Fuel Relief Fund: Nepal Earthquake Response Proposal

**Background:** The Fuel Relief Fund ([http://fuelrelieffund.org/](http://fuelrelieffund.org/)) provides fuel for vehicles, heating, generators, hospitals and other uses in the immediate aftermath of major disasters. They have responded to Hurricane Katrina, the Haiti Earthquake, the East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, the 2011 Turkey Earthquake, Hurricane Sandy and Typhoon Haiyan. All personnel involved in Fuel Relief Fund and its disaster relief activities volunteer their time and receive no compensation from monies donated to the Fuel Relief Fund.

**Nepal Earthquake Response:** The Nepal community continues to struggle with receiving food, water, shelter, and essential medical care due to the earthquake on April 25, 2015. The situation is improving daily, but challenges continue to present themselves on a daily basis with the logistics of getting the supplies to the critical areas. The Fuel Relief Fund provides free fuel (gasoline and diesel) on a 24 hour basis, as well as trained staff to support distributions.

In the week April, Fuel Relief Fund deployed our Disaster Fuel team to Nepal, secured bulk fuel delivery capability, and drum quantity fuel activated supply relationships necessary to securing fuel safely. Over the initial week of the response, a critical priority has been fueling the UN’s equipment and vehicles to allow for search and rescue, effective coordination and distribution of aid. Fuel has also been supplied to local NGOs, hospitals and a water treatment plant. All efforts are tracked daily and reported back to the Board of Directors. The Fuel Relief Fund has been in communication with the United Nations in order to ensure that fuel deliveries are prioritized to have the greatest impact on critical needs, with a priority on supporting critical response activities and infrastructure, such as hospitals and medical facilities.

The Fuel Relief Fund will continue to work with United Nations and other partners to ensure the smooth functioning of the relief response as it moves into its next phase.

**Ongoing Needs:** Although the fuel supply situation in Nepal is improving, it is forecast that services will be needed for at least the next couple of weeks or until the fuel situation has fully stabilized. The increasing focus on delivering aid to the most affected areas outside of Kathmandu is increasing the need for additional fuel supplies. In addition to activities to continuing provide fuel directly to hospitals, local NGOs and affected people, the Fund is committed to providing 5,000 litres of fuel per day to support humanitarian partners in the response in coordination with the Humanitarian Country Team and United Nations partners. The Fund is in need of $100,000 USD to support the immediate costs of purchasing fuel. 100% of contributions will go towards fuel costs, all other overhead and administrative support is provided by volunteers.

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