

# Rotary



April 29, 2015

To all District 5280 Club Presidents:

As you are well aware, on April 25, 2015 a magnitude 7.9 Richter scale earthquake hit Nepal, succeeded the following day by a second earthquake of 6.7 magnitude. Numerous aftershocks followed. Approximately 6,000 people have been reported dead, with 11,000 other casualties identified, and still counting.

Our Rotary District 5280 fully understands the urgent need and is organizing a relief effort. Both immediate and long-term action plans need to be enacted.

For immediate action, together with RI's endorsement, any club-generated financial support can be channeled through either:

1. The D5280 Disaster Relief Fund in collaboration with Nepal D3292 c/o DG Kumar Piya, or
2. Disaster Aid USA (provider of shelterbox, tents, etc.) ([www.disasteraidusa.com](http://www.disasteraidusa.com))

If option 1 is elected, please make checks payable to: **D5280 Disaster Relief Fund** and mail to the district office at: 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Ste. 210, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

If option 2 is elected, please make checks payable to: **Disaster Aid USA**, under remark indicate "D5280 for Nepal" and mail to Disaster Aid USA, 9817 Lanham Severn Road - Lanham, MD 20706

Alternatively, for contributions made through Pay-Pal: visit [www.disasteraidusa.com](http://www.disasteraidusa.com)

Collected funds will be utilized for the acquisition of necessary supplies such as food, water, clothing, medical kits and materials for temporary shelters, to be distributed to affected areas with the most need.

Our collaborative effort will significantly empower additional relief, recovery and reconstruction activities in the coming days.

We will be following up with the clubs on the methodology for providing donations-in-kind once we have established and verified the reliability of that pathway.

Many thanks to all of the clubs that have already made inquiry on this matter.

Yours in Rotary,

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DG Elsa Gillham  
D5280 Governor

Handwritten signature of Ben Aranda in black ink.

Ben Aranda  
SAG International Service

Handwritten signature of Marc A. Benard in black ink.

Marc A. Benard, DPM  
Chair, Disaster Relief