#  Dolakha Earthquake Relief - Report

**Targeted Area**

Dolakha, a district facing more aftershocks, was badly impacted by the second biggest earthquake on 12th May, 2015.

We, the students of Mitrataa Foundation under the supervision of Bec, decided to help people in need. We decided to go there and help them.

**Objectives**

* To know the district’s urgent needs and provide them with support
* To know the condition of the children in Bal Mandir in Dolakha
* To bring Tulasha to Kathmandu safely

**Team**

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**Workings**

We went to Dolakha on 30th May. We reached Charikot in the afternoon. From there we walked up to Bal Mandir. We visited there and talked to the person in charge. We also talked to the boys who were living there. After that we walked back to Charikot and went to Sunkhani by bus. We reached Sunkhani and visited around the village. On the way we met with Tulasha’s relatives. We asked about Tulasha’s family and requested them to circulate our message to them. We stayed at Ashwini’s uncle’s place that night. In the morning we came back to Charikot with Tulasha and her father. After signing an agreement paper, we sent him back to village and came back to Kathmandu along with Tulasha.

**Findings**

**Bal Mandir**

Based on the information given by the person in charge and our observation, there are 11 boys in Bal Mandir at present. All of them are school students of the local school. The buildings are all cracked and show sign of danger, so they have been sleeping out in single tent which was brought by the person in charge from the district office. They haven’t received any funds from the Balmandir office. They’re living with all the stuff they got from other relief distributors. They said they don’t have any serious problem at present.

**Tulasha**

Based on information given by relatives and her father, they lost their house and some stuff in the earthquake of 12th May. They have been staying in a temporary house made of tin. They have sufficient food to eat for now.

**Sunkhani Village**

This village was the epicenter of the second biggest earthquake, which happened on Tuesday. All the houses were collapsed, so people had already built permanent houses of tin and wood. Still, there wasn’t power. Since the village is very far from Kathmandu, it seems that not many volunteers visit there. Due to damaged roadways, people aren’t able to take relief funds to the villages far from Sunkhani. The schools there are fully collapsed and there isn’t any sign of constructing them from either the government or from the villagers.

**Achievements**

We met our objectives and collected information about Bal Mandir. Our biggest achievement was that we brought Tulasha to Kathmandu safely.

**Recommendation**

We think there is so much that Mitrataa can do to help people out there. We’ve left our contact numbers in Bal Mandir so they could call us if they need any help. We’ve also asked Tulasha’s parents to call us if they need help from us. In the same way, recommend building some bamboo houses for the neediest people if possible. We should also help to provide food to the people living in the villages far from Sunkhani. We think that before a decision about the school is made, we need to discuss with senior Mitrataa members about potential contacts and who could manage the projects etc.

Thank You