

Help Nepal 2015

"We are still pretty much in shock." These words, spoken by a dentist in [Kathmandu](#) after the first earthquake hit on April 25, 2015, are still an accurate description of circumstances there. The earthquake disaster that has struck Nepal has devastated the infrastructure and people of Kathmandu, including many of the 500 dentists located there, some of whom are ICD Fellows. The ICD Section XX Asia Sector has initiated a Nepal disaster relief campaign, "Help Nepal 2015", for the ICD Regions in South East Asia. They are now asking the ICD global family to join in these efforts.



This is the former dental office of ICD Fellow Sudin Shakya, struck by the first Nepal earthquake on April 25, and completely destroyed by the second earthquake on May 12. Sudin's family is okay and is currently sleeping under a tent.

GLOBAL COLLABORATION

ICD Fellows worldwide are encouraged to support the ICD Nepal disaster relief campaign in some way. Encouraging and collecting donations from your Fellows would be one approach to consider. Arranging for a grant from ICD foundations is another. Although now is the best time to seek donations, it will be some time before the chaos in Nepal subsides and the best use of these funds can be guaranteed.

For this reason, the ICD family intends to collect, but to hold onto, donations until such a time that their best deployment becomes clearer. We are also in contact with ICD leaders in Asia, ICD Fellows in Nepal (please see attached photograph) and the Nepal Dental Association. We will continue to monitor the advice of international humanitarian relief agencies as to the best use for donations.

Dr. William Cheung of Hong Kong (pictured below) has this message for ICD Fellows in Asia and worldwide, "While we mourn those who died in the tragedy, we want to reach out to those who survived but desperately need assistance from the international community. As leaders and friends of the dental profession, I encourage



you to participate in this effort as we share our social and humanitarian responsibilities towards our colleagues in Nepal! As Chairman of Humanitarian Projects for ICD Section XX Asia Sector, I would like to initiate a project of 'Help Nepal 2015' by aiming to raise US \$100,000 as a start. We are asking leaders of ICD Sections and Regions and all Fellows for support. We also solicit support from our industry partners and friends of ICD. We may also consider sending a team to assist once the situation is stable and we see the need to do so."

Nepal will need continuing support for a long time. So despite the sense of urgency in Nepal, we do have time for a thoughtful approach. Early reports say the response of the international community is not meeting expectations, so whatever ICD can do will be important. Fellows may contribute to Nepal disaster relief efforts through the ICD Global Visionary Fund by clicking the PayPal button below.

