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LET US BUILD A HOUSE: BUILDING UPDATE



SAFER SCHOOLS

Our partner, the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) have been busy building earthquake resistant schools, roads and water facilities while waiting for clearance from the government to build houses.

Kalika Primary School is located in one of the most remote parts of Nepal. The earthquake of 2015 caused significant damage to the school building. This meant that lessons had to be held outside, and attendance dropped as children no longer felt safe going to school.

UMN, along with its partner organisation PRAYAS Nepal, helped to build a safer structure for the school. It is now earthquake resistant. As a result, attendance levels have gone up, and pupils are receiving valuable education in a safe environment.

The head teacher said: "The school environment is now fearless. The students and their guardians have peace of mind about going to school".



LIFE MADE EASIER

Unaya Tamang lives with his six family members. He is a farmer, and works as a mason and carpenter. After the earthquake, the track he and his community used to walk to the market was damaged. Transporting materials to be sold became a real challenge: The only alternative route was very long, and several accidents occurred as people opted to use the shorter, damaged track.

Things changed for better when the track was re-constructed with the support of UMN and HIMS Nepal (The Himalayan Community Salvation Society). Unaya was able to work on constructing the track, and earn money for doing so.

He said: "Community people like me now have easy access to the market after the re-construction of the track. It is easier to walk, and transport materials."



PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for people still living in temporary shelters, that they would be rehoused as soon as possible
- Give thanks for the training of masons; for the houses, schools and buildings they have re-built, and for the livelihoods they have earned
- Pray that UMN and the district administration can negotiate an agreement that will allow building work to continue, and for houses to be constructed

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REBUILDING LIVELIHOODS

Sun Bahadur Tamang is 33 years old and lives in Ree VDC, within the Dhading district of Nepal. He has a son and a daughter who are both studying in school. Sun is currently constructing an earthquake resilient demonstration house funded by HIMS-Nepal and UMN.

Sun was working as a farmer before the earthquake struck, and was struggling to make ends meet in its aftermath. A few months after the earthquake, he took part in seven days of masonry training supported by UMN. He is now able to earn a living through building safe housing for people within his community.

He said: "I want to thank UMN and HIMS-Nepal for giving me knowledge, a chance to practice my skills, and for supporting our community to rebuild better."

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