The Church of Scotland
World Mission Council

LET US BUILD A HOUSE UPDATE

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who have donated to the 'Let us build a house' project following the earthquake there in April 2015. A fantastic £476,891.07 has been raised so far.

We have received a short update from our partner organisation, United Mission to Nepal to tell us how the earthquake reconstruction work is progressing. Our Mission Partner, Joel Hafvenstein, who is UMN'S CEO tells us that the work continues to go well and shares some of the achievements of their Dhading disaster response:

- Eight Drinking Water Schemes have been completed – that is from source to taps, often many miles of pipes laid!
- 35 schools with 48 blocks (102 classrooms) have been constructed.
- 37 school toilets have also been constructed.
- Child-friendly teaching learning materials have been provided to all schools along with training to teachers in how to use them.
- 13 schools so far have completed a school disaster risk management plan, and the others are working on it.
- 350 household toilets and 3 toilets for village health centres have been constructed
- Five demo houses have been constructed, and four of them have been handed over to communities.
- The many stone masons trained by UMN in building earthquake resistant housing are busy helping families in house reconstruction.
- Bridges, pathways, agricultural irrigation schemes and small hydro schemes have also been constructed.
- Individuals, families and community groups have been given social and psychological support through various training and counselling services.

The work is completely finished in the southern parts of Dhading. This will be the case in much of the north over the coming months, and finishing the additional schools we agreed to build in some of the remotest areas by summer 2020.

If you would like to hear more, why not invite one of the 18 members of the Church of Scotland who visited Nepal in 2018 to come and share with your congregation or church group. Email wmoutreach@churchofscotland.org.uk to arrange a date.