

# Nagajuna Earthquake Appeal



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28/04/15 - Kids spending 3<sup>rd</sup> night outside. Local infrastructure badly affected

## 25 April 2015 - The earthquake 2015 – an Appeal

There is a major disaster taking place in Nepal. Our school in Pokhara has 120 children in full-time care, aged 4-16. There were no injuries. The school building has suffered minor cracks, the photovoltaic system and solar hot water are severely damaged. They are worried about aftershocks and spent the last few nights out in the open in makeshift shelters. There are thunderstorms and the monsoon season is not far off. There continue to be big aftershocks, rendering it unsafe to re-enter the building.

### The challenge in the coming months

The school has supplies for the immediate term and fuel for the generator to pump clean water. However, the surrounding area and infrastructure are badly damaged. In the medium term they will be affected by the economic situation, fuel and fresh food will likely be short. The monsoon season is nearing.

### Immediate emergency funding required

We are seeking additional funds because the prices for daily living (food, medicines) have already hiked as people try to stock pile. We also need funds to replace the damaged electrical systems (batteries, solar panels and inverter) so the school can have limited functionality and maintain its relative independence from the already strained electricity supplies in the country. <https://www.justgiving.com/NagajunaEarthquake>

### Would you like to know more, we gladly share our experience

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### And finally ... A simply prayer

*We pray almighty to restore peace, brotherhood and non-violence on the planet where we live.  
May God bless all of you with good health, happiness and prosperity throughout your life.*

# The Nagajuna Trust – a special charity

For more than 10 years we've been helping an orphanage in Pokhara, Nepal. It consists of about 120 children of predominantly Tibetan origins, whom are either from very poor family or orphans. Their ages are between 4-16. We ensure that they have a home and provide full-time care, education (in English, Tibetan and Nepalese), food, clothing and love.

## A rollercoaster story

Over the last decade we have gone through a rollercoaster of events. The school has grown from 10 to 120 children. From a little semi-detached house to our own school with a playground. The journey has been fraught with challenges, from the early days of the Maoists, bad sanitary conditions in rented accommodation, and this year the massive earthquake. Continued support is essential.

## Our aim to create a self-sustaining future

Our aim is to enable the school to be as self-sustaining as possible, by providing educational support for the teachers (through a British Council fund in 2013), solar PV-panels, solar hot water, a fresh water well with pump and access to own grown vegetables.



## Local support from an amazing team

As you can imagine, supporting this number of children all year round is a very full task and we could not do this without the amazing support from Mr. Yeshi Lama, the director of the Nagajuna Modern Boarding School, his family, his loyal staff of teachers, support and full-time staff. At this moment a good friend from Wigston is at the school for 3 months to offer support.



## Regular visits

At least once a year a member of the Trust or a close friend/family member visits the school to offer hands on support and report back on any issues. Every year schools from the UK and Australia visit the school through WorldChallenge. They always do an amazing job in a short span of time.



## How we raise funds

We are a small UK registered trust whom could not operate without the loyal support of sponsors and well-wishers. Some people donate time, others sponsor regularly or do special fund raising events – church fates, jewellery sales, school events, 3 peaks challenge, canoeing the Thames, etc, etc... Our aim is that every penny that people donate goes to the school. The only costs we have is the quarterly international bank transfer. The costs of running the charity are completely borne by the trustees.

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