

Healing The Himalayas

Rimarginare l'Himalaya

PROJECT OF RECONSTRUCTION FOR NEPALESE COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE BIG EARTHQUAKE

Saturday 25 April – 12 May 2015, an earthquake of high intensity (8° Richter), more than 400 aftershocks and another big earthquake (7.4° Richter) shook the central Himalayas (Nepal).

The consequences:

- over 8.500 deaths
- over 18.000 seriously wounded
- over 200.000 houses destroyed
- over 200.000 houses damaged
- local economic activities disrupted
- a significant part of the cultural heritage lost.



How to help a proper reconstruction of the Himalayan communities devastated by one of the most destructive earthquakes in the 21st century?

How to be sure that your donation and help are managed ethically and efficiently by competent and recognized organizations?

How to make sure that the resources are used effectively for the durable reconstruction, the rehabilitation of local structures and services and for the sustainable development of communities?

Himalayan communities need strategic, technical and management cooperation to reconstruct their future, to strengthen social resilience and develop a sustainable economy .

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY UNIT FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY (UNIVERSITY CATTANEO - LIUC), founded and directed by Prof Dipak R. Pant, has been working for more than two decades on human vulnerability, social resilience and sustainable economy in remote and marginal areas around the planet through the EXTREME LANDS PROGRAM, a permanent program of scientific research and experiments in sustainable local development in the extreme lands.

The UNIT of LIUC (Castellanza - VA) is committed to give the maximum contribution for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the communities affected by the earthquake. This UNIT is setting up an interdisciplinary team of experts from various disciplines (anthropology, economics, engineering, crafts, natural and social sciences, environmental technologies, physical planning...) and is harnessing financial and human resources to launch a concrete plan for a proper reconstruction that can serve as an example of sustainability.

All financial, logistic, intellectual, professional and moral support are welcome, both by individuals and organizations.



To make a financial contribution send a note to the **Administration, University Cattaneo - LIUC (Corso Matteotti n. 22; zip code 21053, Castellanza - VA)**, containing your personal information and a copy of the bank transfer, with the specification: **"We hereby expresses the willingness to support through the contribution of € for the projects of rehabilitation and sustainable development for the communities in the Central Himalayas conducted by the Prof. Dipak R. Pant, Interdisciplinary Unit for Sustainable Economy - LIUC"** and send the amount to



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