

tearfund

# INSPIRING CHANGE

## IMPACT & LEARNING REPORT SUMMARY 2016

In 2006 we set a 10 year vision to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local churches. To date we've achieved the following against our four corporate outcomes:



**28,872,070**

people impacted as we've helped communities develop



**132,395**

churches engaged with a Tearfund initiative



**303**

policies and practices changed or implemented



**12,087,196**

people benefit as we have responded to disasters

**OVERALL, WE'VE REACHED OVER  
40 MILLION BENEFICIARIES**





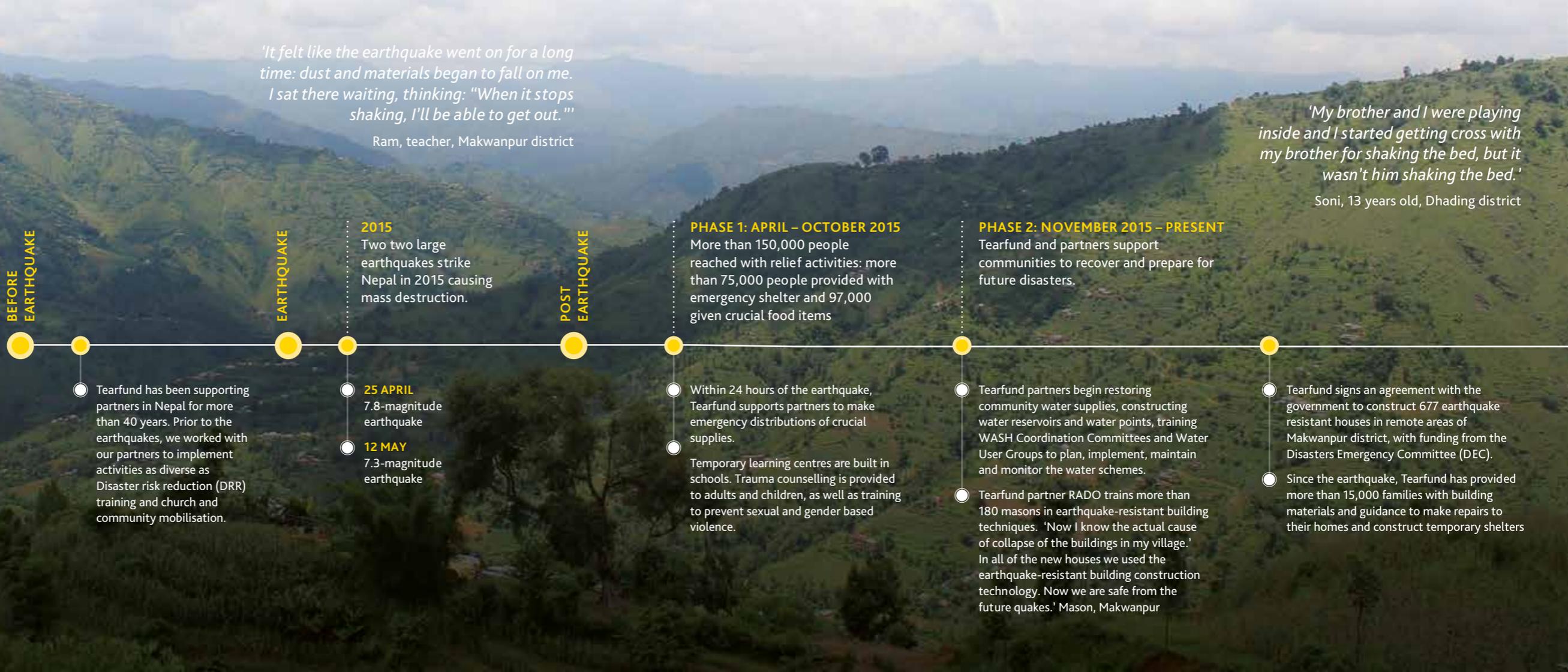
## TEARFUND RESPONDS: NEPAL EARTHQUAKES

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck Nepal's Gorkha district on Saturday 25 April, 2015, followed by a second earthquake measuring 7.3 on Tuesday 12 May close to Mount Everest. Estimates suggest that more 6 million people were affected across the region;<sup>1</sup> more than 8,000 people were killed and more than 22,000 injured, while others lost their homes and livelihoods.

### NEPAL

Region: Southern Asia  
Population: 28.17 million  
Major languages: Nepali  
Major religions: Hinduism, Buddhism  
Life expectancy: 69 (women), 67 (men)<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>USAID, 2016 <https://www.usaid.gov/nepal-earthquake>  
<sup>2</sup>UN Data, 2016 <http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Nepal>



*'It felt like the earthquake went on for a long time: dust and materials began to fall on me. I sat there waiting, thinking: "When it stops shaking, I'll be able to get out."'*

Ram, teacher, Makwanpur district

*'My brother and I were playing inside and I started getting cross with my brother for shaking the bed, but it wasn't him shaking the bed.'*

Soni, 13 years old, Dhading district



# DISASTER RISK REDUCTION TRAINING BY TEARFUND PARTNER SAVES LIVES

Tearfund partner United Mission Nepal (UMN) conducted a two-day training on disaster risk reduction (DRR) just weeks before the first earthquake struck.



Church leaders, pastors and members from ten churches in the area actively participated in this training which used Tearfund publications *Disasters and the local church* and *Pillars: preparing for disaster*.

## KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION

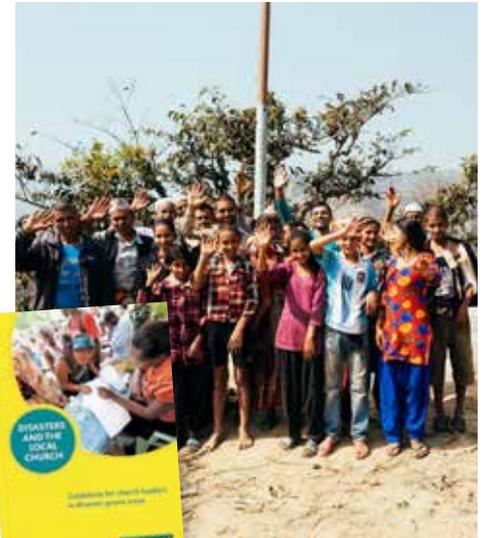
The training included a session on how to save lives during an earthquake. Participants went home and shared what they had learnt with their congregations. In fact, Pastor Salmone was in the middle of sharing about the DRR training on 25 April, when the first earthquake hit and the church building completely collapsed.

He says: 'I am really grateful to UMN for providing this training for us, because our church members, including me, saved our lives by sitting below the windows and main door. This is what they had been taught at the DRR training.'

The earthquake took the lives of 70 people in this community, and many more were injured. However, Pastor Salmone says:

***'The community felt that they needed to help in this time of need. They were able to rescue more than 40 people from the debris, saving many lives, and were involved in helping people by using their skills in light search-and-rescue.'***

In anticipation of such a quake, Tearfund supported partners to do more than prepare people to survive; as well as preparedness training, our work sought to ensure communities were resilient and able to help themselves and each other to recover as quickly as possible.



Our second Impact and learning report: inspiring change, presents evidence of the impact of our work in the world's poorest communities with a special focus on disasters and fragile contexts. Visit [tearfund.org/impactreport](https://tearfund.org/impactreport) to read more case studies like this.