



## CONCERT FOR NEPAL

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### Disaster earthquake in Nepal

On April 25th, 2015, a severe earthquake devastated Nepal, making it the worst earthquake in over 80 years. More than 8,000 people died, half a million people lost their homes. In some districts more than 80% of the houses were destroyed. An aftermath of the earthquake is that Nepal continues to have villages destroyed completely by landslides on a regular basis.

The call for a 433 million dollar flash appeal for humanitarian response efforts, launched by the UN in order to help more than 2.8 million people, remains static at 25 %.

The Nepalese people, and especially the children, are traumatized. According to the UN since April 25th thousands of aftershocks have been registered, throwing the people off the track every day.

The hardship and adversity of the people have been eased by relief projects, however the biggest challenges are imminent: the rainy season will start soon and with it floods and landslides. Hundreds of thousands living in tents suffer from disease, cold and dismal hygienic conditions. Clean, safe drinking water is scarce.

### A country in debris – what can be done?

Nepal needs our support in a consistent manner. To support the Nepalese people we have to continue collecting donations in order to support and enhance reconstruction, health services and food supply.

### How is Govinda Development Aid Association involved in Nepal?

Since 1998, Govinda supports more than 8,000 people in Nepal, together with 80 Nepalese employees in 8 different projects. The Association has 630 members and 4200 sponsors in Germany. All those active in Germany work as volunteers. Among other projects Govinda built an orphanage and 12 schools in Nepal, providing more than 6,000 children with the chance of an education. Especially disadvantaged children and their families are supported through vocational training, education, grants and a special re-integration program created for orphans from the Shangrila Orphanage.

After the earthquake, Govinda managed to secure all projects and support its employees, their families and communities with relief. Emergency accommodations have been built. Health posts have been installed, relief was provided overland from India. In addition the planning of the reconstruction has begun in cooperation with other organisations nationwide.

Chancellor Angela Merkel bestowed Govinda with the Startsocial Federal Award (2007). In 2011 Govinda won the Price of Volunteers of the State of Baden-Württemberg in the category »Lively Society«.

Please support our work to rebuild Nepal together with the Nepalese people. Help so that children can attend school once again and that a health system can function properly and save people's lives.

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