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ChildFund International responds to Nepal earthquake

RICHMOND, Va. (Apr. 27, 2015) – ChildFund International, a global child protection and development organization working in 30 countries, has launched an emergency appeal to help provide critical necessities such as food and shelter for children and families affected by the Nepal earthquake. The funds will go to ChildFund International's Alliance partner ChildFund Japan.

ChildFund Japan, which has been working in Nepal for 20 years, is performing a rapid assessment in Sindhupalchowk district, one of the worst-hit areas, where ChildFund International's partner staff estimates 80 percent of the communities' mud houses have been destroyed. Children and families, with nowhere else to go, are spending both day and night outside.

"There is an urgent need for food, water, medicine and shelter," says Mariko Tanaka, country director for ChildFund's work in Nepal. "Currently there is no electricity. Communication lines are also down. Many people have been displaced from their homes and have spent the night out in the open. There are many people injured, and hospitals are unable to handle the situation."

ChildFund staff in Nepal report that the situation on the ground is devastating, and the number of people killed, injured and affected by this earthquake continues to rise. As of this morning, more than 4,000 people have been confirmed dead and nearly 8,000 injured, with these figures expected to increase sharply as help reaches more remote areas.

To stay updated about ChildFund's response to the Nepal earthquake or to make a donation, visit <https://www.childfund.org/help-nepal/>.

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About ChildFund International

ChildFund International is a global child development and protection agency serving more than 18.2 million children and family members in 30 countries. For more than 76 years, we have helped the world's deprived, excluded and vulnerable children survive and thrive to reach their full potential and become leaders of enduring change. As a member of ChildFund Alliance, we create supportive environments in which children can flourish. For more information about ChildFund, visit www.ChildFund.org.

About ChildFund Japan

As a child-focused development organization, ChildFund Japan believes in the intrinsic value of each child that inspires and drives us to serve them by providing opportunity to develop their full potentials, making positive changes for their future. Since 1975, the work to support children was relayed by ChildFund Japan (formally Christian Child Welfare Association - CCWA) which has been working in the Philippines and Nepal to help deprived, excluded, and vulnerable children, families, and communities through meaningful, sustainable solutions. In 2005, ChildFund Japan was registered a Non-Profit Organization and became the 12th member of ChildFund Alliance.