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Meet the community: Maya Tamang, a courageous mother

My name is Maya Tamang and I am 32 years. Before the earthquake, I had never carried rocks, sand, or rods. I did not know about building houses. But I have learned to do all of those things and take care three children on my own.

On the day of the earthquake, I was working on the ridge of the mountain. I rushed home after the shaking. My house was gone and my children were terrified. My husband never came home that day, and we never found his body. He had gone into the forest to collect wood, the entire area was covered in landslide.

I stayed in my old home for over a month before I was moved to Dhola. I am doing outdoor work for the first time in my life. I cook, gather wood, and water. It is very difficult. But I am happy to be part of the collective effort to build our homes. I hope that once we have a house my children and I will be settled.

After we have a home, I will have time to knit and make sweaters to sell so I can make a living. I hope my children will do well in school and do much with their minds.

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Meet the community: Lama Achung, a socially-engaged monk

A year ago, Shenpen, under the guidance of [Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche](#) and the support of the monks of Ka-Nying Shedrub Ling, got engaged in the reconstruction of 55 houses for 310 victims of the earthquake.

Here is a part of Lama Achung's memory about this incredible story: "At the beginning of the project, I recommended to Rinpoche that, as we didn't have a lot of funds for the project, we should only help with the rods or the cement. He told me that if we start this project, we should do everything. I knew that if he had such commitment to this project then success would be there".

Lama Achung
Monk monitoring the Dhola Project

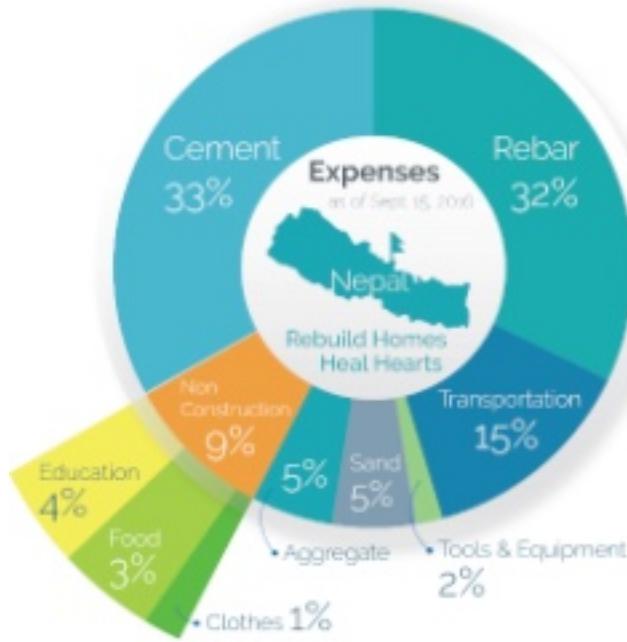
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On the progression of the fundraising campaign

Since last October, over USD 250,000 in construction material—rebar, cement, sand, aggregate, stone, etc.—has been purchased. Shenpen also supports the transportation of those materials from Kathmandu or different factories to the building site.



Current estimates place the project at fifty to sixty percent complete. As the community themselves provides the labor at no cost, Shenpen contributes further by sponsoring part of food and the education costs for the 2016-17 academic year for sixty-six of the community's youth.

Cost estimates for this project approach \$500,000. Given what Shenpen has already fundraised, completion of the project will require about \$250,000 more. These funds will be invested in the completion of the slabs and brick work, the roofing, the installation of doors and windows, and interior painting.

After the monsoons rains subsided, construction resumed in earnest with the aim to complete the fifty-five homes this winter. In order to accomplish this goal, Shenpen continues to raise funds through various means. Donors report that they feel this project is highly meaningful and connecting to it through making an offering to complete the work has been rewarding for them.

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Meet our donors: Ulli Glocknitzer

Ulli Glocknitzer is an Austrian citizen. She works in a kindergarten as a teacher assistant. Ulli looks like having an ordinary life but she has extraordinary characteristics: her commitment to the well-being of humankind and an unbelievable devotion to people of Nepal that she visited twice.

After the devastating earthquake of April 2015, Ulli felt that she should do something to help Nepal. She called many



journalists she called many journalists and organized interviews among them and her sister living in Nepal for over 27 years. She set up a bank account to receive donations and started collecting funds. Since 25 April 2015, Ulli collected over 79,000 Euros for Nepal by sensibilizing people to Nepal's catastrophic situation through articles in national and local Austrian newspapers, TV and radio interviews, bake sales, etc., and organizing interviews.

90% of the funds were used for the relief efforts just after the earthquake. With it, we bought and

distributed tarpaulins, tin sheets, food, medicine, etc. The other 10% (€9,339 or 1,105,000 Nrs) of the funds she collected since the earthquake have been invested in the reconstruction of Nepal through Shenpen Rebuild Homes | Heal Hearts project. For us at Shenpen and the community we work with, this sum represents the cost of the construction of 1 ½ home.

You can follow Ulli's fundraising activities and result thru her blog [We help Nepal](#) or via [We help Nepal's Facebook page](#).

Shenpen wants to thank you, Ulli Glocknitzer, for your commitment and devotion towards our work and the people of Nepal.

Glimpse of Completion



How to be part of it?

This project wouldn't be possible without the contribution of everyone, however small. In order to

give everyone a chance to contribute, regardless of their situation, we split the cost of a house into different components.

As we believe that every donation is an incommensurable gift, we associate each amount to a special gift.

Here are the options:



Give the gift of opportunity

Your gift will provide access for one family for the door of their house. New opportunity comes from access to hope and optimism.

1 door \$50 | 6 doors \$300



Give the gift of clear vision

Your gift will provide a view across the valley where the Dhola community has made a new home.

1 window \$25 | 6 windows \$300



Give the gift of protection

Your gift will provide warmth and protection from frigid winters and rainy monsoon seasons.

A roof \$1000



Give the gift of beauty



Your gift will provide aesthetic beauty for one new home.

Paint 1 room \$100 | Paint 4 rooms \$400



Give the gift of stability

Your gift provides stability upon which to build a new life.

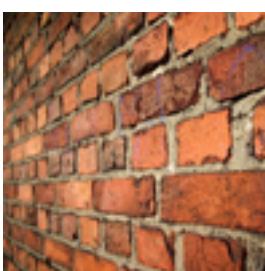
The foundation \$3,000



Give the gift of shelter

Your gift will provide shelter, one of the most basic human needs, for one displaced family.

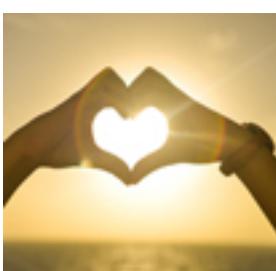
1 whole house \$7,500



Give the gift of security

Your gift will provide safety and security for each displaced family.

1 wall \$500 | 4 walls \$2000



Give the gift of our choice

For every donation of \$300 or more, your name or the name of the person to whom you wish to dedicate the donation to will be carved on one of the village's bricks. Donors who choose to sponsor a complete home will see their name commemorated on that particular house.



Truly yours,

Rangjung Yeshe Shenpen's team



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