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Friedhelm Loh Group is committed to Nepal

Spontaneous fundraising campaign: staff collection raises €170,000 for earthquake victims

The situation in Nepal is still disastrous around one month after the devastating earthquake in the South Asian country. The staff of the Friedhelm Loh Group responded immediately, collecting a sum of €170,000. The donation will go now to international relief organizations providing important support on site.

Haiger, 10 June 2015 – More than 8,000 dead bodies needed to be buried, thousands have been injured, and hundreds of thousands are living in tent cities in urgent need of food and medicine. After the earthquake, the people of Nepal are standing before the rubble of what used to be their lives and hoping for assistance. Time is short because it is still not known whether more after-shocks will shake the crisis area like they did two weeks ago when one quake claimed further victims and destroyed houses. Around 2.8 million people have been rendered homeless and 3.5 million have neither clean drinking water nor enough food to get by.

The employees and the proprietor of the Friedhelm Loh Group did not hesitate for long and raised the proud sum of €170,000 in a spontaneous collection. "This is very encouraging," said Friedhelm Loh, owner and CEO of the Friedhelm Loh Group: "It shows that we are a community with a great sense of responsibility and which is prepared to take responsibility for others."

Standing together and giving inspiration

The donation will now be distributed to international aid organizations that are already on the ground and helping

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with survival and reconstruction: These are: Aktion Deutschland Hilft, Caritas International, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, World Vision, Welthungerhilfe, Médecins Sans Frontières, and Freundeskreis Nepalhilfe. The helpers are taking tents and food to the disaster area, looking after injured people and helping clean up, in order to give the people a basis for survival and hope.

Employees of the Friedhelm Loh Group and its owner have repeatedly held fundraisers for international disaster relief and social projects at the Group's corporate locations, such as the traditional end-of-the-year donation for instance. Around €3,000,000 has been raised since 2000.

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Images

Fri1520303.jpg: In the Sindhulpachok District, about 120 kilometres north of Kathmandu, aid workers are distributing food, tents and tarpaulins to accommodate the 6,000 residents of the villages of Fulpingkot and Hagar.



Fri1520304.jpg: As the assessment team of the member bodies of Aktion Deutschland Hilft arrive in the capital Kathmandu, they were

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confronted by a scene of destruction. Many streets have been reduced to rubble.



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The family-owned company is now active worldwide with 18 production sites and 78 international subsidiaries. Still managed by Friedhelm Loh himself, the Friedhelm Loh Group employs 11,500 people and generated revenues of approximately €2.2 billion in 2014. For the seventh time in succession, the Group has won the accolade "Top German Employer" in 2015. Further information at www.friedhelm-loh-group.com.