



Aandhimul PROJECT NEPAL

Nepal Earthquake: Aandhimul Project Thank you for your donations!

On the 25th April, Nepal experienced its worst earthquake in over 80 years causing devastation to many communities across a wide area. In Aandhimul, only 30km South of the epicentre, 6 houses were seriously damaged, but luckily nobody was hurt.

We then set out to raise funds in both Australia and the UK to help rebuild these damaged houses. And very quickly the money came in.

In the 5 weeks since, we have raised **AUD\$13,000** and **GBP£2,400**.

That is amazing, we have raised much more than we estimated. So we want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of those who contributed. It means so much to us, and in particular to the community of Aandhimul.



We have already sent across **150,000** Nepali Rupees (**AUD\$1900** / **GBP£960**) and are awaiting further updates from our project manager to know if more villagers require financial support with rebuilding/repairing their houses. Also, work has already started as you can see in the photo above, and you can keep updated by visiting our website www.aandhimulproject.org

Once we have determined how much more is needed to support Aandhimul, we would like to donate the remainder to another area, one that all project members have a personal connection with. And this village is also located 30km from the epicentre, but in the East, where the effects were much more severe, and the damage far greater...



The name of this village is Nuwakot, and like Bandipur our base town, it is a traditional Newari community. And the reason for the personal connection is a British man called Tony Jones who has been running a travel company called Himalayan Encounters for more than 20 years in Nepal. And it was him, and his company who supported projects in Bandipur which Angela, Jolana, Louise, and Lee did their original volunteering with. And since starting the Aandhimul Project Tony has always been very supportive, and on many occasions giving us valuable advice. Which is why we would like to help support the rebuilding and redevelopment of Nuwakot.

A little background on Nuwakot and Tony's involvement in his own words:

“ We – in the form of The Famous Farm – have been meaningful members of the Nuwakot community for ten years. We employ, and train, locals. We shop locally. We use local artisans. We (along with our amazing young friends at Wimbledon Venture Scouts whose input - physical and financial - has been central) have restored two houses to accommodate and now nurture the district's deaf/autistic children who attend the special needs classes at the nearby secondary school.



We also have experience of rallying the locals – anything but a pure science. Especially, though not only, through a tourism prism we know (give or take a few degrees either way) what prosperity potential and to what parameters such a challenge affords. We are not proprietorial, knowing as we do the chemistry of inclusiveness. ”

Visit our website (www.aandhimulproject.org) to keep up to date.

Thank you from all of the Aandhimul Project Team