

Please read through this email to make an informed decision on how to help the victims of the Nepal Earthquake.

On April 25th 2015, Nepal was struck with a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. We are greatly saddened and grieved by the loss of life and property caused by this catastrophic natural disaster.

Nepal is currently in dire need of volunteers, funds, and other resources. With the influx of relief funds cropping up and the difficulty in ensuring that funds immediately reach the victims, we deeply encourage everyone to do his or her research on efficient and sustainable ways to help, and make a decision based on what makes the most sense to you. Regardless of where and how you choose to make a contribution, we are grateful.

For ways to help, and information about our organization, please see the details below.

CAN-USA/GNPN has been at the forefront of Disaster Preparedness since our inception in 2007.

So, who Is CAN-USA/GNPN?: *Computer Association of Nepal-USA* aka *Global Nepali Professional Network* (www.gnnpn.org) is a 501 © (3) tax-exempt ([IRS Listing](#)) collaborative organization, which continues to utilize the creativity and talent of its members to develop technology-rich solutions that address many of Nepal's challenges.

Leader in Disaster Preparedness: Our organization launched a first-of-its-kind Radio Mala project (HAM Radio) that is currently used in five institutions including four major hospitals in Kathmandu, to share their resources effectively. To help Nepal in its earthquake preparedness and disaster relief effort, CAN-USA was instrumental in establishing a cross band repeater in the [8.0 earthquake-resistant building in Kathmandu](#). We have provided nine handheld Amateur radio (HAM radio) sets to these institutions, [read more](#). Read more on CAN-USA/GNPN Radio Mala activities by [clicking here](#). [Click here](#) to find how it is helping in the current aftermath.

Collaboration is the Key: To collaborate on disaster preparedness efforts, we collaborate with US and Nepali government and nongovernment organizations. This includes, [NRN-USA](#), [ANMF](#), [ASNEng](#), [ANA](#), [GCNA](#). Please [click here](#) to read our position paper on disaster preparedness, and our [current collaboration](#) in raising funds.

CAN-USA/GNPN established an Integrated Disaster Communication Consortium (IDCC) by partnering with American universities, the American corporate industry, American civic preparedness groups, as well as members from the Nepali Government, Nepali Medical Community, NGO's, Armed Police Force, private industry, academia, Ministry of Information and Communications, and Nepali Military. Please click here to read more about [IDCC](#).

Dispersing Your Donations Responsibly: Beyond the immediate rescue, relief, and resource needs, which our funds will target in the first phase, our goal is to sustain long-term rehabilitation of earthquake victims.

For phase 1 of our efforts, rescue and relief, we are collaborating with www.sahayeta.org (a 501 © (3) non-profit tax exempt organization) whose President, Nisha Thapa, is en-route to Nepal. As our representative, she will assess the need and disperse the phase 1 portion of our funds. Nisha will also be updating the [Sahayeta Facebook page](#) to provide transparency into her efforts.

None of our funds will go towards the overheads of our organizations or volunteers (not even travel reimbursement). Our focus is not only the Kathmandu valley but rural areas as well.

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Tax Deductions: Please note that since you are donating to a 501(c)(3) organization, you can deduct this donation from your taxes. The tax ID for Computer Association of Nepal-USA (CAN-USA aka GNPN) is 26-2629783.

Matching Fund: Most corporations and institutions match donations. Please check with your companies HR; once we receive your donations, we can send the verification to your HR when they ask. Please use our full organization name when applying for matching fund “Computer Association of Nepal-USA”. Details are also available in ([IRS Listing](#)).

Where To Donate: [CAN-USA/GNPN -- Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund](#)

How to Volunteer: Connect with us at info@can-usa.org or call (408) 771 6762