Under the guidance of Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche, Rangjung Yeshe Shenpen began sponsoring and monitoring the construction of fifty-five houses for the remaining 310 resilient victims of the 2015 earthquake in Nepal. Their village in Lapa, Dhading District, was destroyed over a year ago.

In order to complete their new homes and make their dream of becoming a reality, Shenpen launched its fundraising campaign: Rebuild Homes | Heal Hearts. With it, Shenpen hopes to fundraise the needed $300,000 to complete the project in the next three months.

Here, Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche introduces Shenpen’s post-earthquake reconstruction project in Dhola.

Meet the community—Part One
Dinesh Tamang and his Community

Development work involves many committed people having faith in their ideas and believing that every action has an impact for the sake of humanity.

Dinesh Tamang, the leader of the Dhola community, is one of them. Learn more about his
Finding Balance in Building

“We try our best to make them as solid as possible, but if we put too much emphasis on strongest, money is never enough. And if we make it fragile, for sure it is harming.”

--Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche

With support from expert architects from Europe and Nepal, we found a nice balance among those criteria. We are building earthquake-resistant houses approved by national and international engineers.

Here are the master plans as well as the progression of the work.

Meet the community— Part Two
The Story of Moti Aama

Moti Aama (mother) was only seventeen when she experienced her first earthquake, an 8.4M shock that struck Nepal on January 15, 1934. Eighty-one years later, her home was
destroyed by the recent massive quake in 2015 that also killed four people in her small village. After two months of living in the destruction with very little food, Moti Aama left everything she knew and went by helicopter to start a new life in Dhola. She spent the last year living in a tent, but her spirit remains strong and positive. While she confirms that nothing remains for her family in their old village, she finds all these changes in her life exciting. She expects she will die soon but is pleased that her daughter, son, and grandchildren will now have a safe place to call home in Dhola.

Moti Aama’s wish is that her community will live in harmony while undertaking their project of building their fifty-five new homes.

Be part of it!

Help us build these houses strong: sponsor a house, or any part of a house. We welcome you to also share with us your knowledge or thoughts about the project as well. All help is appreciated!

Give the gift of your choice and sponsor the construction of part of one of the fifty-five houses! Or share this link with your network and help us spread the word!

If you want to know more about our project, visit our website, or follow us on Facebook!

If you want to donate now: Rebuild homes | Heal Hearts

Yours Truly,

The Rangjung Yeshe Shenpen Team