
Total	4,200 HHs	14,023 HHs



2. Livelihood and Health Project

Many people lost their homes as well as their source of livelihood or income. There was damage to land that grew crops, grain stocks were destroyed, and livestock were killed. It was particularly difficult in those places that already had poor access to health facilities, and were struggling economically. Hence, ACN planned a training program, including health awareness, aimed at improving health and rehabilitating the livelihood of those affected by the earthquake. People were very thankful for this program because it assisted them to return to normal life, with stronger income prospects. This program will have a long term sustainable impact on the health and livelihood of those living in these communities.



The beneficiary details of the Livelihood and Health Support Project are as follows:

ACTIVITY	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT	NO OF EVENT
Women and children health camp	2,000 people	2,848 people	From 4 events
Female ward health mobilizer training	45	44	One event two training
Installation of health awareness hoarding board	5 health post	5 health post	Two hoarding board in each Health Post
Animal health camp	1,800 HHs 22,500 Livestock	1,756 HHs 23,698 Livestock	6 health camp events
Goat farming training	125 farming	145 people	Five events in three VDC's
Goat distribution	125 people	125 people	In 4 VDC's
Village animal health worker training	45	46	Participants from five VDC's in two events
Bee keeping training	100	100	Four events in three VDC's
Bee hive distributions	100	100	Four events in three VDC's
Cash crop training	100	115	Four events in three VDC's
Seed distribution	100	117	Four events in three VDC's
Tailoring training	36	36	Two events in two VDC's
House construction training	30	40	From two events

3. Volunteer Development and Mobilization Project

Volunteer personnel have always played a critical role in ACN's earthquake response. From packaging through to distribution of relief materials, hundreds of volunteers, both local and international, have worked tirelessly to ensure relief material arrived where it was needed. It was clear from the start that the mobilization of volunteers was one of ACN's greatest strengths. As soon as it was possible, volunteers were given orientation and training in humanitarian disaster response. Some of these volunteers were given specialized training in counseling and trauma healing. Volunteers continued to play an important role in the rehabilitation and reconstruction phase of ACN's work.

In recognizing the critical role that volunteers played, ACN saw the need to prepare volunteers to respond to any future disasters, and for this reason ACN gave training too. Various groups from Gorkha and Kaski were given training in disaster management, search and rescue, emergency health management, and trauma healing.

ACN formed a Task Force Team in both Gorkha and Kaski, made up of volunteers who had received the initial training. This Task Force Team was then given advanced training and provided with equipment, with the goal of being able to respond in the event of any future disasters. ACN will have an on-going role in equipping and supporting these teams.

In total more than 2,000 volunteers were involved in ACN's disaster response work.

The beneficiary details of Volunteer Development and Mobilization Project are as follows.

NAME OF THE TRAININGS	GORKHA			KASKI			GRAND TOTAL
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	
Basic Disaster Risk Reduction Training	73	107	180	67	76	143	323
DRR ToT training	21	20	41	21	20	41	82
Search and Rescue Training	11	14	25	49	27	76	101
Emergency Health Management Training	28	43	71	10	12	22	93
Volunteer Orientation and Review	44	39	83	0	0	0	83
Trauma Management				1	34	35	35
Total	177	223	400	149	169	317	717



4. Education Support Project

Earthquake affected students were provided stationery materials to create easy learning environment in schools. Various earthquake affected schools were also provided CGI sheet to build and reconstruct their schools.

The beneficiary details of Education Support Project are as follows:

ACTIVITY	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT	REMARKS
Education Support Material Distribution (students of 2 schools)	1,500	1,650	13 schools
CGI Sheet Distribution (Earthquake affected schools and District Education Office)	46 schools	46 schools	495 bundles of CGI sheet and 444 kg nails



5. Public Infrastructure Reconstruction Projects - Health Posts, Schools & Ward office

As a result of the earthquake, there was extensive damage to many public buildings. Firstly ACN's reconstruction work was focused in Shreenathkot VDC/ward. Seeing the progress of the Shreenathkot health post, the district health office requested ACN to expand their work. ACN completed reconstruction of five health posts and provided each health post with all the necessary furniture, equipment and medication. These health posts are now providing a variety of health services, including delivery service to pregnant women. ACN received an award from the district health office in recognition of being the first organization to complete construction work.

In Shreenathkot ACN was also involved in rebuilding schools which had been severely damaged. ACN built four earthquake resistant, child-friendly schools. Each school was provided with the necessary furniture, and each student was given education materials. Again ACN was recognized for being the first organization to complete school reconstruction work. Also in Shreenathkot ACN built the local government office and provided the necessary furniture. This office is responsible for providing official government documents such as birth certificate, citizenships etc. Now reconstructed and earthquake resilient, this infrastructure is providing these facilities to Shreenathkot.



The name of health posts, schools and Ward Office (earlier VDC office) reconstructed by ACN are as follows:

ACTIVITY	VDC's	DIRECT BENEFICIARY
RECONSTRUCTIONS AND REHABILITATION		
Five Health Post Reconstructions and Health Material Support	Shreenathkot	3,541
	Ghyalchowk	5,952
	Bhumlichowk	3,345
	Ghairung	3,990
	Aamppipal	4,029
Total		20,857 people
VDC Building (Ward Office)		
VDC Office Reconstruction	Shreenathkot	3,541 people
Total		3,541 people
Four School Reconstructions		
Shree Janagariti Primary School	Siranchowk 7, Shreenathkot	29
Shree Arkul Primary School		27
Shree Chandrodaya Secondary School		228
Shree Janakalyan Higher Secondary School		271
Total		554 students

6. Reconstruction Skill Training Project

The National Reconstruction Authority (NRA), realizing the critical situation caused by a lack of skilled workforce, invited ACN/ PCC to fill the gap by training skilled manpower. ACN provided masonry trainings, house wiring training, and plumbing training. Those who participated were able to acquire new skills and can now earn an income from their work, thus contributing to both the well-being of their families and the well-being of their community.

