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Government of Yukon supports Red Cross Nepal Region Earthquake Fund

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is making a \$25,000 donation to the Red Cross to support its response efforts following the earthquake that shook Nepal on April 25.

"As members of the world community, we have a responsibility to assist when such a tragic event occurs," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "This \$25,000 will help support the Red Cross in its search and rescue efforts in Nepal and demonstrates that Yukoners' thoughts and prayers are with the thousands of families touched by this tragedy."

Red Cross teams in Nepal began providing assistance immediately after the earthquake; however, the Red Cross has limited stocks of emergency relief items available and ready to be distributed in the country. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is also activating its logistics systems in Kuala Lumpur and Dubai in readiness to mobilize additional relief materials.

According to the Red Cross, the scope of the damage is not yet known but it could be one of the deadliest and most devastating earthquakes since the 1934 tremor which devastated Nepal and Bihar. Citizens will need considerable support including food, water, medical care and emergency shelter.

Yukoners are encouraged to support people impacted by this disaster by making a donation to the Canadian Red Cross Nepal Region Earthquake Fund at www.redcross.ca or by calling 1-800-418-1111.

The Yukon government has traditionally donated to the Red Cross on behalf of Yukon citizens in support of relief efforts in the wake of natural disasters.

Learn more:

Nepal: Red Cross on the front lines responding to massive earthquake

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