



The US-Nepal Fund at the Boston Foundation: Local US Communities Responding to Grassroots Nepali Organizations

On April 25, 2015, the worst earthquake to hit Nepal in more than 80 years (7.9 magnitude) caused mass destruction with the epicenter located just 50 miles from the nation's capital and largest city, Kathmandu. Currently, over 5,500 are known dead with that number expected to rise sharply, and many thousands more are homeless due to the destruction. You can learn more about what is happening in Nepal on the [Center for Disaster Philanthropy website](#).

Knowing that many of you will be moved to seek opportunities to help relief efforts, the Boston Foundation has established [The US-Nepal Fund at the Boston Foundation](#), seeded by members of our donor community Karen and Jim Ansara and drawing on lessons learned through [The Haiti Fund](#) and the Japanese Disaster Relief Fund, both housed at the Boston Foundation. [The Ansaras](#), long-time grantmakers to Nepal, will match the first \$100,000 in gifts from other funders.

We invite you to join us in building [The US-Nepal Fund](#) that will draw upon the wisdom of Nepalese Americans and international development experts and be directed by our [Center for Global Philanthropy](#) at [The Philanthropic Initiative](#). All funds raised will support community-led, long-term reconstruction and renewal with attention to human rights. The Fund will accept money from donors across the US, and disburse all funds by December 2015. All donations will support reconstruction and renewal efforts, as administrative fees will be covered through the seed grant.

The Fund's resources will go directly to Nepal-based, grassroots organizations. Nepalese involvement will ensure cultural competence, provide needed networks, and lend crucial expertise to ensure every dollar sent goes to organizations that can have the greatest impact locally.

You may support the Fund by [recommending a grant*](#) from your donor advised fund at the Boston Foundation or by [making a gift directly](#). The minimum contribution is \$250. In addition, on Monday May 4th at 1:00pm EST David Campbell, the CEO and Founder of All Hands Volunteers, will host a **conference call to report on the situation and disaster relief efforts underway**. This call is sponsored by NEID and open to all. Please RSVP to NEID@tpi.org.

Finally, we invite you to support other organizations in Nepal. You can find a list of trusted organizations to support through our own [New England International Donors \(NEID\) website](#).

Should you have any questions, please call us at 617-338-1700 and ask to speak with someone in Donor Services, or email [Julie Smith-Bartoloni](#), Senior Director of Donor Relations.

** You may recommend a grant to The Boston Foundation and include "US-Nepal Fund" in the purpose section.*