The details of Reconstruction Skill Training Project are as follows:

ACTIVITY	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
Manson Training	325	325
House Wiring Training	50	50
Plumbing Training	50	50



7. Private House Reconstruction Support Project

In 2017 there were still many families that had not been able to rebuild their home. Though they had received an initial grant from the government, they had not made enough progress on their house to be eligible for further grants. In line with government guidelines ACN designed a project to provide construction materials and social and technical support to bridge this gap. This project was particularly helpful for the most vulnerable and marginalized members of the targeted communities. This project proved to be very effective, and many families and individuals are amazed, at the houses they were able to build with the combination of ACN’s support and the government grant.

The beneficiary details of Private House Reconstruction Support Project are as follows:

ACTIVITY	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
Distribution of Food items	250	250
Private House Reconstruction Support	271	271



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Financial Summary Report of Disaster Resilience Assistance Programme

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S.N	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT COST
1	Health Post Construction	42,953,852.95
	a) Aamppipal Health Post Construction	9,936,119.00
	b) Bhulmichowk Health Post Construction	7,417,911.28
	c) Ghairung Health Post Construction	8,845,876.38
	d) Ghyalchowk Health Post Construction	9,406,127.37
	e) ShreeNathkot Health Post Construction	7,347,818.92
2	School Construction	61,435,116.10
	a) Arkul Primary School	8,256,846.72
	b) Chandrodaya Secondary School	6,551,596.39
	c) Janajagriti Primary School	9,035,862.82
	d) Janakalyan Higher Secondary School	37,590,810.17
3	VDC Building	6,928,340.93
4	House Reconstruction	24,258,747.07
5	Volunter Mobilization & Development	3,742,224.47
6	Skill Training for Reconstruction	175,581,441.85
7	Medicine for DHO-Gorkha	1,875,845.00
8	Winterisation - Food and non-food supplies (IDP focused)	5,957,617.21
9	Livelihood & Health	20,683,141.21
10	CGI Sheet	3,767,631.07
11	Education materials	1,072,573.23
12	Relief Phase	1,072,573.23
	Total Project Cost	218,184,395

Latest Reconstruction Updates from National Reconstruction Authority (NRA)

PRIVATE HOUSE RECONSTRUCTION

GRANTS DISTRIBUTION

DETAILS	NUMBER	PERCENT	REMARKS
Total Beneficiaries	8,84,800		Beneficiaries 8,22,909 Retrofitting beneficiaries 61,891
Agreement signed with beneficiaries	7,42,135	90	Based on total beneficiaries number
First tranche received	7,33,905	99	Based on grant agreement
Second tranche received	5,23,373	71	Based on grant agreement
Third tranche received	3,35,485	45	Based on grant agreement
House constructed	3,37,319	45	Based on grant agreement
Under construction	2,33,343	32	Based on grant agreement
Completed construction and house under construction : 5,70,662(77 percent)			

SCHOOL INSTITUTION RECONSTRUCTION

DETAILS	REQUIRED RECONSTRUCTION	RECONSTRUCTION COMPLETED		UNDER RECONSTRUCTION		REMAINING RECONSTRUCTION		UPCOMING TARGET		
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2012 with in first quarter
School Building	7,553	4,172	55	1,921	25	1,460	20	70%	90%	100%
School Class-rooms	49,681	17,578	36	15,140	30	16,963	34	60%	90%	100%
University and colleges	30	2	7	21	70	7	23	40%	80%	100%

HEALTH INSTITUTION RECONSTRUCTION

DETAILS	REQUIRED RECONSTRUCTION	RECONSTRUCTION COMPLETED		CONTINUING RECONSTRUCTION		REMAINING RECONSTRUCTION		UPCOMING TARGET		
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2012 with in first quarter
Health institutions	1,197	643	54	145	12	409	34	65%	80%	100%
Completely damaged	544	312	58	51	9	181	33	65%	75%	100%
Partial damaged	653	331	51	94	14	228	35	65%	90%	100%

Source of data: Three years reconstruction updates Poush, 2075 (January, 2019)
(Nepal Reconstruction Authority, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu)

CONCLUSION

ACN, though its disaster relief response program, had made a very valuable, and ongoing impact on many of the communities affected by the devastating earthquake in 2015. Although a relatively small organization and limited funds, ACN has been able to achieve, and often surpass, its goals and has provided thousands of people with much need support in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquake, as well as helping their communities prepare for a better future. The valuable work of ACN has deservedly been praised by those that have appreciated their efforts.

ACN would like to thank all those who partnered with us to enable us to serve those effected by the earthquake. We would like to thank individual supporters, donor agencies, and local and international volunteers. We would also like to thank the local, district and central government offices, as well as the local elected leaders. We would like to thank the media outlets and like-minded organizations that supported us. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the ACN and PCC board, as well as the staff of ACN and the contractors with which we worked. Finally, We would like to thank the local communities with and for whom we gave our best.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !



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